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ROCHFORD DISTRICT COUNCIL MINUTES 1990

March (Part 2)

ROCHFORD DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of the Leisure Services Committee

At a Meeting held on 27th March 1990. Present: Councillors
Miss B G.J Lovett (Chairman), R S. Allen, C K Bellman, W H Budge,
Mrs P Cooke, Mrs J Fawell, N Harris, Mrs E M. Hart, D.R Helson,
S.N Jarvis, Mrs S.J Lemon, C.R Morgan, J M Roden, S.A Skinner,
C. Stephenson, Mrs L Walker, P.F A. Webster and D G Wood.

Apologies Councillor J A. Gibson.

181 MINUTES

Resolved that the Minutes of the Meeting of 8th February 1990 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

182 MONITORING OF PERFORMANCE - MEETINGS OF 4TH JULY & 21ST NOVEMBER 1989

The Committee were satisfied that all necessary action had been taken Minutes 547/88 (SEC,DD), 191/89 (SEC,DD), 602/89 (ACE), 604/89 (SEC,HES) and 607/89 (SEC) were carried forward

183 OPEN SPACES DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME - LAND AT THE BAILEY, RAYLEIGH (Minute 604/89)

The Secretary to the Council reported that negotiations by both the Council and the National Trust to purchase the above land for Public Open Space in accordance with the District Plan had proved abortive. The Committee noted the area involved and accepted that it would be necessary for the Council to pursue a Compulsory Purchase Order. Although there was no specific provision in the budget for this acquisition the Treasurer considered that the cost involved could be funded from slippage within the Capital Programme

- P. <u>RECOMMENDED</u> (1) That pursuant to Regulation 4 of the Town & County Planning General Regulations 1976 application be made for the use for public open space purposes of the said land at The Bailey, Rayleigh.
 - (2) That the Rochford District Council make the "Rochford District, Rayleigh Town Centre Public Open Space, Compulsory Purchase Order, 1990" in respect of the said land situate at The Bailey, Rayleigh
 - (3) That following completion of the purchase the Secretary to the Council proceed to transfer the land to the National Trust in order that the Public Open Space be included within the confines of the existing historic monument. (23043)(SEC)

184. PROGRAMME FOR CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUNDS 1990/91 (Minute 192/89)

The Director of Development reported that an amount of £30,000 had been allocated for the proposed provision of new equipment in 1990/91, which would be used to re-equip the children's playgrounds at St.John Fisher Playing Field, Rayleigh, Maine Crescent, Rayleigh and Plumberow Mount, Hockley following consultation with neighbouring residents and to provide safer surfacing to the playgrounds at Rochford Playing Field, Hockley Woods and Hullbridge Playing Fields.

Members noted that fencing works to playgrounds were almost complete

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and that St John Fisher and Plumberow Mount would be fenced when reequiped.

RECOMMENDED That the 1990/91 Programme for children's playgrounds be approved. (91)(DD)

185 COUNTRYSIDE INTERPRETATION

The Director of Development reported on the history of the Council's programme of countryside interpretation and that funding from the Countryside Commission having ceased he had reviewed the level of service to be provided and how it could be financed, as follows .-

SCHOOL VISITS

- Guided visits would be restricted to 3 a week during the summer term and 1 a week during other terms.

GUIDED WALKS & OPEN DAYS

- A programme totalling 10 events at evenings and weekends was noted.

CHILDREN'S CONSERVATION SCHEME - A 3-day scheme to run in the summer holidays.

FOOTPATH LEAFLETS

- A series of leaflets describing footpath walks in each Parish to be prepared in consultation with Parish Councils

It was proposed to explore the possibility of obtaining sponsorship for the publication of leaflets and that a charge be made for future events as follows .-

Guided Walks

- Adults £1 00, Children under 16 Free.

Open Days

- Adults £1.00, Children under 16 Free.

Children's Days - f1.00 per child per session.

Evening Lectures - f10 00

In congratulating the Officers on the standards that had been achieved within the Council's Woodlands, Members drew attention to the fact that there were footpath walks within the unparished areas of Rayleigh and Rawreth and that in preparing leaflets about the walks consultation should take place with appropriate organisations representing those

RECOMMENDED That the level of service described and the proposed charges be agreed and the Director of Development be authorised to negotiate sponsorship for any leaflets. (164)(DD)

186. CORPORATE PLANNING - THE PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT

The Committee considered the appended joint report of the Secretary to the Council, Director of Development and Assistant Chief Executive regarding the potential for introducing a sponsorship scheme for planted areas which concept commended itself to Members noting the recent transformation of Rochford Reservoir with the Spring bulbs that had been planted there

<u>RECOMMENDED</u> That a further report be made before the recess, on the introduction of a sponsorship scheme for the planting of Spring bulbs throughout the District (2159)(SEC,DD,ACE)

187. REVIEW OF AUDIT COMMISSION PUBLICATION - "SPORT FOR WHOM?"

The Assistant Chief Executive reported on the role of this Council in providing sport and leisure facilities in the light of the recent publication "Sport For Whom?" from the Audit Commission and referred to a follow-up document entitled "Local Authority Support For Sport - A Management Handbook".

Members hoped that the involvement of the Audit Commission in this aspect of Local Government activity would produce guidelines to enable decisions to be taken on minority sports provision which whilst desirable was not always cost effective.

<u>RECOMMENDED</u> That a further report be made to this Committee regarding this latter document and how it affects the Council (131)(ACE)

188. CONTRACT PROGRESS REPORT

The Committee noted the report of the Head of Environmental Services on the progress of a number of contracts. (647)

189. MONITORING SERVICE CONTRACT PERFORMANCE - LEISURE MANAGEMENT

The Chairman welcomed Mr P. Johnson and Mr N Golding the Managing Director and Projects Manager of CIRCA Leisure respectively who answered questions from Members regarding the standard of the refreshment facility at Clements Hall, the surface water within the pool changing rooms and the drawbacks of the locker system, and the arrangements for cleaning at Castle Road Public Hall.

Members also noted the report of the Head of Computer Services & Audit regarding the need to identify factors by which to measure performance under the contract given that unlike other services customers needed to be attracted in the first instance. As regards the use of the complaints procedure to provide some measurement of contract performance, CIRCA Leisure operated their own "user comments" system which enabled them to respond to any customer dissatisfaction.

The Council's Contracts Supervisor had regular access to those records and Members were pleased to note that no major problems had been identified although it had been drawn to the attention of CIRCA Leisure that the standard of cleaning in certain areas had fallen short of requirements and that situation was being monitored

RECOMMENDED That the report be noted. (131)

190. GROVE ROAD OPEN SPACE (Minute 517/89)

NOTE: Councillors D.R. Helson and D.C Wood declared non-pecuniary interests by virtue of having children and grandchildren respectively attending the school but remained in the Meeting and participated in the discussion and the voting thereon.

The Assistant Chief Executive reported that a number of pupils at Fitzwimerc School in Rayleigh had organised a petition to this Council as part of their fourth year English course work suggesting that the

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Council should improve the Grove Road Open Space by creating a permanent skateboard area and BMX track

Members considered that an Officer meeting should be arranged with the pupils to fully discuss the issues and give the Council's point of view on both recent proposals and history of the site and that the Chairman of the Leisure Services Committee should also be in attendance.

<u>RECOMMENDED</u> That a meeting with the pupils as outlined above be arranged as soon as possible (6995)(ACE)

191 PROVISION OF FRAGRANT GARDEN - RAYLEIGH TOWN CENTRE

The Assistant Chief Executive reported on an approach from the Rotary Club of Rayleigh who wished to sponsor the provision of a Fragrant Garden within the Lychgate Garden to the north-east of the Church access presently maintained by the Council for which permission might need to be sought from the Church. The Governor of Bullwood Hall and his garden staff had offered to provide technical guidance and labour to plant out the garden. The Rotary Club also wished to present bird tables made by the pupils of Cedar Hall School to various residential homes in the District and had suggested that a small presentation ceremony take place to enable the pupils to hand over the bird tables The Committee were pleased with the proposals and asked for the Council's appreciation to be conveyed to the Rotary Club.

<u>RECOMMENDED</u> (1) That subject to any necessary approval from the Church, appropriate arrangements be made to fulfill the Rotary Club's proposals.

(2) That a letter of appreciation be sent to the Rotary Club. (12839)(ACE)

192 OPEN SPACES DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME - HULLBRIDGE FORESHORE

The Secretary to the Council reported on progress in the making of the Compulsory Purchase Order for the acquisition of lands in other ownerships at the Foreshore and on the foreseen timescale which depended on whether or not a Public Inquiry was necessary.

Members appreciated that there were many sites within the Open Spaces Development Programme requiring funding and noted that the Secretary had been in discussion with the Parish Councils concerned to encourage their involvement with the new open spaces within their specific areas on the basis that the District Council's programme could be accelerated with their financial assistance. A meeting took place in February, with the Hullbridge Parish Council, regarding their involvement in the funding of the Foreshore scheme and the Committee were delighted to note that the Parish had since confirmed their willingness to make an initial contribution of £20,000, subject to the confirmation of the Compulsory Purchase Order.

<u>RECOMMENDED</u> That the Council congratulates the Hullbridge Parish Council for its substantial commitment to this scheme. (292)(SEC)

193. LEISURE LIAISON COMMITTEE - 26TH MARCH 1990

With the consent of the Chairman pursuant to Standing Order 26.2 the Assistant Chief Executive reported that arising out of the above Meeting the following matters required consideration by the Committee -

(i) Arts Budget 1990/91

Members had before them the programme of events and the funding arrangements and it was

<u>RECOMMENDED</u> That approval be given for its implementation by CIRCA Leisure in order that the necessary reservations and arrangements can be made without delay

(ii) Special Events 1990/91

There was £5,000 funding within the contract for the Oyster Festival but since this had not been well supported in recent years and the delicacy was no longer available locally it was considered that this money could be put to better use elsewhere.

RECOMMENDED That the Annual Oyster Festival be discontinued.

(111) Future of Action Sport

There was a need to provide continuity for the funding of the Action Sport Development Officer post after September 1990 when the grant aid for that purpose would cease The Committee noted that the future of sport development needs beyond March 1991 would be the subject of a further report. In the meantime they accepted that the funding previously allocated to the Oyster Festival should be redirected to Action Sport.

<u>RECOMMENDED</u> That the sum of £5,000 originally allocated for the Oyster Festival be used instead to extend the ASDO post until 31st March 1991, with alternatives to the Oyster Festival in future years being considered at a later date. (ACE)

(iv) Car Parking at Clements Hall Leisure Centre

In order to overcome existing parking problems and facilitate extension works to the Centre it was proposed to convert the present hard-surfaced area into a permanent car park at an estimated cost of £3,500 of which CIRCA Leisure would contribute £1,500 the remainder being met by a suitable virement from within the leisure budget.

<u>RECOMMENDED</u> That arrangements be put in hand to convert the present hardsurfaced area into permanent car parking subject to funds being identified within the 1990/91 budget and to approval of a scheme at a future Meeting. (131)(HES,T)

194. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

Resolved that under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the Meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of Exempt Information as defined in paragraph 9 of Part I of Schedule 12A of the Act.

195 ENFORCEMENT OF BYE-LAWS AGAINST DOG FOULING (Minute 81/90)

Further to his earlier report on quotations received for the above work the Secretary to the Council reported in confidence on the suitability of the lowest tenderer and on the cost comparison with providing an inhouse solution.

<u>RECOMMENDED</u> That the lowest tender submitted by County Security for provision of a patrol service to control dog fouling in the sum of £49 50 per day plus VAT for patrol duties and £45.00 per day plus VAT court attendance fee be accepted subject to contract (641)(SEC)

ROCHFORD DISTRICT COUNCIL

LEISURE SERVICES_COMMITTEE_-_27TH MARCH_1990

JOINT REPORT OF THE SECRETARY TO THE COUNCIL, DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT AND ASSISTANT CHIEF EXECUTIVE

CORPORATE PLANNING - THE PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT

One of the priorities in the Corporate Plan is to investigate and introduce a sponsorship scheme for planted areas. Many authorities, including some of our neighbours, have implemented quite extensive planting programmes and there is no doubt that these contribute to the attractiveness of an area and to the pride of belonging to a particular community and of wanting to belong. It is not just a matter of enhancing the planting within the open spaces but rather any suitable location, e.g. roadside verges, roundabouts, village greens, the edge of school playing fields, etc.

The concept extends well beyond land in this Committee's remit or for that matter under the Council's control. Whilst the Council will have to undertake planting schemes itself the main thrust is to encourage others in the community to do so either independently on their own land, with the co-operation of the land owner or to sponsor the provision by some other agency including the District Council, Parish Councils etc.

Following preliminary discussion with the Director of Development and Assistant Chief Executive, it is suggested that the best means of promoting the concept would be to start with a scheme of planting spring bulbs. These give excellent value for money in terms of what can be achieved for a small outlay, they have a high impact and they do not involve any ongoing maintenance cost. Assuming that the Committee accept this suggestion, the Director of Development and Assistant Chief Executive will identify, on a plan, those locations in the District which they feel would benefit from this treatment and a further report thereon would be submitted to the Committee, before the recess, detailing the scope of the promotion and sponsorship campaign so as to take advantage of the autumn 1990 planting season. It would, of course, be necessary to undertake sillar promotions in the years ahead.

In identifying the initial areas, the Director of Development and Assistant Chief Executive will also have in mind locations where public seating and picnic areas might be provided as this too is another opportunity for the Council to promote sponsorship.

<u>RECOMMENDED</u> That a further report be made, before the recess, on the introduction of a sponsorship scheme for the planting of spring bulbs throughout the District (SEC, DD, ACE) (2159)

Background Papers

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ROCHFORD DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of the Development Services Committee

At a Meeting held on 29th March 1990 Present: Councillors D C Wood (Chairman), R S Allen, C K Bellman, C I Black, Mrs. R Brown, Mrs P Cooke, B A Crick, I R Godfrey, M J Handford, Mrs E M Hart, Miss B G J Lovett, R A Pearson, S.H Silva, S A Skinner, Mrs L Walker and D A. Weir

<u>Apologies</u> Councillors T Fawell, J A Gibson, Mrs. M Hunnable and Mrs E. Marlow.

Visiting, Councillor S.N Jarvis

196. MINUTES

(A) Approval

Resolved that the Minutes of the Meeting of 15th February 1990 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

(B) Master Plan for Southend Airport (Minute 101)

The Committee were mindful that Minute 101 which dealt with the Minutes of the Meeting of the District Plan Working Party held on 6th December, made provision to seek a Member level Meeting with Southend-on-Sea Borough Council in connection with the Master Plan for Southend Airport A Panel of Members needed to be nominated for that purpose and at the suggestion of the Chairman and on nomination by the opposition and minority parties it was

<u>RECOMMENDED</u> That the Leader of the Council, the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Development Services Committee and the Chairman of the Planning Services Committee together with Councillors C.K Bellman, B A Crick and M J. Handford be so appointed. (2081)(SEC,DD)

197. MONITORING OF PERFORMANCE - MEETINGS OF 11TH JULY AND 23RD NOVEMBER 1989.

The Committee were satisfied that all necessary action had been taken On Minute 187/89 - Lower Wyburns Farm Public Open Space, the Chairman advised the Committee that the acquisition had been completed that day On Minute 614/89 where the abandonment of a One-Way Traffic Order in respect of Clarence Road/Warwick Road, Rayleigh was reported the Committee were pleased to note that County were now consulting on a proposal to introduce no-waiting restrictions

Minutes 254/87(DD), 259/87(SEC), 184/89(SEC), 401/89(SEC), 618/89(SEC) and 624/89(SEC) were carried forward.

198. ANGLIAN WATER MATTERS

The Chairman welcomed Mr. G. Eastman, the Group Services Manager of Anglian Water Services Limited, who advised the Committee as follows:

(i) from 1st April 1990 another element of the Water Act would take effect whereby there would be a charge of £597 plus VAT in respect of all new connections, the purpose of which would be to pay for the additional infrastructural requirements arising from expansion of the sewerage network;

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- (ii) there had been good liaison prior to the commencement of works in Ferry Road, Hullbridge and very satisfactory progress was being made on the scheme which was scheduled to finish in the summer of 1990 and which was praised by the Ward Members present,
- (iii) referring to the appended report of the Head of Environmental Services on major projects to be undertaken by his company Mr. Eastman drew particular attention to the abandonment of two small package plants for Paglesham Church End in favour of connection via a pumping station and rising main to the Rochford Sewage Treatment Works as a more effective solution. He commented also that the requirement of the Water Act to improve the final quality of effluent was reflected in the number of improvement schemes that were programmed

Mr. Eastman then answered questions from Members relating to

- the reason for the current embargo and how soon it could be lifted
- the status of the embargo in terms of the legal rights under the Water Act to requisition a sewerage connection which the Chairman asked should be the subject of a further report
- the apparent discrepancy between the connection from Paglesham to Rochford and the abandonment of a similar scheme in respect of South Fambridge which had implications also for the Ashingdon Park Estate. Members noted that the small quantity of effluent and the difference in levels involved from South Fambridge militated against a pumping station and rising main to Rochford, and that in its absence the Ashingdon Park Estate being a first time connection could be dealt with under the Section 16 requisition procedure
- the need to prioritise work which meant that subject to the flood risk involved the improvement or introduction of surface water schemes would take second place to the need to improve effluent
- the application of the connection charge, the service provided and the exceptions thereto
- the anticipated programme dates for the Rayleigh West Scheme
- the reorganisation of responsibilities under the Water Act
- the need to co-ordinate the two schemes shown for Great Wakering to avoid duplication of effort
- the basis on which water charges would be assessed over the next five years.

Reference was also made to the need for the Essex Water Company to identify a new method of charging for the water supply which was being met on the basis of metering new properties but where problems could be encountered with existing premises which the Chairman suggested should be the subject of a further report

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In thanking Mr Eastman for his attendance the Chairman said he had recently attended a Seminar on the changes in the water industry which would make a suitable topic for a Members' Teach-In provided that a good attendance could be assured.

- <u>RECOMMENDED</u> (1) That the programme of major projects from Anglian Water Services Limited be noted
- (2) That further reports be made regarding the legal status of the embargo and the practicability of metering existing water supplies
- (3) That subject to the foregoing proviso the Policy and Resources Committee be asked to arrange a Members' Teach-In on the changes under the Water Act 1989. (4657) (HES,DD,SEC)
- 199 TRANSPORT POLICIES AND PROGRAMMES (TPP17) AND PUBLIC TRANSPORT
 PLAN (PTP13) 1991/92 SUBMISSIONS CONSULTATION DRAFTS (Minute 174/89)

The Committee had before them the appended report of the Director of Development regarding a consultation by the County Council on the above-mentioned documents and noted that Mayday Mobile did not fully serve the Rayleigh area and there might therefore be a need for the Dial-a-Ride service to complement their activities which could apply also to Hullbridge; and that the introduction of a shared taxi service would be the subject of consultation and consideration by the Hackney Carriage Panel

The following points were made in discussion -

- (i) that the upgrading of the Al30 as part of an outer orbital route would render imperative this Council's insistence that any rerouting of the section south of Battlesbridge should run west of Rawreth
- (ii) that in view of the delay to the Sutton Road Improvement Scheme and the narrowness of the footways involved, there was a need to improve street lighting along that road
- (iii) that it was a matter of regret that the allocation for maintenance represented a standstill budget and that the opportunity had not been taken to provide additional expenditure in that respect.

<u>RECOMMENDED</u> That subject to the addition of the foregoing the following comments be sent to the County Council:

- (a) Transport Policies and Programmes
- (i) The Council strongly objects to the delay to Stage 2 of the Sutton Road improvement scheme and considers that all phases should be programmed to follow each other with no gap in between Furthermore, it is considered that Phase 3 from Temple Farm roundabout to Purdeys Way should become the first phase to commence in 1992/3, in view of the poor width and alignment and accident record of this section; that Phase 1 from Eastern Avenue to Temple Farm roundabout should become Phase 2; and Phase 2 comprising a new

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section between Purdeys Way and the B1013 at Tinkers Lane should become Phase 3, in view of the relief that will be given to the B1013 in this vicinity by the construction of the Access to Southend Scheme.

- (ii) Whilst understanding the reasons for removing the Al30 works from the programme, the Council is concerned that the alleviation of problems on this route and the Al27 are not unduly delayed by the consideration of a much larger scheme which may take many years to implement. The Council would wish to be involved in the Outer Orbital Route/Lower Thames Crossing Study, particularly if it emerges that the Rochford District is likely to be directly affected
- (iii) The Council regrets that the elimination of the Fortune of War roundabout on the Al27 is not programmed and considers that it should be scheduled to commence as soon as the Rayleigh Weir underpass is completed
- (iv) The Council congratulates the County Council on the construction of the Hullbridge bus turning facility which has been very successful

(b) Public Transport Plan

- (i) The Council looks forward to the extension of the Dial-a-Ride service for the handicapped into the District and thanks the County Council for its financial support.
- (ii) Whilst appreciating the introduction of new rolling stock on the Southend Victoria to Liverpool Street line, the Council supports a continuing dialogue with British Rail on improvements to time keeping and service standards generally and better communications and information for passengers regarding problems to services. (TP42/1)(DD)

200. REQUESTS FOR EASEMENT

The Secretary to the Council reported on the following applications:-

(i) Riverside Industrial Estate (Minute 185/88)

The owner of the Coach Park at the eastern end of the Council's former Depot at Rochford needed a water supply, the most practicable route being through Millview Meadows rather than the Council's retained land at the Depot. The Committee noted the proposed route and that it would be a requirement of the Easement for Millview Meadows to be reinstated to the Council's satisfaction.

RECOMMENDED That the Secretary to the Council completes a Deed of Grant of Easement to Stephensons Coaches Limited for a water supply across land being part of Millview Meadows Rochford, all such works to be made good to the satisfaction of the Council, with the grantee paying the Council's legal costs, and on such other terms and conditions as the Secretary to the Council deems fit. (831/1)(SEC)

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<u>Development Services</u>

(ii) 14 Bull Lane, Rayleigh - Land Adjacent to King George's Playing Field

In order to provide new toilet facilities to a small light industrial unit off Bull Lane, Rayleigh the owner wished to make a connection to the mains foul water drainage system which ran under the Council owned access to the bowls rink at King George's Playing Field which would not affect use of the Bowling Green

RECOMMENDED That the Secretary to the Council completes a formal Deed of Grant of Easement to the owner of Unit 5, 14 Bull Lane, Rayleigh at District Valuer's valuation with that owner paying the Council's reasonable legal costs, making good all works to the site to the Council's satisfaction and on such other terms and conditions as the Secretary deems fit (21665)(SEC)

LAND FORMING PART OF 18 ORCHARD AVENUE, RAYLEIGH - ENABLING POWER LOCAL **GOVERNMENT ACT 1972**

The Secretary to the Council reported on the circumstances in which two plots of land had been sold to the owner of 18 Orchard Avenue, the first in 1982 for use as hardstanding only and the second in 1987 to enable the owner to extend his property to accommodate an elderly relative, subject to payment of a betterment value to the Council Planning permission had been granted to allow the extension to be built and approval was now sought to allow the use of the land purchased in 1982 for the relocation of the garage to the property.

RECOMMENDED That the Secretary to the Council be authorised to negotiate the relaxation of the covenant as to use subject to the District Valuer's valuation to allow the erection of a garage and on such other terms and conditions as the Secretary to the Council deems fit. (26898)(SEC)

202. LAND ADJACENT TO 1 AND 2 WIMARC CRESCENT, RAYLEIGH

The Secretary to the Council reported that the owners of 1 and 2 Wimarc Crescent, Rayleigh had requested permission to purchase the amenity strips immediately adjacent to those properties and fronting Wimarc Crescent, which formed a buffer between the property boundary and the public It was considered that those disposals should not take place, because they could detract from the overall amenity of the area connection a Member drew attention to the need to maintain the shrubbery and remove litter and the Chairman advised that the matter would be drawn to the attention of the Council's contractor.

RECOMMENDED That the requests for disposal be refused. (9590 & 9591)(SEC)

203. SITE OF THE FORMER PROPERTIES KNOWN AS 1-3 (INCLUSIVE) BEDFORD ROW COTTAGES, CHURCH END, PAGLESHAM

The Secretary to the Council reported on the location and history of acquisition of the above 0.45 acres of land which was of little use other than as agricultural land by which it was surrounded In accepting its disposal the Committee noted that there would be a restriction as to future use for agricultural purposes only.

RECOMMENDED That the Secretary to the Council be authorised to dispose of the site of the former properties known as 1-3 (inclusive) Bedford

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Row Cottages, Church End, Paglesham at market value on such terms and conditions as the Secretary to the Council deems fit (12839) (SEC)

204 LAND AT RAWRETH SHOT

The Secretary to the Council reported that the Council owned approximately two acres of land at the junction of Church Road and London Road, Rawreth, which had been licenced in the past for horse grazing but was at present unused and appeared to be surplus to requirements. The land was situated in the Green Belt and was considered to be too remote for use to the District as public open space. The Committee were however reluctant to consider outright disposal and it was

<u>RECOMMENDED</u> That a further report be made on the potential for renting as an alternative option. (4578)(SEC)

205. DISTRICT PLAN WORKING PARTY

(i) Meeting held on 21st February 1990

The Committee considered the appended Minutes of the above Meeting containing the following recommendations:

(NOTE: Recommendation (10) has been superseded by Minute 126 of the Policy & Resources Committee)

- <u>RECOMMENDED</u> (1) That the Officers report further on the removal of permitted development rights (2081)(DD) (Minute 106 Minutes)
 - (2) That Essex County Council be informed that this Council is satisfied with the housing provision figure of 4,700 dwelling units to be provided in the period 1986 2001 (2081)(DD) (Minute 107 Revised Housing Strategy. Essex County Structure Plan First Alteration)
 - (3) That the Secretary of State for the Environment be informed that this Council welcomes the expanded advice contained in the revised Planning Policy Guidance Note No. 7 and the proposed provisions of the new draft Planning Policy Guidance Note relating to Structure Plans and Regional Planning Policy.
 - (4) That consideration be given as part of the Local Plan review process to amplifying and extending relevant policies as required to take account of the updated guidance contained in revised Planning Planning Policy Guidance Note No 7. (2081)(DD) (Minute 105 Draft Planning Policy Guidance Notes)
 - (5) That the Director of Development be authorised to negotiate with the developer on a scheme for the Orchard Site subject to an overall ceiling of 61 housing units within the village envelope. (2081)(DD) (Minute 109 South Fambridge Village Plan: Proposed Development of the Orchard Site)
 - (6) That the Policies contained within Chapter Six Leisure and Tourism be dealt with as follows:-
 - (i) That Policy LT1 be amended to take account of the sites that have been acquired and to provide for a new site at South

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- (ii) That Policy LTll be reworded so as to permit some limited expansion of boating facilities in the District
- (111) That Policies LT13 and LT14 be amended by deletion of reference to "Anglian Water" and the substitution of "the National Rivers Authority".
- (iv) That the remaining Policies otherwise continue unaltered
- (7) That the Policies contained within Chapter Seven Urban Conservation be dealt with as follows:-
 - (i) That Policy UC5 be amended to clarify the respective requirements of listed building and conservation area consent for demolition.
 - (ii) That the remaining Policies continue unaltered
- (8) That the Policies contained within Chapter Eight Rural Conservation be dealt with as follows
 - (i) That Policy RC2 be amended so as to read

THERE WILL BE A PRESUMPTION AGAINST ANY DEVELOPMENT WHICH WOULD ADVERSELY AND MATERIALLY AFFECT AREAS WHICH ARE DESIGNATED AS SITES OF SPECIAL SCIENTIFIC INTEREST

(ii) That Policy RC3 be amended so as to read

WITHIN THE DISTRICT OF ROCHFORD GENERALLY AND WITHIN THE ROACH VALLEY CONSERVATION ZONE AND COAST NATURE CONSERVANCY ZONE IN PARTICULAR AS IDENTIFIED ON PROPOSALS MAPS A, B AND E DEVELOPMENT PREJUDICIAL TO THE RETENTION AND MANAGEMENT OF IMPORTANT WILDLIFE HABITATS AND THEIR INTERRELATIONSHIPS WILL NORMALLY BE REFUSED.

(iii) That Policy RC5 be amended so as to read

WITHIN THE SPECIAL LANDSCAPE AREAS IDENTIFIED ON THE PROPOSALS MAPS A AND B, IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER POLICIES SET OUT ELSEWHERE IN THIS WRITTEN STATEMENT, THERE WILL BE A PRESUMPTION AGAINST DEVELOPMENT UNLESS ITS LOCATION, SITING, DESIGN, MATERIALS AND LANDSCAPING ACCORD WITH THE CHARACTER OF THE AREA IN WHICH THE DEVELOPMENT IS PROPOSED

- (iv) That the remaining Policies continue unaltered.
- (9) That the Policies contained within Chapter Nine Shopping, Advertisements and Town Centres be dealt with as follows.
 - (i) That no alteration be made to Policy SAT1, but that the boundaries of the Shopping Areas on the Proposals Maps be reviewed
 - (ii) That no alteration be made to Policy SAT2, but that the boundaries of the Prime Shopping Frontages on the Town Centre Maps be reviewed

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- (iii) That Policy SAT3 be reconsidered in the light of unfavourable appeal decisions and that the boundaries of the Secondary Shopping Areas of the Town Centre Maps be reviewed.
- (iv) That no alteration be made to Policy SAT4, subject to a review of the Local Shopping Parades to be included on the Proposals Maps.
- (v) That no alteration be made to Policies SAT7 to SAT10, but that the feasibility of designating the Conservation Areas in the District as areas of special control be investigated
- (vi) That Policies SAT14 and SAT15 be reviewed in the light of the 1987 Use Classes Order and of the desirability of retaining residential uses in town centres.
- (vii) That Policies SAT18, SAT19 and SAT20 be deleted and the area of Rochford Station Forecourt be allocated for car parking on the Rochford Town Centre Plan.
- (viii) That the remaining Policies continue unaltered
- (10) That discussions be continued with the Health Authority and the County Council regarding the future of the Rochford Hospital/Social Services Site as it may affect the current review of the Local Plan (2081)(DD) (Minute 110 Review of the Local Plan)
- (11) That arrangements be made accordingly. (SEC) (Minute 111 Car Parking Study)
- (12) That the revised car parking standards for office development adopted by the Essex Planning Officers' Association be incorporated in the Local Plan
- (13) That a residential car parking survey be carried out as indicated in the Minute and a further report be made thereon in due course. (2081)(DD) (Minute 112 Review of Car Parking Standards)

NOTE The Chief Executive & Director of Finance exercised his authority under Standing Order 18 in respect of recommendations (2) and (3) to enable comments to be made within the required timescale.

(ii) Meeting held on 7th March 1990

NOTE; Councillor I.R Godfrey declared a pecuniary interest in recommendation (13) by virtue of proximity of residence and left the Meeting while that matter was discussed

The Committee considered the appended Minutes of the above Meeting containing the following recommendations:

RECOMMENDED (1) That the remainder of Back Lane Car Park be surfaced and brought into use as soon as possible and the possibility of demolishing and relocating the public conveniences adjacent to Back Lane be investigated.

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- (2) That the Officers liaise with British Rail on the possibility of the remaining land adjacent to Rochford Station car park to the rear of Freight House being surfaced and brought into use as soon as possible to provide an extension to the station car park, with a pedestrian link being provided
- (3) That an investigation be undertaken into the possibility of developing an area of land to the west of Rochford Station to provide additional long-term parking
- (4) That there be immediate liaison with the Southend Health Authority to arrive at a solution for car parking within the Rochford Hospital grounds and to achieve a better access to West Street in accordance with Policy SAT17 of the Rochford District Local Plan
- (5) That the Officers liaise with the County Highways Department and the Police in order to develop an on-street parking policy for the town
- (6) That agreement be negotiated to bring key sites into pay and display management.
- (7) That negotiations be commenced with British Rail for the creation of a joint policy on the use of their car parks or for this Authority to take over management of all Station car parks in the District.
 - (8) That environmental works be continued in the car parks
- (9) That consideration be given to possible alternative use of the car parks out of key hours
- (10) That the possible improvement of signposting and lighting to car parks be investigated
- (11) That there should be close co-operation between the District Council, the Parish Councils, Essex County Council and statutory bodies to ensure that the measures taken meet the local needs of the community and are in accordance with general highway policy and enforceable by law but in particular with a view to the creation of a positive car parking policy.
- (12) That further reports be prepared on the remaining residential areas within the District outside the three town centres of Rochford, Rayleigh and Hockley with a particular view to the introduction of environmental improvements, especially with regard to control of onstreet car parking (Minute 113 - Car Parking Study - Rochford Town Centre)
- (13) That the following policy requiring the comprehensive redevelopment of the Etheldore Avenue/Wood Avenue housing site be included in Chapter Two of the Rochford District Local Plan:

DEVELOPMENT OF THE ETHELDORE AVENUE/WOOD AVENUE HOUSING SITE WILL BE IN THE FORM OF A COMPREHENSIVE REDEVELOPMENT SCHEME. THE LOCAL PLANNING AUTHORITY WILL CONSIDER THE USE OF COMPULSORY PURCHASE POWERS IN ORDER TO ENSURE THAT THE DEVELOPMENT WILL BE ABLE TO PROCEED POST 1995 AND WILL PREPARE A DETAILED DESIGN BRIEF TO GUIDE THE FORM AND CHARACTER OF THE DEVELOPMENT

(2081)(DD) (Minute 115. Future Development - Etheldore Avenue/Wood Avenue, Hockley)

- (14) That the results of the questionnaire survey of the South Fambridge Village residents be noted and borne in mind when formulating any new policies and proposals for the settlement in the review of the Local Plan (2081) (DD) (Minute 116, South Fambridge Village Plan Questionnaire)
- (15) That consultation be carried out with the public utility, social, health, education, postal and community services in the District to ascertain their requirements in terms of policies and land provision for incorporation in the review of the Local Plan (2081) (DD) (Minute 117(i). Chapter 10 Public Utilities, Health and Social Services)
- (16) That Policy GB6 remain unaltered but that a new policy be prepared to allow, subject to stringent conditions, the re-build of existing dwellings in the Green Belt (2081) (DD) (Minute 117 (ii) Rebuild or Extension of Existing Dwellings in the Metropolitan Green Belt)

In considering recommendation (13) above the Committee accepted the suggestion of a Member that a Working Party be set up in respect of this area.

RECOMMENDED That arrangements be made accordingly. (2081)(SEC)

(iii) Meeting held on 19th March 1990

The Committee considered the appended Minutes of the above Meeting containing the following recommendations

- <u>RECOMMENDED</u> (1) That consultation take place with Essex County Council to facilitate the construction of additional car parking spaces on the wide pavement on the northern side of Spa Road, that the short-term spaces on the south side of the road be retained and that a time limit be set for the use of these spaces at a level that will allow for a rapid turnround in vehicles.
- (2) That negotiations be opened with Gateway Supermarkets for the District Council to manage their existing car park and that endeavours be made for the Council to acquire the adjoining land to enlarge this facility
- (3) That agreement be given in principle to the concept of a residents' parking scheme and that subject to the cost thereof to participants, the approval of the Essex County Council and the outcome of consultation with the residents concerned arrangements be made for the introduction of such a scheme in a selected area on a pilot basis.

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- (4) That no further action be taken on the feasibility of resiting the existing Parish Rooms and adjacent Church.
- (5) That an agreement be sought with the owner of the restaurant land adjoining Southend Road car park for that land to be utilised during the daytime to provide an extension to the existing car parking facilities. (SEC, HES) (Minute 119 Car Parking Study - Hockley Town Centre)
- (6) That Policy GB4 be amended to provide, subject to the inclusion of the criteria mentioned in the report, for the conversion to suitable alternative uses of redundant farm buildings within the Green (2081) (DD) (Minute 120(1) Conversion of Redundant Farm Buildings)
 - (7) That Policy TP15 be amended to read as follows :-

'IN CONSIDERING APPLICATION'S FOR NEW DEVELOPMENT, THE COUNCIL WILL REQUIRE PROVISION OF CAR PARKING SPACES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STANDARDS SET OUT IN APPENDICES 1 AND 2 AND CONTAINED IN INDIVIDUAL POLICIES, AS MAY BE AMENDED FROM TIME TO TIME' (2081) (DD) (Mimute 120(ii). Policy TP15 - Car Parking Standards)

206 ROACH VALLEY CONSERVATION ZONE GROUP OF REPRESENTATIVES

The Committee considered the appended Minutes of the Meeting of the above Group held on 8th March 1990 containing the following recommendation.

RECOMMENDED That the Planning Services Committee be advised of the views of the Group of Representatives. (16439) (DD) (Minute 73: Outline Application to Construct Golf Course With Clubhouse Facilities and New Access Road -Gusted Hall, Gusted Hall Lane, Hawkwell)

207 TOWN POLICE CLAUSES ACT 1847 - SECTION 21 SOUTH FAMBRIDGE ANNUAL COUNTRY VILLAGE FAYRE 1990 (Minute 185/89)

The Secretary to the Council reported on a request from the South Fambridge Country Village Fayre Committee for this Council to make an Order to close St. Thomas Road, South Fambridge to vehicular traffic between the hours of 12 noon and 6 p m. on 7th May 1990 in connection with the Annual Village Fayre to which the Police had no objection.

RECOMMENDED That the Secretary to the Council be authorised to make an Order pursuant to Section 21 of the Town Police Clauses Act 1847 prohibiting the use of St Thomas Road, South Fambridge by vehicular traffic between the hours of 12 noon and 6 p m. on Monday 7th May 1990. (45)(SEC)

208 TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1971 - SECTION 210 PROPOSED DIVERSION OF PART OF FOOTPATH 23 RAYLEIGH (Minutes 471/79 and 97/90)

Further to his previous report to the last Meeting of this Committee that the preliminary consultation procedure had been completed and that no adverse comments had been received the Secretary to the Council clarified the nature of the proposed diversion, the purpose of which was to enable

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development to take place within an area defined for industrial purposes in the District Plan and for which planning permission had already been granted.

<u>RECOMMENDED</u> That in accordance with the provisions of Section 210 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1971 an Order be made diverting part of Footpath 23 Rayleigh along the line now indicated. (70316)(SEC)

NOTE. The Chief Executive & Director of Finance exercised his authority under Standing Order 18 to permit immediate commencement of the diversion procedure.

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20th March 1990

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE - 29TH MARCH 1990

REPORT OF HEAD OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES ADDED TO THE AGENDA

ANGLIAN WATER SERVICES LTD - MAJOR PROJECTS

The Council has been invited to comment on the major projects proposed by the Anglian Water Services Ltd. over the next few years.

Details are appended and it should be noted that schemes with construction start dates up to April 1991 are approved for implementation, those with later start dates are provisional for forward planning and consultation purposes.

<u>RECOMMENDED</u>. That the Anglian Water Services Ltd programme of major projects be noted. (4657)(HES)

<u>Background Papers</u>. Letter from Anglian Water Services Ltd. dated 14th March 1990. (4657)(HES)

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ROCHFORD STW MODFICATIONS ROCHFORD

CDP.No: 9S26464

Construction Start: Jul-89

Completion: Dec-90

Miscellaneous dereliction/reliability improvements to biological treatment and sludge treatment. New screens/inlet works a major item. Required to maintain effluent compliance.

DEEPDENE AVENUE FLOOD RELIEF ROCHFORD

CDP No 9S26516

Construction Start: Aug-94

Completion: Feb-95

Extend SW system by 0.4Km sewer and separation of SW from foul sewers.

Scheme under review as urgency and/or need uncertain.

PAGLESHAM CHURCH END PS AND RM ROCHFORD

CDP.No 9S26641

Construction Start: Apr-90

Completion: Dec-90

Abandon two small package plants and replace with PS and RM to Rochford STW.

To improve operational efficiency and reduce risk of pollution.

FERRY RD P/STN ROCHFORD

CDP.No: 9S26742

Construction Start: Sep-87

Completion Apr-90

Replace plant and relay 1Km RM (225-300mm) to increase capacity (currently

under capacity and causes flooding) in Ferry Road

RAYLEIGH EAST STW IMPROVEMENTS ROCHFORD

CDP.No: 9S26908

Construction Start. Jul-89

Completion Oct-91

Refurbishing of existing machinery (inlet works & screens, filter distributors etc.). To ensure operational reliability and consent

compliance

RAYLEIGH WEST STW REPLACEMENT - PHASE 1 CDP.No: 9826910

Construction Start Mar-88

Completion: May-89

Additional aeration capacity, PST tank, inlet works/screen, sludge storage

tank, gas holder etc.. to ensure final effluent compliance.

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RAYLEIGH EAST EXTENSIONS PHASE 2

CDP.No: 9S22632

Construction Start: Jun-94

Completion: Mar-95

Construct additional biological filter (30m diameter), to ensure final

effluent compliance.

ROCHFORD SEWERS & DEPOT P.S. PHASE 1

CDP.No: 9S22703

Construction Start: Apr-91

Completion: Oct-91

To undertake a drainage area plan of the South Rochford area which will identify work required to prevent floodingin the area. The inlet screens to be removed from the PS and the pumps replaced to improve operational

efficiency.

ROCHFORD SEWERS & DEPOT P.S. PHASE 2

CDP.No. 9\$22798

Construction Start: Apr-94

Completion: Jun-95

To undertake sewer rehabilition as determined by the Drainage Area Plan in 9822703 (Phase 1).

GREAT WAKERING FOUL SEWER ROCHFORD

CDP.No: 9S26387

Construction Start: Apr-94

Completion: Oct-94

Replacement of trunk sewer in village centre for structural and growth

reasons.

GREAT WAKERING SW SEWERAGE ROCHFORD

CDP No. 9826389

Construction Start: Apr-93

Completion: Oct-93

Separation of storm water from existing overloaded foul water and combined

sewer. To improve system capacity.

ASHINGDON ROAD TRUNK SW SEWER ROCHFORD

CDP No: 9S26404

Construction Start. Apr-94

Completion: Mar-96

Scheme to reduce floodingin the area. Details to be finalised with the

completion of North Rochford Drainage Area Plan

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ABBREVIATIONS

AS	Activated Sludge
CDP	Capital Development Programme
COPA	Control of Pollution Act
DAP	Drainage Area Plan
DCW	Descriptive Consent Works
DO	Dissolved Oxygen
DWF	Dry Weather Flow
FS	Foul Sewer
FST	Final Settlement Tank
fw	Foul Water
FWPS	Foul Water Pumping Station
FWRS	Foul Water Relief Sewer
FWS	Foul Water Sewer
GAC	Granular Activated Carbon
GRP	Glass Reinforced Plastic
HAP	Housing Act Sewage Treatment Plant
HDPE	High Density Polyethylene
IMPR)	Improvements
IMPS)	m .
LTAV	Long Term Advised Value
MAC	Maximum Admissible Concentration
MD	Main Drainage
MDPE	Medium Density Polyethylene
oı	Oil Interception
oss	Off-Site Sewer
PE	Population Equivalent
PS	Pumping Station
PST	Primary Settlement Tank
RA\$	Return Activated Sludge
RBC	Rotating Biological Contractor
REPL	Replacement
RM	Rising Main
RQO	River Quality Objectives
RS	Relief Sewer
S16	Section 16 Requisition
so	Storm/Surface/Sewage Outfall
SR	Service Reservoir
\$S	Sewerage System/Scheme
SSO	Storm Sewage Outfall
S & ST	Sewerage and Sewage Treatment
ST	Settlement Tank
STW	Sewage Treatment Works
SW	Storm/Surface Water
swo	Storm/Surface Water Outfall
sws	Storm/Surface Water Sewer
TFS	Trunk Foul Sewer
TLC	Time Limited Consent
TM	Trunk Main
TMT	Treatment
TPS	Terminal Pumping Station
TW	Treatment Works
WAR	Works at Risk of Failure in the near future
WASSP	Computer Programme for modelling Sewerage Systems
WTW	Water Treatment Works

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RAYLEIGH WEST STW EXTENSIONS - PHASE 2

CDP.No: 9S26911

Construction Start: Apr-92

Completion: Apr-93

Extensions (aeration capacity) to ensure future effluent compliance should further development materialise..

ROCHFORD DISTRICT COUNCIL

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE - 29TH MARCH 1990

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT

TRANSPORT POLICIES AND PROGRAMMES (TPP17) AND PUBLIC TRANSPORT PLAN (PTP13) - 1991/92 SUBMISSIONS - CONSULTATION DRAFTS (Minute 174/89)

The Director of Development reports receipt of the above documents from the County Council as part of the annual consultation process, and each is dealt with in turn below.

Members of the Committee will be aware that reports on highway matters have been made during the year in particular concerning the South-East Essex Traffic Study and the Short Term Measures, and regarding public transport questions.

1.0 TRANSPORT POLICIES AND PROGRAMMES, 1991/92 TO 1995/96

Capital Expenditure, 1990/91

1.1 The financing of Transport expenditure has been changed since last year and the details are set out in the attached Appendix The Department of Transport (DTp) has given permission for expenditure in 1990/91 of £18.592 million, which is to be supplemented by the County Council by £6.008 million to enable commitments to be met. The total of £24 6 million is still well short of the £29.8 million bid and consequently major delays to the Capital Programme will occur. The Al30 Rawreth Lane junction improvement scheme in Rochford District was under threat of delay, but had a last minute reprieve and hopefully will start in 1990/91.

Transport Expenditure Programme 1991/92 to 1995/6

1.2 The B1013 Access to Southend remains in the programme at 1992/3, as does Stage 1 of Sutton Road improvement in Southend from the new Eastern Avenue roundabout to Temple Farm roundabout. Sutton Road Stage 2 however from Purdeys Way junction to the B1013 at Tinkers Lane in Rochford has been delayed by 2 years to 1995/6 due to financial constraints. This is strongly regretted, together with the fact that Stage 3 between Purdeys Way and Temple Farm is not even in the 5 year programme although arguably this should be the first stage to be constructed.

Al30 Improvements

1 3 This scheme remains a high priority with the County Council but the works cost has been removed from the capital programme due to the impact of its high cost on the remainder of the programme in the light of financial constraints. The design cost element remains in the programme, and the Department of Transport has been asked to fund the scheme.

It is intended, subject to the approval of the County Policy and Resources Committee, to maintain progress on the scheme in this way. This will have the following benefits:-

- (a) From TPP18 (1992/93) onwards it should be possible to begin to add new schemes into the programme as it is rolled forward.
- (b) A decision by the DTp to trunk the route or 100% fund the scheme will not leave a vacuum of unprepared schemes in the programme.
- (c) If the DTp decides to construct an outer orbital route linking the M11 to the M20 and the Channel Tunnel in Kent via the A130 corridor and a Lower Thames Crossing, this can also be absorbed without leaving a vacuum of unprepared schemes.

In the event that neither (b) or (c) above comes to fruition, then the project can be reintroduced into the programme and other lower priority schemes deferred.

The County Council is actively pursuing the need for close consultation during the Lower Thames Crossing Study and it is felt that this should be extended to Districts likely to be affected by the approach roads.

New Schemes

1 4 Financial constraints have precluded the addition of new named schemes to the programme, but the capital budget for Minor Schemes costing less than £50,000 has been increased from 1991/92 onwards by £400,000 per annum to allow for additional expenditure on accident remedial and other schemes

REVENUE EXPENDITURE 1990/91

Highway Maintenance

- 1.5 The 1990/91 Highway Maintenance and Street Lighting budget has been set at £32.909 million at October 1989 prices. Additional maintenance costs in 1990/91 have arisen from damage to highways during the hot Summer of 1989, additional salting of bus routes and additional weed killing treatment. Once again it has not been possible to enhance further the general level of maintenance funding to improve standards as previously indicated as desirable in TPP15
- 1.6 Funds for the maintenance of rights of way will be held at the 1989/90 level in a continued programme aimed at bringing maintenance of the network to a consistent standard countywide.

Motorway and Trunk Road Programme

- 1.7 The M25 to Rayleigh Relief Road (Parallel Route) Dual 2-Lanes remains amongst the proposals as one of those announced in the May 1989 White Paper, but no date is give for its construction and it is thought that this will feature in the Outer Oribital Road Study referred to in paragraph 1.3 above The Al3 Stanford-le-Hope to Five Bells scheme remains in the programme at 1991/2 however, although the section from the M25 westwards to Wennington has been delayed over a year, now to commence in Autumn 1992.
- 1.8 The elimination of the roundabout at the Fortune of War on the Al27 has yet to be programmed and it is considered that this should commence as soon as the Rayleigh Weir underpass is finished

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It is pleasing to note that Service Areas on both the M25 (at Thurrock) and the M11 (at Birchanger) are due for completion in mid-1991

The South-East Essex Traffic Study

- 1 10 This study, which began with extensive survey work in the Spring of 1988 is nearing completion. To date the consultants have assembled and validated a computer model of the road network in the Southend-on-Sea, Rochford and Castle Point Districts, and are testing a number of options for new roads generated by the initial public exhibitions held in 1988. These options include new routes to Canvey Island and new strategic routes reaching into the built-up comurbation and linking up with roads either already in the Capital Programme or likely to be included in the future.
- 1.11 In 1989 the consultant's brief was extended to include an examination of the possible role that an enhanced network of public transport facilities could play in relieving the problems of traffic congestion in the area. Further survey work including an analysis of people's perception of public transport as an alternative to the private car was carried out in 1989. As with the highway assessment, a model has been assembled to evaluate a range of public transport enhancements including a light rail proposal for the area.
- 1.12 Further work to be completed later this year includes the merging of private and public options to form strategies which will be tested using modal split modelling techniques The costs and benefits associated with each strategy will also be evaluated, and the consultants will report in the Autumn with a view to holding a number of public exhibitions towards the end of 1990

2.0 PUBLIC TRANSPORT PLAN 1991/2 TO 1995/6

Progress During the Year 1989/90

- 2.1 Public Transport matters are reported to the Committee throughout the year and Members will no doubt recall the useful visit of the British Rail Regular officer liaison meetings are representative in October last year held with the County Council and public transport operators, as are meetings between the County and Parish Council Public Transport Representatives
- 2.2 In October 1989, the long awaited bus terminal at Ferry Road, Hullbridge was completed, and has been a great success in every way in solving a number of traffic and road safety problems in the vicinity not only related to buses
- The year 1989 also saw the introduction of new rolling stock on the Southend Victoria line, which with some reservations on detailed design features, is to be greatly welcomed Other aspects of the rail service continue to give cause for concern however.

Public Transport Expenditure 1990/91

To enable it to maintain as comprehensive a network of local bus services as possible, consistent with identifiable levels of demand, coupled with the need to achieve the highest possible safety standards, the County Council has set aside the sum of £3 1 million for the financial year 1990/91

In most instances where County contract services run in parallel with commercial ones, or as extensions of commercial timetables, fares will be brought into line. Fares on those contract services running over "freehold" sections of route will also be increased, to counteract the effect upon the Revenue Support budget of increases in contract prices on retender and annual review.

- 2.5 The Southend Dial-a-Ride service for the disabled is being extended into the District in 1990/91, hopefully starting in June, except for the Rayleigh area which is served by the Mayday Mobile facility. Funding is to come from the County and Southend Borough Councils as well as this District.
- 2.6 A local taxi proprietor is hoping to introduce a shared taxi service in the District in 1990, with the aid of a grant from the Rural Development Commission, and this is currently the subject of statutory consultations and will be reported to a meeting of the Hackney Carriage Panel in the near future.

RECOMMENDED That the following comments be sent to the County Council .-

- (a) Transport Policies and Programmes
- (i) The Council strongly objects to the delay to Stage 2 of the Sutton Road improvement scheme and considers that all phases should be programmed to follow each other with no gap in between. Furthermore, it is considered that Phase 3 from Temple Farm roundabout to Purdeys Way should become the first phase to commence in 1992/3, in view of the poor width and alignment and accident record of this section; that Phase 1 from Eastern Avenue to Temple Farm roundabout should become Phase 2; and Phase 2 comprising a new section between Purdeys Way and the B1013 at Tinkers Lane should become Phase 3, in view of the relief that will be given to the B1013 in this vicinity by the construction of the Access to Southend Scheme.
- (ii) Whilst understanding the reasons for removing the A130 works from the programme, the Council is concerned that the alleviation of problems on this route and the A127 are not unduly delayed by the consideration of a much larger scheme which may take many years to implement The Council would wish to be involved in the Outer Orbital Route/Lower Thames Crossing Study, particularly if it emerges that the Rochford District is likely to be directly affected.
- (iii) The Council regrets that the elimination of the Fortune of War roundabout on the Al27 is not programmed and considers that it should be scheduled to commence as soon as the Rayleigh Weir underpass is completed
- (iv) The Council congratulates the County Council on the construction of the Hullbridge bus turning facility which has been very successful
- (b) Public Transport Plan
- (i) The Council looks forward to the extension of the Dial-a-Ride service for the handicapped into the District and thanks the County Council for its financial support.

(ii) Whilst appreciating the introduction of new rolling stock on the Southend Victoria to Liverpool Street line, the Council supports a continuing dialogue with British Rail on improvements to time keeping and service standards generally and better communications and information for passengers regarding problems to services.

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Background Papers. TPP17 and PTP13.

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2 <u>NEW CAPITAL FINANCE SYSTEM</u>

The Capital Finance System for 1990/91 and beyond has been revised by
The Local Government and Housing Act 1989
Capital Allocation has been replaced by -

HIGHWAYS T.S.G.	Transport Supplementary Grant	AMOUNT DECIDED BY DTp
plus S.C.A.	Supplementary Credit Approval	ртр
plus A.C.G.	Annual Capital Guideline	рт _р
plus Top-up	Any additional funds from County	ECC
equals	CAPITAL EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR	

DEFINITIONS		
T.S.G.	- no change Payable at 50% of expenditure on schemes of more than local importance	
	a) Primary Route Network (PRN) b) Major Urban Roads	
	 c) Major bypasses relieving communities of effects of heavy through traffic particularly lorries 	
S.C.A.	 used for Projects of National or Regional importance (PONORI) Cannot be transferred to other schemes. (eg Braintree bypass in 1990/91) 	
A.G.G.	 intended to cover (with S C A) the 50% of expenditure matching the T S G that has been given plus all other Transport expenditure 	
Тор-ир	- the County may supplement the above from certain excess capital receipts or from revenue	

COUNTY	AMOUNT DECIDED BY	
HIGHWAYS A.C.G + S C.A)	
plus)	
Education A C G.)	
plus)	
Social Services A C G)	
plus)	
other services A C G) Government	
minus)	
R T.I.A. Capital Receipts Taken into Account)	
equals B.C.A. Basic Credit Approval	<u> </u>	
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S.G. Specific Grants including T S G.	, 1	
plus	ı	
Capital Receipts . within certain rules Must match)		
R T I A, if the service guidelines are to		
met. Anything more would go towards top-u		
plus	Σ	
Revenue Top-up affects Community Charge)	
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equals COUNTY PROGRAMME FOR ALL SERVICES		

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE - 29TH MARCH 1990

MINUTES OF THE DISTRICT PLAN WORKING PARTY

At a Meeting held on 21st February 1990. Present: Councillors D.C. Wood (Chairman), B.A. Crick, Mrs. E.M. Hart, Miss B.G.J. Lovett, R.A. Pearson, J.A. Sheaf, S.A. Skinner, Mrs. L. Walker, P.F.A. Webster and D.A. Weir.

Apologies: Councillor J.A. Gibson

106. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 6th December 1989 were approved as a correct record.

Later in the Meeting the Chairman accepted a request from a Member that the point under Policy GB5 regarding the removal of permitted development rights should be pursued.

RECOMMENDED That the Officers report further on this matter. (2081)(DD)

107. REVISED HOUSING STRATEGY - ESSEX COUNTY STRUCTURE PLAN FIRST ALTERATION

The Director of Development reported that as a result of modifications to the Structure Plan First Alteration, provision had been made for an additional 13,500 houses in the period to 2001 and gave details of the revised figures which the County Council had produced for all the local authorities in Essex on which comments had been requested. Members noted that the target for Rochford remained unaltered at 4,700 reflecting the County's view that additional housing provision should be allocated to the non Green Belt districts and having been advised that there was adequate provision within the Plan to achieve that figure it was

RECOMMENDED That Essex County Council be informed that this Council is satisfied with the housing provision figure of 4,700 dwelling units to be provided in the period 1986 - 2001. (2081)(DD)

NOTE: The Chief Executive & Director of Finance exercised his authority under Standing Order 18 to enable an immediate response to be made.

108. DRAFT PLANNING POLICY GUIDANCE NOTES

Members had before them reports of the Director of Development on two recent draft guidance notes from the DoE on which comments had been invited, namely:-

- (1) Revised Planning Policy Guidance Note No. 7 entitled "The Countryside and the Rural Economy"
- (ii) A new Planning Policy Guidance Note entitled "Structure Plans and Regional Planning Guidance".

RECOMMENDED (1) That the Secretary of State for the Environment be informed that this Council welcomes the expanded advice contained in the revised Planning Policy Guidance Note No. 7 and the proposed provisions of the new draft Planning Policy Guidance Note relating to Structure Plans and Regional Planning Policy.

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(2) That consideration be given as part of the Local Plan review process to amplifying and extending relevant policies as required to take account of the updated guidance contained in revised Planning Planning Policy Guidance Note No. 7. (2081)(DD)

NOTE: The Chief Executive & Director of Finance exercised his authority under Standing Order 18 to enable comments to be made within the required timescale.

109. SOUTH FAMBRIDGE VILLAGE PLAN: PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE ORCHARD SITE

The Director of Development reported with the aid of viewfoils on the potential for the above site and an adjacent plot to provide for a scheme of parking for residents to alleviate problems within St. Thomas' Road, the realisation of which would depend on the viability of the overall development and for that purpose it was

RECOMMENDED That the Director of Development be authorised to negotiate with the developer on a scheme for the Orchard Site subject to an overall ceiling of 61 housing units within the village envelope. (2081)(DD)

110. REVIEW OF THE LOCAL PLAN (Minute 104)

Members resumed the review process that had begun at the previous Meeting by considering in turn each of the Policies contained within Chapters 6 to 9, the outcome being as follows:

Chapter Six - Leisure and Tourism

Policy LT1 - Public Open Space Provision

Since the Policy had been drafted some sites in Section B had been acquired and needed to be incorporated within Section A and the remainder of the sites had been allocated for public open space. Provision now needed to be made in respect of South Fambridge.

Policy LT8 - Provision of Allotments

Whilst recognising that there had not been any approach from Parish Councils in the areas of deficiency identified for the provision of allotments, Members favoured the retention of this Policy.

Policy LT11 - Water Recreation

Whilst mindful of the need to continue to protect sensitive areas of nature conservation importance, Members accepted that the number of access points to the rivers in the District were very limited and that potential could exist to provide an additional facility.

Policy LT13 and LT14 - Provision of Private Jetties and Slipways

These Policies needed to be amended to reflect the changes arising out of the Water Act 1989 by deleting references to Anglian Water and substituting the National Rivers Authority.

The remaining Policies in this Chapter were considered to be still relevant and not requiring alteration.

Chapter Seven - Urban Conservation

Policy UC5 - Demolition of Buildings within Conservation Areas

Members accepted that the wording of this Policy needed to be amended to make it clear that listed building consent would be required whether in a conservation area or not and that alternatively conservation area consent would be required for the demolition of an unlisted building in a conservation area.

The remaining Policies in this Chapter were considered to be still relevant and not requiring alteration.

Chapter Eight - Rural Conservation

Policy RC2 - Sites of Special Scientific Interest

In the light of advice from the DoE it was accepted that this Policy should be contained in full within the Local Plan rather than as a reference to a Policy within the Structure Plan.

Policy RC3 - Protection of Nature Conservancy Zones

It was considered that this Policy should be amended to reflect the increase in scope of Structure Plan Policy NR8 as amended by the first alteration document whilst retaining its specific references to the Roach Valley Conservation Zone and the Coast Nature Conservancy Zone.

Policy RC5 - Special Landscape Areas

As in the case of Policy RC2 it was accepted that the details of this Policy should be spelt out rather than making reference to the Structure Plan.

The remaining Policies in this Chapter were considered to be still relevant and not requiring alteration. In considering Policy RC7 - Existing Trees, Hedgerows and Woodlands - opportunity was taken by Members to ascertain the penalties available for breaches of Tree Preservation Orders.

Chapter Nine - Shopping Advertisement and Town Centres

Policy SAT1 - Shopping Areas
Policy SAT2 - Prime Shopping Frontages
Policy SAT3 - Secondary Shopping Areas
Policy SAT4 - Local Shops

Members considered that these Policies should remain unchanged except for Policy SAT3 which should be reconsidered in the light of unfavourable appeal decisions, but that the boundaries of the areas involved in each case as shown on the Proposals Maps and Town Centre Maps should be reviewed.

Policies SAT7 to SAT10 - Advertisements

The Working Party regarded these Policies as necessary in their present form and saw it as advantageous to seek the designation of the Conservation Areas in particular Rochford, as areas of special control under the Advertisement Regulations 1989.

Policies SAT14 and SAT15 - Office Development

It was noted that this Policy needed to be reviewed in the light of the 1987 Use Classes Order and that to avoid town centres becoming uninhabited at night attempts should be made to encourage and retain residential uses at first floor level.

Policy SAT18 - Land North of the Market Square, Rochford

Members were mindful that when this Policy had been drafted originally there had appeared to be some potential for car parking provision on this site but accepted that prospect was now remote and the Policy should be deleted.

Policy SAT19 - Rochford Station Forecourt

Conversely this area which had formerly been seen as having potential for office development had since been given over to car parking. The Policy was therefore no longer appropriate and the Rochford Town Centre Plan needed to be updated.

Policy SAT20 - Rochford Council Depot

This Policy had been implemented in full and could be deleted.

The remaining Policies in this Chapter were considered to be still relevant and not requiring alteration. Members noted also that the future of Rochford Hospital was currently the subject of discussion and in view of the importance of this town centre site considered that action should be taken to ascertain its likely future in the timescale of the Local Plan.

RECOMMENDED (1) That the Policies contained within Chapter Six - Leisure and Tourism - be dealt with as follows:-

- (i) That Policy LTl be amended to take account of the sites that have been acquired and to provide for a new site at South Fambridge.
- (ii) That Policy LTll be reworded so as to permit some limited expansion of boating facilities in the District.
- (1i1) That Policies LT13 and LT14 be amended by deletion of reference to "Anglian Water" and the substitution of "the National Rivers Authority".
- (iv) That the remaining Policies otherwise continue unaltered.
- (2) That the Policies contained within Chapter Seven Urban Conservation be dealt with as follows:-
- (i) That Policy UC5 be amended to clarify the respective requirements of listed building and conservation area consent for demolition.
- (ii) That the remaining Policies continue unaltered.
- (3) That the Policies contained within Chapter Eight Rural Conservation be dealt with as follows:-
- (1) That Policy RC2 be amended so as to read

THERE WILL BE A PRESUMPTION AGAINST ANY DEVELOPMENT WHICH WOULD ADVERSELY AND MATERIALLY AFFECT AREAS WHICH ARE DESIGNATED AS SITES OF SPECIAL SCIENTIFIC INTEREST.

(ii) That Policy RC3 be amended so as to read

WITHIN THE DISTRICT OF ROCHFORD GENERALLY AND WITHIN THE ROACH VALLEY CONSERVATION ZONE AND COAST NATURE CONSERVANCY ZONE IN PARTICULAR AS IDENTIFIED ON PROPOSALS MAPS A, B AND E DEVELOPMENT PREJUDICIAL TO THE RETENTION AND MANAGEMENT OF IMPORTANT WILDLIFE HABITATS AND THEIR INTER-RELATIONSHIPS WILL NORMALLY BE REFUSED.

(iii) That Policy RC5 be amended so as to read

WITHIN THE SPECIAL LANDSCAPE AREAS IDENTIFIED ON THE PROPOSALS MAPS A AND B, IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER POLICIES SET OUT ELSEWHERE IN THIS WRITTEN STATEMENT, THERE WILL BE A PRESUMPTION AGAINST DEVELOPMENT UNLESS ITS LOCATION, SITING, DESIGN, MATERIALS AND LANDSCAPING ACCORD WITH THE CHARACTER OF THE AREA IN WHICH THE DEVELOPMENT IS PROPOSED.

- (iv) That the remaining Policies continue unaltered.
- (4) That the Policies contained within Chapter Nine Shopping Advertisement and Town Centres be dealt with as follows:-
- (1) That no alteration be made to Policy SATI, but that the boundaries of the Shopping Areas on the Proposals Maps be reviewed.
- (ii) That no alteration be made to Policy SAT2, but that the boundaries of the Prime Shopping Frontages on the Town Centre Maps be reviewed.
- (iii) That Policy SAT3 be reconsidered in the light of unfavourable appeal decisions and that the boundaries of the Secondary Shopping Areas of the Town Centre Maps be reviewed.
- (iv) That no alteration be made to Policy SAT4, subject to a review of the Local Shopping Parades to be included on the Proposals Maps.
- (v) That no alteration be made to Policies SAT7 to SAT10, but that the feasibility of designating the Conservation Areas in the District as areas of special control be investigated.
- (vi) That Policies SAT14 and SAT15 be reviewed in the light of the 1987 Use Classes Order and of the desirability of retaining residential uses in town centres.
- (vii) That Policies SAT18, SAT19 and SAT20 be deleted and the area of Rochford Station Forecourt be allocated for car parking on the Rochford Town Centre Plan.
- (viii) That the remaining Policies continue unaltered.
- (5) That discussions be continued with the Health Authority and the County Council regarding the future of the Rochford Hospital/Social Services Site as it may affect the current review of the Local Plan.

111. CAR PARKING STUDY

The Secretary to the Council reported that this Study had been referred to the Working Party for consideration by the Development Services Committee with the concurrence of the Policy & Resources Committee and advised the basis on which it was proposed to proceed to deal with it.

RECOMMENDED That arrangements be made accordingly. (SEC)

112. REVIEW OF CAR PARKING STANDARDS

The Director of Development reported on two areas which were seen as requiring attention, namely:-

(i) Office Development

Members noted an amendment to the standard relating to office development which had been adopted by the Essex Planning Officers' Association and it was

RECOMMENDED That the revised car parking standard for office development adopted by the Essex Planning Officers' Association be incorporated in the Local Plan. (2081)(DD)

(i1) Residential Estates

Arising out of consultation on the Matchbox site development it was seen as desirable as part of the review process to undertake, by means of a questionnaire, a household survey of certain residential estates within the District to ascertain the adequacy of the current residential car parking standards.

RECOMMENDED That a residential car parking survey be carried out as indicated above and a further report be made thereon in due course. (2081)(DD)

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DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE - 29TH MARCH 1990

MINUTES OF THE DISTRICT PLAN WORKING PARTY

At a Meeting held on 7th March 1990.

Present: Councillors D.C. Wood (Chairman), B.A. Crick, T. Fawell, Miss B.G.J. Lovett, R.A. Pearson, S.A. Skinner, Mrs L. Walker and D.A. Weir.

Visiting: Councillor I.R. Godfrey.

Apologies: Councillors P.A. Beckers, J.A. Gibson, A.J. Harvey and P.F.A. Webster.

113. CAR PARKING STUDY - ROCHFORD TOWN CENTRE

Members had before them the Car Parking Study which had been issued in January and were advised by the Solicitor that the purpose of the Study was through consideration of the problems of car parking control, to provide a foundation for the development of a positive parking policy within the District. It was noted that other bodies had a significant role to play in the implementation of such a policy but the District Council needed to be the catalyst that brought such a policy into being. The Working Party endorsed that approach and asked that it be extended to other areas where problems existed, the vicinity of Rayleigh Station and the centre of Great Wakering being identified as the next locations for study.

In considering that section of the Study dealing with the Rochford Town Centre, the Working Party accepted that there was a need to control on-street parking and to provide additional off-street parking. They noted the potential for the expansion of Back Lane Car Park both by bringing into use an area on the southern boundary which had previously been earmarked for expansion by Canewdon Consultants, but was most unlikely now to be required for that purpose and by investigating the possibility of demolishing the public conveniences within the northern section of the Car Park and adjacent to Back Another area with potential for long term parking lay to the Lane. of the Freight House, although some Members reservations that its siting was too isolated to be attractive to motorists who wished to park as close as possible to Reference was also made to the Health Authority's intention of introducing a charge for parking within the grounds of Rochford Hospital which it was considered should be on par with the fees in operation elsewhere within the town.

Turning to the question of the Market Square and West , Street, some Members did not favour pedestrianisation but the Working Party were mindful that Policy SAT17 of the Local Plan acknowledged the need to achieve a better balance between the needs of vehicles and pedestrians in those locations and considered that endeavours should be made to that end.

The prospects for achieving an improvement were seen as partially dependent on the outcome of the discussions on the future of the hospital site and it was agreed that recommendations (iv) and (vi) should be amalgamated and amended to reflect those factors. In considering recommendation (vii) regarding the District—wide recommendations contained in the final section the Working Party concurred with the suggestion of a Member that reference should also be made to the need to improve lighting in the Car Parks and it was agreed that recommendation (v) of that section should be amended accordingly.

<u>RECOMMENDED</u> (1) That the remainder of Back Lane Car Park be—surfaced and brought into use as soon as possible and the possibility of demolishing and relocating the public conveniences adjacent to—Back Lane be investigated.

- (2) That the Officers liaise with British Rail on the possibility of the remaining land adjacent to Rochford Station car park to the rear of Freight House being surfaced and brought into use as soon as possible to provide an extension to the station car park, with a pedestrian link being provided.
- (3) That an investigation be undertaken into the possibility of developing an area of land to the west of Rochford Station to provide additional long-term parking.
- (4) That there be immediate liaison with the Southend Health Authority to arrive at a solution for car parking within the Rochford Hospital Grounds and to achieve a better access to West Street in accordance with Policy SAT17 of the Rochford District Local Plan.
- (5) That the Officers liaise with the County Highways Department and the Police in order to develop an on-street parking policy for the town
- (6) That agreement be negotiated to bring key sites into pay and display management.
- (7) That negotiations be commenced with British Rail for the creation of a joint policy on the use of their car parks or for this Authority to take over the management of all Station car parks in the District.
- (8) That environmental works be continued in the car parks.
- (9) That consideration be given to possible alternative use of the car parks out of key hours.
- (10) That the possible improvement of signposting and lighting to car parks be investigated.
- (11) That there should be close co-operation between the District Council, the Parish Councils, Essex County Council and statutory bodies to ensure that the measures taken meet with the local needs of the community and are in accordance with general highway policy and enforceable by law but in particular with a view to the creation of a positive car parking policy.

(12) That further reports be prepared on the remaining residential areas within the District outside the three town centres of Rochford, Rayleigh and Hockley with a particular view to the introduction of environmental improvements, especially with regard to control of on-street car parking.

114. HINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 21st February 1990 were approved as a correct record.

115. FUTURE DEVELOPMENT: ETHELDORE AVENUE/NOOD AVENUE, HOCKLEY

NOTE: Councillors T. Fawell and I.R. Godfrey declared a non-pecuniary interest in this subject by virtue of ownership of land in proximity to this site but remained in the Meeting and participated in the discussion and in Councillor Fawell's case the voting thereon.

The Director of Development reported on the nature of this area which was scheduled for release for housing post 1995 and on the advantages of preparing a comprehensive development scheme together with the associated extinguishment of highway rights. Some Members expressed the opinion that the Council should not invoke compulsory purchase powers to facilitate development but the Working Party were mindful that one of the purposes of this power was to enable proper planning of an area and that this would enable the Authority to control the form of the development.

<u>RECOMMENDED</u> That the following policy requiring the comprehensive redevelopment of the Etheldore Avenue/Wood Avenue housing site be included in Chapter Two of the Rochford District Local Plan.

DEVELOPMENT OF THE ETHELDORE AVENUE/NOOD AVENUE HOUSING SITE WILL BE IN THE FORM OF A COMPREHENSIVE REDEVELOPMENT SCHEME. THE LOCAL PLANNING AUTHORITY WILL CONSIDER THE USE OF COMPULSORY PURCHASE POWERS IN ORDER TO ENSURE THAT THE DEVELOPMENT WILL BE ABLE TO PROCEED POST 1995 AND WILL PREPARE A DETAILED DESIGN BRIEF TO GUIDE THE FORM AND CHARACTER OF THE DEVELOPMENT.

(2081) (DD)

116. SOUTH FAMBRIDGE VILLAGE PLAN QUESTIONNAIRE

Members had before them the report of the Director of Development setting out the results of the questionnaire survey that had been undertaken following the public meeting on 30th November 1989.

RECOMMENDED That the results of the questionnaire survey of the South Fambridge Village residents be noted and borne in mind when formulating any new policies and proposals for the settlement in the review of the Local Plan. (2081) (DD)

117. ROCHFORD DISTRICT LOCAL PLAN REVIEW

(1) Chapter 10 - Public Utilities, Health and Social Services

The Director of Development reported on the final chapter of the Local Plan which related to services provided and controlled by bodies other than the Council and Members accepted that any changes to this section of the Local Plan in terms of policies or land allocations must be subject to consultation with the provider of the services concerned. The Working Party concurred with the suggestion of a Member that the Post Office should be encouraged to provide postal collection facilities within new developments and asked for reference to that body to be included.

<u>RECOMMENDED</u> That consultations be carried out with the public utility, social, health, education postal and community services in the District to ascertain their requirements in terms of policies and land provision for incorporation in the review of the Local Plan. (2081) (DD).

(11) Rebuild or Extension of Existing Dwellings in the Metropolitan Green Belt

Arising out of a request made at an earlier Meeting the Director of Development reported that a review had been undertaken of Policy 686 regarding extensions to dwellings in the Green Belt by reference to both Essex Structure Plan Policy S9 and the rate of success of appeal decisions. Members were satisfied that it was workable and reasonably well supported on appeal particularly in defending the erection of completely new dwellings without an agricultural or related justification. They accepted however that it could be advantageous to provide for the rebuild of existing dwellings in the Green Belt.

<u>RECOMMENDED</u> That Policy 686 remain unaltered but that a new policy be prepared to allow, subject to stringent conditions, the re-build of existing dwellings in the Green Belt. (2081) (DD)

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DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE - 29TH MARCH 1990

MINUTES OF THE DISTRICT PLAN WORKING PARTY

At a Meeting held on 19th March 1990, Present Councillors D.C Wood (Chairman), B A. Crick, Mrs E M Hart, Miss B G.J. Lovett, R.A. Pearson, S.A Skinner, Mrs L Walker and P F.A Webster.

Visiting by Invitation, Councillors C.J B Faherty and I.R. Godfrey.

Apologies Councillor J A. Gibson

118. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 7th March 1990 were agreed as a correct record.

119. CAR PARKING STUDY - HOCKLEY TOWN CENTRE

The Working Party considered that section of the Car Parking Study dealing with Hockley Town Centre, and identified the following factors as contributing to the current problems:-

- (i) that the Council car park in Southend Road was not sufficiently close to the shopping centre and that inadequate alternative parking facilities were available in Spa Road.
- (ii) that the Gateway Supermarket car park was inadequately marked and that its use by delivery lorries and careless parking on the access road was a source of conflict
- (iii) that the unrestricted roads around the railway station were used by commuters for all-day parking for which reason many local residents with garages and/or private drives preferred instead to park their cars on the roadway outside their property

In considering whether there was scope to provide an alternative Council car park the possibility of relocating the existing Parish Rooms and adjacent church did not commend itself to the Working Party as a viable option and it was agreed that this should not be pursued connection it was noted that the level of use of the Council car park had increased over the last twelve months probably in consequence of the provision of a new Doctors Surgery within it It seemed to the Working Party that it would be preferable to retain the existing car park, to seek agreement for day-time use of the adjacent facility at the rear of the Indian restaurant and to look for the provision of additional car parking space adjacent to the shops in Spa Road potential existed subject to the County Council's approval and to ownership of the frontages involved to construct additional car parking spaces for short-stay purposes on the wide pavement on the northern side of Spa Road notwithstanding the gradient which was within permitted tolerances. Reference was made in that respect to the need to have regard to access for disabled persons who had great difficulty in negotiating Spa Road at present

The Working Party also accepted that it would be beneficial to seek to manage the Gateway car park and to enlarge that facility by the acquisition of adjoining land although that could be dependent upon the co-operation of existing owners. A Member saw the ideal solution as lying in a service road behind the northern shopping precinct providing a one-way link from Bramerton Road to Eldon Way with associated car parking facilities but it was accepted that the cost could be prohibitive and that the differing land levels involved would also militate against realisation. Another Member identified bank premises with car parking facilities which had been designated as private although the planning permission probably conditioned their provision for the public.

Turning to the problem of commuter parking Members noted that the County Council were resistant to the provision of double yellow lines which would in any case merely drive the problem elsewhere unless additional off-street parking facilities could be provided. It was however open to the District Council to introduce and administer residents' parking schemes the effect of which would be to prevent indiscriminate parking. The Working Party expressed their support in principle for that concept, subject to the cost involved to participating residents and to the introduction of such a scheme on a pilot basis following local consultation. They saw the need also to persuade British Rail to bring into commission additional land in their ownership which could be made available for car parking purposes.

Finally it was acknowledged that the success of any parking strategy would be dependent upon the co-operation of the Police in ensuring that action was taken against persistent offenders

- <u>RECOMMENDED</u> (1) That consultation take place with Essex County Council to facilitate the construction of additional car parking spaces on the wide pavement on the northern side of Spa Road, that the short-term spaces on the south side of the road be retained and that a time limit be set for the use of these spaces at a level that will allow for a rapid turnround in vehicles
- (2) That negotiations be opened with Gateway Supermarkets for the District Council to manage their existing car park and that endeavours be made for the Council to acquire the adjoining land to enlarge this facility
- (3) That agreement be given in principle to the concept of a residents' parking scheme and that subject to the cost thereof to participants, the approval of the Essex County Council and the outcome of consultation with the residents concerned arrangements be made for the introduction of such a scheme in a selected area on a pilot basis
- (4) That no further action be taken on the feasibility of resiting the existing Parish Rooms and adjacent Church.
- (5) That an agreement be sought with the owner of the restaurant land adjoining Southend Road car park for that land to be utilised during the daytime to provide an extension to the existing car parking facilities

20 REVIEW OF THE LOCAL PLAN

(i) Conversion of Redundant Farm Buildings (Minute 108)

Arising out of the revision of Planning Policy Guidance Note No. 7 'The Countryside and the Rural Economy' - which the Working Party had
considered at their February Meeting, the Director of Development reported
that it would be desirable to amend Policy GB4 of the Local Plan so as
to have regard to the new guidelines. Members noted that the existing
Policy provided for redundant farm buildings listed as being of special
architectural or historic interest to be converted but only for use as
dwellings. The new guidelines provided for other uses to be considered
also for redundant farm buildings generally and the Working Party in
accepting that concept were reassured to note that it would be the
intention to incorporate a number of criteria as to location, condition,
type and proposed use into a revision of Policy GB4 so as to ensure that
relaxation did not undermine the aims of Green Belt policy.

<u>RECOMMENDED</u> That Policy GB4 be amended to provide, subject to the inclusion of the criteria mentioned above, for the conversion to suitable alternative uses of redundant farm buildings within the Green Belt. (2081) (DD)

(ii) Policy TP15 - Car Parking Standards (Minute 104)

As requested by the Development Services Committee at their last Meeting in connection with the Minutes of the Working Party held on 6th December 1989 the Director of Development clarified that the intention of the proposed amendment to Policy TP15 which related to car parking standards was to simplify the current policy and facilitate the incorporation into the Local Plan of any future agreed amendments to local or County standards

RECOMMENDED That Policy TP15 be amended to read as follows .-

'IN CONSIDERING APPLICATIONS FOR NEW DEVELOPMENT, THE COUNCIL WILL REQUIRE PROVISION OF CAR PARKING SPACES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STANDARDS SET OUT IN APPENDICES 1 AND 2 AND CONTAINED IN INDIVIDUAL POLICIES, AS MAY BE AMENDED FROM TIME TO TIME' (2081) (DD)

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE - 29TH MARCH 1990

MINUTES OF THE ROACH VALLEY CONSERVATION ZONE GROUP OF REPRESENTATIVES

At a Meeting Held on 8th March 1990

Present

Council Side: Councillors R.S. Allen, Mrs. L. Walker, D.A Weir and D.C Wood (Chairman)

Representatives: Mr. M. Astor

Mrs. R.H. Francis Mr. R A. Gibson

Mrs. H Glynn

Mr L.W. Jessen

Miss J. MacConnell

Mr. J.M.N. Rankin

Mr. H Smith Miss D. Sparrow Mr. J. A Squier

Mr M. Wright

- ex RVCZ Working Group - Rochford Parish Council

- Great Wakering Parish Council

- Hawkwell Parish Council

- Council for the Protection of Rural Essex

- South East Essex Natural History

Society

- Country Landowners' Association

- H.O.R.S.E.

- Essex Naturalist Trust - National Farmers' Union - Canewdon Parish Council

Apologies for Absence: Mr. N. Drayton-Thomas and Mr D Twells

70. MEMBERSHIP OF THE GROUP

The Chairman advised the Group that Mr. P.G Philpott who represented the National Farmers Union had resigned and that the Secretary of that Union had been advised to enable a replacement representative to be nominated if so desired.

71. MINUTES

On Minute 64 - Emergency Centre in Hockley Woods - a Member was assured that the radio link would be provided by way of telescopic aerials.

Resolved that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 28th November 1989 be approved as a correct record.

72. FLOOD PRECAUTIONS

The Chairman welcomed Mr. C. Ramsden the District Engineer for the National Rivers Authority who advised the representatives on flood precautions with particular reference to the River Roach and answered their questions on the subject. Concern was expressed at the lack of resources available to adequately maintain the sea walls and the need for urgent action to improve matters.

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Mr. Ramsden made available a copy of 'Who's Who in the Anglian Region' and the Chairman asked that arrangements be made to secure further copies for Council use. In response to a question from the Chairman about the Roach Strategy Report to which he had made reference Mr. Ramsden indicated that a formal request would need to be made to the National Rivers Authority to enable a copy to be supplied to the Council.

It was noted that the National Rivers Authority would be holding a Seminar at Snape Maltings, Suffolk and the Chairman asked that more information be supplied to enable the Council to consider whether a representative should attend. In that connection a Member advised that the Essex Naturalist Trust would be holding a Seminar at the Freight House on 16th October 1990 if Members of the Group wished to attend

The Chairman thanked Mr Ramsden on behalf of the Group for attending the Meeting.

73. OUTLINE APPLICATION TO CONSTRUCT GOLF COURSE WITH CLUBHOUSE FACILITIES AND NEW ACCESS ROAD, GUSTED HALL, GUSTED HALL LANE, HAWKWELL

At the request of the Group the Director of Development reported with the aid of plans on the outline application which had been submitted to construct a Golf Course with Clubhouse facilities at the above location and that at the present stage the applicant was seeking approval for the siting of the Clubhouse and means of access to the proposed Golf Course

The consensus of opinion was that the Planning Services Committee should be informed that the Group was strongly opposed to development of any kind within the Roach Valley Conservation Zone, but that if the Committee were minded to grant approval to the outline application then conditions should be incorporated to provide that the Clubhouse should be of a minimal size and ancillary to the Golf Course and that any planting which took place should be native to the surrounding area

<u>RECOMMENDED</u> That the Planning Services Committee be advised of the above (DD)

73. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Chairman advised the Group of the arrangements which had been agreed by the Development Services Committee for advising them of planning applications within the Zone.

74. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

A Member informed the Group that the Prittle Brook which ran behind Purdeys Industrial Estate was unsightly at that point due to the accumulation of refuse from two adjacent stores and the Chairman asked that the appropriate Council Department be advised accordingly.

In response to a request from a Member for details of a planning application in respect of Broomhills, Stambridge Road the Chairman advised that the applicant was Canewdon Consultants, gave brief site details and informed the Group that the Planning Services Committee would consider the application at its Meeting in April.

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