

PRESENTATION OF PETITION PURSUANT TO PROCEDURE RULE 11

1 PETITION

- 1.1 Pursuant to Council Procedure Rules a petition has been received from Mr Richard Lambourne containing 1,646 signatures which means it has reached the threshold (1,500) at which it will be debated at Full Council. The detail of the petition is as follows:-
- 1.2 Title: The Council should refuse to place homeless persons in Frances Cottee Lodge and the Clarence Road flats in Rayleigh.
- 1.3 Further Details: This concerns the plan to use Frances Cottee Lodge to provide temporary accommodation for the homeless, and the plan to lift the restriction which currently limits the residency to those aged over 55 in the accompanying Clarence Road flats.
- 1.4 Local residents feel that such a hostel would be inappropriately placed in this location. Sanctuary Housing's plans to push these changes through are being carried out with no regard for the community or the current residents of Frances Cottee Lodge and Clarence Road Flats.
- 1.5 The Council should refuse to use this accommodation for emergency housing and should find alternative accommodation either from property in its portfolio, or buy new property on the open market.

The petition can be found on the Council's website at:-

<https://rochford.cmis.uk.com/rochford/EPetitions/tabid/90/ID/24/Against-the-change-in-use-of-Frances-Cottee-Lodge-Clarence-Road-Flats.aspx>

2 PROCEDURE

Presentation by Petition Organiser

- 2.1 In accordance with Procedure Rules the petition organiser or a person acting on their behalf will be allowed a maximum of 5 minutes to present the petition. The points being covered in the presentation the petition are appended.

Debate

- 2.2 Members will be allowed a maximum of 15 minutes for debate. Debate should be directed to action required by the petition. The Authority is in the period of Purdah, which does not preclude the continuation of Council business but means that Members are not to refer to the County Council election campaign. The petition relates to matters that fall within the District Council's remit.

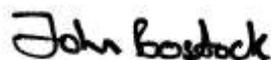
Response Following Debate

2.3 Following debate the Council will decide how to respond to the petition by either:-

- Taking the action requested in the petition.
- Not taking the action requested for reasons put forward in the debate, or
- Commissioning further investigation into the matter.

Notification of Response

2.4 The petition organiser will receive written confirmation of the decision made and this will be published on the Council's website.



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Background Papers:-

None.

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Presentation of the petition by Richard Lambourne

Petition Overview:

The Council should refuse to place homeless persons in Frances Cottee Lodge and the Clarence Road flats in Rayleigh

Introduction

Concern for the Welfare of Existing Residents of both FCL and Clarence Road Flats

Concern relating to the historic maintenance record by Sanctuary of these properties

Concern over the Location of the facility

Lack of Representation by Ward Councillors

The lack of information and the apparent secrecy

Will the Council address the concerns of the 1600 people who signed the petition?

Confirmation that the scheme, if approved will be limited to FCL

Terms and approval of any Nomination/Management Agreement

Provision of an on-site warden

Costings and Project Plan for the Scheme

Alternative Buildings and locations

Conclusion