

ROCHFORD DISTRICT LOCAL PLAN - TRANSPORT

1 SUMMARY

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek Members' views on a new chapter to be included in the First Deposit Draft of the Replacement Local Plan. The Plan will replace the existing Rochford District Local Plan First Review, and provide a policy basis for the control of development in the District up to 2011.
- 1.2 The preparation of a Local Plan is a statutory function for the authority.

2 INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 The transport chapter (see appendix 1) of the Rochford District Local Plan has undergone considerable change. The chapter within the existing local plan was primarily scheme based, with large amounts of text and policies relating to specific routes and improvements. The new chapter is more thematic. It looks at how we should plan for transport, how we should link transport and land use planning and it reflects government policy onto the local situation.

3 SIGNIFICANT CHANGES

- 3.1 The chapter commences with a run through of the national and local policy constraints and relates these to the situation found in the district. It follows the standard format with corporate and planning objectives outlined at the beginning.
- 3.2 Areas covered include sustainable transport, traffic management, public transport, walking, cycling, horseriding and car parking. The final section is site specific and this relates to London Southend Airport. The employment issues relating to this site have been addressed through the employment chapter (approved by the Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 11th December 2002, minute reference 610). Transport policies and text recognise the constraints imposed on the airport and that the major constraints are outwith the district boundary.

4 CONCLUSION

- 4.1 The transport chapter updates the existing local plan approach and policies. It takes on board current statutory guidance and reflects this on the local situation. The policies are designed to encourage sustainable transport opportunities throughout the district, whilst making the best possible use of the existing network.

5 RECOMMENDATION

5.1 It is recommended:

That, subject to comments from Members, the proposed text for the transport chapter of the Rochford District Replacement Local Plan be agreed. (HPS)

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Background documents: None.

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