
ROCHFORD DISTRICT REPLACEMENT LOCAL PLAN – INSPECTOR’S REPORT

1 SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report explains the conclusions of the Local Plan Sub-Committee in respect of the recommendations made by the Local Plan Inquiry Inspector on the Rochford District Replacement Local Plan.

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Environment Services Committee on the 10th November 2005 agreed to refer the Inspector’s Report to a Local Plan Sub-Committee for a detailed examination of his recommendations.
- 2.2 The Sub-Committee met on the 7th December 2005. A copy of the minutes from the meeting is attached as Appendix 1.

3 CONCLUSIONS

- 3.1 The Sub-Committee concluded that the Inspector’s recommendations were acceptable subject to:
- the Council’s vision for Cherry Orchard Country Park being fully explained in paragraph 6.26 of the Plan;
 - the Ancient Woodlands in the district being shown on the Proposals Map;
 - the boundaries of the town centres (Rayleigh, Hockley and Rochford) being shown on the Proposals Map.
- 3.2 Subject to these points, the Council’s full response to the Inspector’s Report is as set out in Appendix 2 to this report.

4 NEXT STEPS

- 4.1 Following a decision on the Inspector’s Report, the Rochford District Replacement Local Plan can proceed to final adoption.
- 4.2 The final steps in the adoption procedure require the Council to publish a notice of intention to adopt the plan. Accepting the Inspector’s recommendations avoids the need for a further 6 week period for objections, possible modifications or even a further Inquiry.

5 RECOMMENDATION

5.1 It is proposed that the Council **RESOLVES**

- (1) That, subject to the recommendations of the Local Plan Sub-Committee, the decisions on the Inspector's Report be as outlined in Appendix 2 to this report.
- (2) That arrangements be made to publish a notice of the Council's intention to adopt the Rochford District Replacement Local Plan.

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Background Papers:-

Rochford District Local Plan Inspector's Report.

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