

## Rochford Core Strategy Examination Timeline

**14 January 2010** – The Core Strategy was submitted to the Planning Inspectorate

**March 2010** – RSS31 was agreed by the Regional Assembly and submitted to the government for approval

**11-21 May 2010** – Hearing sessions into the soundness of the Core Strategy commenced

**27 May 2010** – The Secretary of State wrote to Local Planning Authorities informing them of his intention to abolish Regional Spatial Strategies, stating that his intention to abolish Regional Spatial Strategies should be regarded as a material planning consideration

**14 June 2010** – The Inspector wrote to the Council and other Core Strategy participants inviting representations in light of the Secretary of State's actions

**6 July 2010** – The Secretary of State for the Department of Communities and Local Government issued a statement revoking Regional Spatial Strategies under s79(6) of the Local Democracy Economic Development and Construction Act 2009

**14 October 2010** – Proposed amendments to the Core Strategy (the Schedule of Changes) were approved by Council

**18 October-30 November 2010** – The proposed amendments to the Core Strategy were subject to public consultation

**10 November 2010** – The High Court determined that the revocation of Regional Spatial Strategies by the Secretary of State was unlawful

**10 November 2010** – The Secretary of State issued a statement claiming that the Court's ruling "changed very little" and that advice from the letter of 27 May 2010 still stood

**8 December 2010** – The consultation statement, produced following public consultation on the proposed amendments, was subsequently submitted to the Inspector for examination

**1-2 February 2011** – Hearing sessions to consider the proposed amendments to the Core Strategy

**7 February 2011** – The High Court ruled that Councils could regard the letter from the Secretary of State, and the intention to revoke Regional Spatial Strategies, as a material consideration

**23 March 2011** – The Government announced the Budget and issued the Written Ministerial Statement 'Planning For Growth'

**25 March 2011** – Save Historic Newmarket v. Forest Heath District Council High Court Ruling

**6 April 2011** – The Inspector wrote to the Council and other Core Strategy participants inviting representations on the implications of the Budget announcements and 'Planning For Growth' statement

**10 May 2011** – The Council wrote to the Inspector regarding the Forest Heath Court Ruling and the possibility of a review of the Sustainability Appraisal in light of this

**10 May 2011** – The Inspector wrote to the Council regarding the Sustainability Appraisal, and also clarifying her views on the implications of the Court Ruling on the Core Strategy

**11 May 2011** – Rochford District Council requested that the issuing of a decision on the soundness of the Core Strategy be delayed to enable the Council to undertake a review of the Core Strategy Sustainability Appraisal

**11 May 2011** – The Planning Inspectorate accepted the Council's request and, as such, no report from the Inspector has yet been received

**27 May 2011** – The Court of Appeal dismissed the claim that the government's intention to revoke regional strategies could never be a lawful material consideration in planning decisions. However, the Court ruled that it could not be a material consideration at all in plan-making (e.g. the preparation of Core Strategies)

**13 June-11 July 2011** – The draft Sustainability Appraisal Addendum was out to public consultation

**21 Jul 2011** – Rochford District Council agreed to request that the Core Strategy examination be suspended until December 2011

**25 Jul 2011** – The Government published the draft National Planning Policy Framework for consultation

**11 August 2011** – The Planning Inspectorate refused the Council's request to suspend examination, but has given advice on how the Core Strategy can be progressed

**31 August 2011** – Council to discuss proposed changes suggested by the inspector in the Core Strategy

### Key

<span style="color: green;">■</span>	Rochford District Council Decision / Action
<span style="color: teal;">■</span>	Inspector Decision / Action
<span style="color: blue;">■</span>	Government Decision / Action
<span style="color: purple;">■</span>	Regional Office Decision / Action
<span style="color: red;">■</span>	Court Ruling