

## **SECOND DEPOSIT PHASE OF THE ROCHFORD DISTRICT REPLACEMENT LOCAL PLAN**

### **1 SUMMARY**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to inform Members as to the general nature of the representations received with regard to the Second 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 INTRODUCTION**

- 2.1 The Plan was placed on statutory deposit for a period of six weeks from Monday 24 May 2004. The statutory deposit period ended on Monday, 5 July 2004. No responses have been received following this date.
- 2.2 46 parties made representations to the plan. Appendix 1 shows a summary of the representations duly made and divides them into those in support of the plan and those objecting to it.
- 2.3 The greatest areas of interest related to the Metropolitan Green belt boundary and requests for sites to be designated for residential purposes. Many representations were removed during this process and compliments were paid in respect of the improvements to the proposals maps. Large numbers of representations have been withdrawn by the Essex Wildlife Trust (EWT), English Nature, English Heritage, the Environment Agency and GO-East.
- 2.4 The Second Deposit Draft of the Rochford District Replacement Local Plan has capitalised on the good base provided by the Rochford District Replacement Local Plan (First Deposit Draft). It is beginning to provide a comprehensive and up to date complement to existing adopted policies.
- 2.5 In order to report to Committee the various representations received and the proposed response to these, the representations have been dealt with in chronological order. These are presented in Appendix 2, which has been circulated separately.

### **3 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

- 3.1 There will be significant resource implications in proceeding with the local plan through its public inquiry and on to formal adoption by the Council. It is intended that a public inquiry will be held in January 2005 and a formal agreement has been reached with the Planning Inspectorate in respect of this.

**4 RECOMMENDATION**

4.1 It is proposed that the Committee **recommends** to the Environmental Services Committee

- (1) That, subject to Members' views, the response to representations received to the Rochford District Replacement Local Plan (First Deposit Draft) be as outlined in Appendix 2 to the report and that the proposed changes be incorporated in the Pre-Inquiry Draft of the Plan.
- (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 (Pre-Inquiry 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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**APPENDIX 1**

**SUMMARY OF REPRESENTATIONS RECEIVED**

<b>CONSULTEE</b>	<b>WHO</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>SUPPORT</b>	<b>OBJECTION</b>
9	Maldon DC	2	1	1
26	Powergen	2	2	0
30	Crowstone Properties	1	0	1
31	National Grid Transco	3	3	0
32	EWT	54	34	20
42	English Nature	42	27	15
60	Highways Agency	1	1	0
61	Environment Agency	33	25	8
66	ECC - Planning	1	0	1
70	Swan Hill Homes	2	0	2
73	RSPB	9	5	4
78	ECC - Schools	5	4	1
80	GO-East	104	42	62
81	Southend-on-Sea BC	13	4	9
85	Ms G Yeadell	8	2	6
89	George Wimpey (East London) Ltd	4	0	4
95	Barratt Eastern Counties	21	0	21
104	English Heritage	12	8	4
105	Westbury Homes Ltd	1	1	0
109	Baltic Wharf	1	0	1
111	Fairview New Homes	5	0	5
121	BT plc	6	0	6
128	Property Spy	1	0	1
133	House Builders Federation	5	1	4
135	Rayleigh Town Council	8	0	8
137	CPREssex	6	1	5
140	Essex Chambers of Commerce	6	0	6
143	Sport England	4	2	2
145	Rayleigh Civic Society	2	1	1
148	Ashingdon Parish Council	2	1	1
152	The Chichester PH	1	0	1
160	Mr G Marshall	2	0	2
170	Mr H Snell	1	0	1
171	Mr D Hammond	1	0	1
172	Pooles Lane residents	1	0	1

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173	JT Byford & Sons	1	0	1
175	Spencer Clive & Peter Welsh	1	0	1
176	NFU	2	0	2
179	Trustees of Edward Kingston (dcd)	1	0	1
180	Hockley Parish Council	8	2	6
184	Mr TC Harrold	1	0	1
189	Associated British Foods PLC	2	0	2
205	M Giles (Bull Lane plots)	4	0	4
207	Essex Marina	1	0	1
209	ECC (PROW)	7	0	7
210	Mr Pryor	1	0	1
211	Mr Russell	1	0	1
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>400</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>233</b>
<b>PERCENTAGES</b>		<b>100%</b>	<b>42%</b>	<b>58%</b>