

PRESENTATION OF PETITION PURSUANT TO PROCEDURE RULE 11

1 PETITION

- 1.1 Pursuant to Council Procedure Rule 11 a petition has been received from The Rochford Supporters containing 1842 signatures, 1665 of which are electronic and 177 are on a hard copy of the petition, which meets the required threshold of 1,500 signatures for debate at Council. The detail of the petition is as follows:-
- 1.2 Title: Please register your vote of 'no confidence' in Rochford District Council.
- 1.3 **Petition Overview:** Please register your vote of 'no confidence' in Rochford District Council because the required formal review of the Core Strategy, the document that sets out the overall strategy for the future housing development of the District, has not been undertaken with due diligence by the Council.
- 1.4 With insufficient investment in new infrastructure this has already resulted in unsustainable over-development and if continued will cause material economic damage to the Rochford District and many aspects of the lives of residents. For formal debate by the Council.
- 1.5 The petition can be found on the Council's website at:-
<https://rochford.cmis.uk.com/rochford/E-Petitions/tabid/90/ID/37/Please-register-your-vote-of-NO-CONFIDENCE-in-Rochford-District-Council.aspx>

2 PROCEDURE

Presentation by Petition Organiser

- 2.1 In accordance with Procedure Rules set out in Part 5 of the Council's Constitution relating to Petitions, the petition organiser or their representative will be given five minutes to present the petition. The points covered in the presentation of the Petition are set out in Appendix 1.

Debate

- 2.2 Members will have a maximum of 15 minutes to debate the Petition. Debate should be directed to action required by the petition. The petition relates to matters that fall within the District Council's remit.
- 2.3 At the end of the debate the petition organiser will be given the opportunity to sum up for a maximum of 1 minute, if they wish.

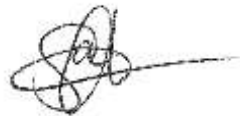
Response Following Debate

2.4 Following debate the Council will decide how to respond to the petition. It has the following options:-

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

Notification of Response

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



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Background Papers:-

None.

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Presentation of the petition by Mr David Miles

Petition Overview:

Please register your vote of 'no confidence' in Rochford District Council.

Introduction

- There is widespread concern from residents throughout Rochford District that the Core Strategy has led to unsustainable over-development. The local infrastructure (and most especially highways) is not coping with the development completed so far, let alone those sites for which planning permission is due to be submitted before 2025.
- This has led to a vote of no confidence petition in Rochford District Council in this petition.
- The Council intends for the Core Strategy to be simply taken forward, unchanged, into a new Local Plan 2017 to 2037.
- The Council does not expect the new Local Plan to be adopted until 2023 at the earliest.
- This date, 12 years after the adoption of the Core Strategy certainly does not fulfil the legal requirement for an early review as was legally required by Planning Inspector, Laura Graham.
- Had the Council undertaken such a review then the findings of Aecom could also have been taken into account (Growth and Infrastructure Framework (GIF)) for Rochford District.
- The Council would then have had to re-consider the sustainability of the Core Strategy.
- Since the early review of the Core Strategy has not been undertaken and has been unilaterally ignored by the Council this has led to planning decisions being made which are detrimental to residents and will be exacerbated if the SER8 is approved in a planning application.