

LOCAL PLAN REPRESENTATIONS & SECOND DEPOSIT

1 SUMMARY

- 1.1 The Rochford District Replacement Local Plan (First Deposit Draft) was placed on deposit during July and August 2003. Meetings of the Environment Overview & Scrutiny Committee have considered modifications to the Plan and the details are explained in this report.
- 1.2 The preparation of a Local Plan is a statutory function for the Authority.

2 INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 The Environment Overview & Scrutiny Committee met on 20 November, 25 November and 17 December to consider the representations received to the Plan. A document detailing all the proposed modifications has been placed in the Members' Library at Rayleigh and Members' Room at Rochford.
- 2.2 Appendix 1 to this report details the recommendations made by the Environment Overview & Scrutiny Committee at its meetings in November and December.
- 2.3 If approved, the relevant adopted recommendations made to each policy, paragraph, map or omission will be communicated to those who made representations. They will also be available for inspection in the Council offices and on the Council's website, as well as being made available for purchase.
- 2.4 The recommendations, together with minor amendments arising from drafting errors and improvements, will form the basis of the Rochford District Replacement Local Plan (Second Deposit Draft). The revised deposit will include text and images showing clearly where changes have been made between the first and second drafts.

3 CONCLUSION

- 3.1 The first deposit stage demonstrated the need for a number of changes to the Rochford District Replacement Local Plan (First Deposit Draft). Such changes have been recommended for inclusion in the preparation of a Rochford District Replacement Local Plan (Second Deposit Draft) and will make this a more robust, defensible, comprehensive and user-friendly plan.

4 RECOMMENDATION

4.1 It is proposed that the Committee **RESOLVES**

- (1) That the proposed modifications to the Rochford District Replacement Local Plan (First Deposit Draft) be approved and that a Rochford District Replacement Local Plan (Second Deposit Draft) be prepared and placed on deposit.
- (2) That details of all representations and the Council's response to the same be sent to all who made such representations and displayed in the Council offices and on the Council's website.
- (3) That authority be delegated to the Head of Planning Services to approve minor amendments to the Rochford District Replacement Local Plan (Second Deposit Draft) as may be required to ensure the accuracy of the published plan. (HPS)

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Background Papers:

None

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