

Chapter 6 Leisure & Tourism

STATIC HOLIDAY CARAVAN PARKS

- 6.46 Holiday accommodation also exists in the form of holiday caravans and chalets. Static caravans represent one of the cheapest forms of holiday accommodation. At present there are five holiday caravan sites within the district providing a total of approximately 400 holiday caravan units. In addition, a number of caravans are sited within the grounds of Brandy Hole Yacht Club, Hullbridge.
- 6.47 The Essex & Southend-on-Sea Replacement Structure Plan Policy LR10 permits only extensions to existing caravan sites subject to there being significant improvements made to the appearance, layout and amenity of such sites except within the Metropolitan Green Belt, Coastal Protection Belt or Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.
- 6.48 The majority of the existing caravan sites in the Rochford District are situated in the Green Belt and extensions to these sites would be detrimental to the visual amenities of the area. The local planning authority has considered this issue and its policy is contained in the housing chapter (policy HP22). Many sites also lie within the floodplain. The Council in determining applications for new mobile or static caravans will have regard to PPG25 (Development and Flood Risk), together with local plan policy H22 and its supporting text.

~~POLICY LT22 – HOLIDAY CARAVAN PARKS~~

~~Applications for new holiday caravan parks or chalet parks outside of defined settlement boundaries will be refused.~~

~~Applications for new holiday caravan parks within the defined settlement boundaries will be considered on their individual merits having regard to accessibility and relevant impacts upon the amenities of the area and highway safety and sustainability.~~

~~Applications for extensions to existing holiday caravan parks outside the defined settlement boundaries will be refused.~~