

## **NOTICE OF POLICY DECISIONS**

The Environmental Services Committee made the following decisions at its meeting on 11 November 2003:-

### **Item**

### **Decision**

#### **Draft Consultation On New Planning Policy Statement 7 (Pps7) – Sustainable Development In Rural Areas**

(Minute 512/03)

That, subject to the following comments from Members, this report forms the basis of the Council's response to the ODPM consultation paper on draft Planning Policy Statement 7 – Sustainable Development in Rural Areas.

- It was a matter of concern that general proposals could result in widespread development in Green Belt areas.
- The proposed policy takes no account of the problems associated with the flood plain in the Rochford District.
- The proposed replacement of existing buildings in villages could lead to development around villages and hamlets, which could contravene Green Belt policy.
- The annex providing policy criteria for new occupational dwellings in the countryside could result in a wide mandate for large, residential dwellings.
- It was perceived that the support for sustainable rural tourism and leisure proposals within the proposed policy was positive, particularly with respect to farms and stables offering riding holidays. (HPS)

#### **Safety Issues Concerning Above Ground Storage Of LPG At Petrol Filling Stations**

(Minute 513/03)

That representatives from Essex County Council Trading Standards be invited to make a presentation to a meeting of this Committee and that all Members of the Council be invited to attend. (HHHCC)

The above decisions will come into force, and may then be implemented, on the expiry of five working days after the publication of this Notice, unless referred to Full Council by a minimum of 3 Members or called in by an Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

**Signed** .....  
Head of Administrative and Member Services

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