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Dear Sir / Madam

**Re: Rochford District Council - Core Strategy Submission Document**

Thank you for sending a copy of the proposed submission version of the Council's Core Strategy to the Assembly.

The Regional Planning Panel Standing Committee considered a report on this matter at its meeting on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2009 before endorsing the recommendation that:

“The Rochford Core Strategy is in general conformity with the East of England Plan.”

Our detailed comments, which are set out in Appendix A of the attached report, constitute the Assembly's formal response to this consultation. Please note that in Appendix A, where regional and local policy have been cross-referenced and no comment has been made, the local policy is considered to conform to the East of England Plan. This opinion of general conformity is made in accordance with section 24(3) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, and regulation 29(2) of the Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2008.

If you have any queries concerning the content of the report or any other issue relating to conformity with the East of England Plan, please either myself or James Cutting, Team Leader: Strategy & Implementation on tel (01284) 729434 or e-mail 'james.cutting@eera.gov.uk'.

Yours faithfully



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