

## HALL ROAD CEMETERY EXTENSION

### 1 SUMMARY

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek Members' views on an extension to the Hall Road Cemetery, Rochford, 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 CEMETERY EXTENSION BOUNDARY

- 2.1 Members will be aware that an extension policy (R13) was included in the Rural Issues chapter of the local plan that was approved at the Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2002 (minute reference 246). This policy states that:

**"Allocation is made for the extension of the existing cemetery in Hall Road, Rochford, as indicated on Proposals Map [insert number]."**

- 2.2 In order for members to be fully aware of the implications of this policy, it is considered prudent for them to examine a map showing the land affected by the proposal. This will show the boundary of the land affected, as will be defined on the proposals map for the Rochford District Local Plan Second Review. It can be found in Appendix 1 to this report.
- 2.3 The existing cemetery is likely to be full in approximately 20 years. An extension of the site will enable the Council to fulfil its long-term planning needs in respect of cemeteries. The Local Plan also has another policy (R14), which provides policy advice with respect to the creation or extension of other cemeteries.

### 3 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 It is expected that the acquisition of the land will be by way of negotiation, and it is thought unlikely that compulsory purchase will be required.

#### **4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1** The acquisition of the land for the extension to the cemetery will need to be included in the capital programme in due course. As a guide though, the proposed extension to the cemetery is 3 hectares (7.5 acres), and at an agricultural land value of £2,000 per acre, the cost of acquisition would be of the order of £15,000.

#### **5 RECOMMENDATION**

**It is recommended:**

That, subject to Members comments, the proposed extension to the Hall Road cemetery be added to the Proposals Map for the Replacement Local Plan. (HPS)

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**Background Papers:** None

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APPENDIX ONE




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Map of the Hall Road Cemetery  
extension (policy R13)

 Hall Road Cemetery  
Extension (policy R13)

Site area = 3 hectares (7.5 acres)

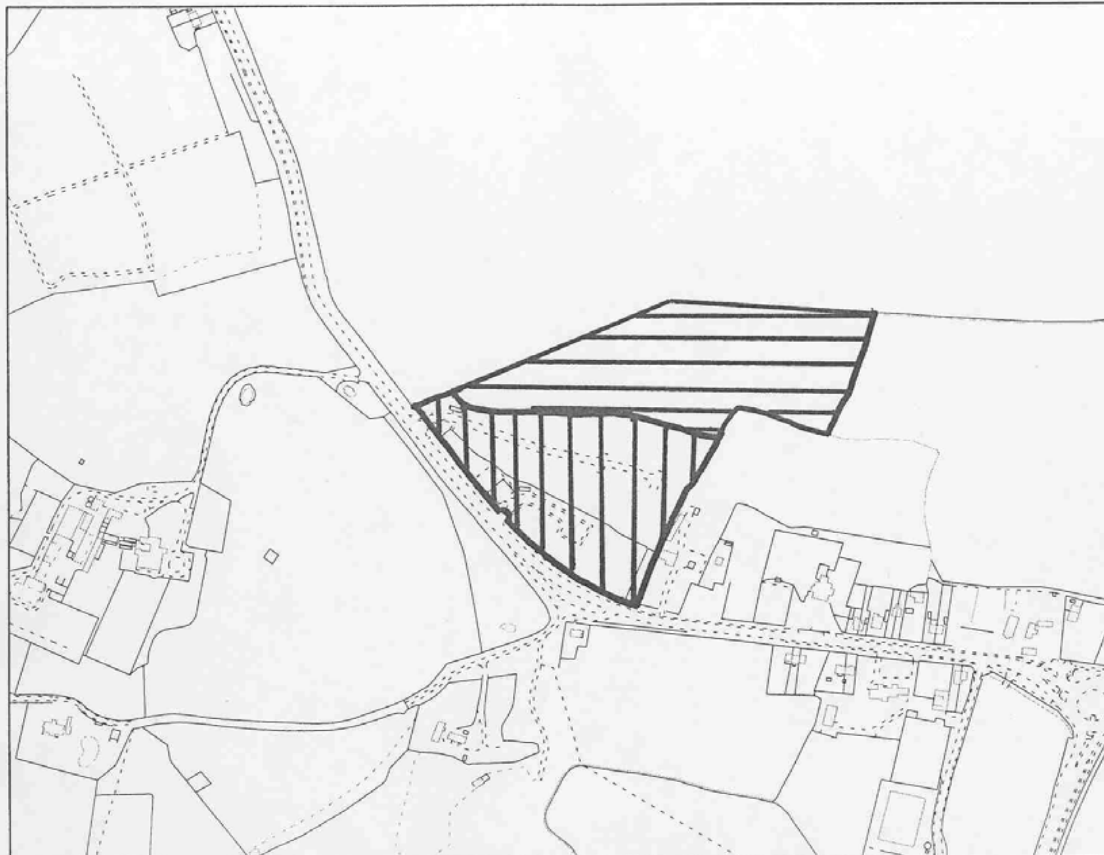
 Existing cemetery



North

Scale = 1:5,000

Map for the Environment  
Overview & Scrutiny Committee  
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