

Chapter 3

Rural Issues

CORPORATE OBJECTIVES

The following Corporate Objectives are relevant to the delivery of the planning objectives related to rural issues explained in this chapter of the Local Plan:

- To promote a green and sustainable environment;
- To encourage a thriving local community;
- To improve the quality of life for people in the district; and
- To maintain and enhance the local heritage and culture

PLANNING OBJECTIVES

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| R1 | To prevent the further expansion of the built-up areas of adjacent districts. |
| R2 | To prevent the process of coalescence of the settlements within Rochford District with Southend-on-Sea or settlements in adjacent districts. |
| R3 | To prevent the process of coalescence of the towns and villages within Rochford District. |
| R4 | To preserve the character of the historic towns of Rochford and Rayleigh, and the villages of Great Wakering, Canewdon, Paglesham Eastend and Paglesham Churchend. |
| R5 | To promote the process of urban regeneration in settlements within Rochford District and within the urban areas of neighbouring districts. |
| R6 | To prevent creeping, incremental and cumulative development, such as garden extensions and residential extensions that are detrimental to the green belt and the rural environment more generally. |
| R7 | To enable modest new dwellings and other buildings to be constructed that are required for agriculture and forestry, subject to a proven need. |
| R8 | To encourage the re-use and adaptation of existing rural buildings and agricultural diversification. |
| R9 | To ensure that there is adequate burial space throughout the district for the duration of the plan. |

RELEVANT LOCAL PLAN SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING GUIDANCE

LPSPG3 – Rural Settlement Areas

READING LIST AND USEFUL LINKS

3.52 In preparing the policies and proposals in this chapter of the local plan account has been taken of the advice and guidance in a wide range of documents and publications. A list of these is provided below together with details of links to

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organisations that provide useful information about employment development on the web.

DOCUMENTS

PPG2 (Green Belts)

PPG7 (The Countryside - Environmental Quality and Economic and Social Development)

Essex and Southend-on-Sea Replacement Structure Plan (2001)

WEBSITES

Countryside Agency - <http://www.countryside.gov.uk>

Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs - <http://www.defra.gov.uk/>

London Green Belt Council - <http://website.lineone.net/~greenbelt/index.htm#North>

Office of the Deputy Prime Minister - <http://www.odpm.gov.uk>

Royal Town Planning Institute - <http://rtpi.org.uk>