
ROCHFORD DISTRICT LOCAL PLAN - AMENDMENT TO THE LEISURE AND TOURISM CHAPTER

1 SUMMARY

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

2 THE CHAPTER

- 2.1 It has been noted recently that duplication exists within the Housing and Leisure and Tourism chapters of the Replacement Local Plan. This is with regard to policies HP22 (Caravan Parks for Mobile Homes) and LT22 (Static Holiday Caravan Parks).

- 2.2 Policy HP22 states:

"Planning applications for new caravan parks and applications for extensions to existing sites as shown on the Proposals Map will be refused."

- 2.3 Policy LT22 states:

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

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

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

- 2.4 The solution to resolve this duplication is to remove policy box LT22. The actual text justifying the policy makes no reference to it and refers the reader to the housing chapter policy. The appendix to this report shows how the section would be altered.

3 CONCLUSION

- 3.1 The amendment to the Leisure and Tourism chapter removes unwarranted duplication from the Replacement Local Plan. Although the contribution made is small, government guidance is to reduce the bulk of plans where possible and to remove duplication. This amendment will be concordant with this approach.

4 RECOMMENDATION

- 4.1 It is recommended:

That draft Policy LT22 be omitted from the Rochford District Replacement Local Plan. (HPS)

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