## Statement by Spencer Welsh on behalf of Hanover Land Trust

## "A REPRESENTATION BY THE HANOVER LAND TRUST REGARDING THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE ROCHFORD DISTRICT COUNCIL CORE STRATEGY MATTERS AND ISSUES

## FOR THE INSPECTOR'S RESUMED EXAMINATION DURING FEBRUARY 2011

2) Location and supply of new homes.

a) Would the revised CS meet the requirements of PPS3, having particular regard to paragraph 33 and paragraphs 52 – 61.

The Hanover Land Trust contends that the revised CS does not meet the full requirements of PPS3 in the general sense and restricts some of the proposals highlighted under the Examining Inspector's questions a), c), and d), appertaining to the proposed new housing in south west Hullbridge under the Core Strategy Preferred Options SWH1, SWH2, SWH3 and SWH4 for the following reasons.

- 1. In the revision, the proposal for new housing in south west Hullbridge has been relegated from the Plan period 2011 2021, to the later part of the extended Plan period up to 2031.
- 2. The Council and Planning Directorate have stated "that there is an urgent need to upgrade the road junction and associated infra structure of Lower Road, Hullbridge Road and Watery Lane in conjunction with the proposed new development".

Bearing this in mind, under the Council's schedule of proposed changes this important and much needed infra – structure improvement will be deferred until 2026, delaying and unduly restricting the economic vivacity of this locality.

c) Therefore, allied with new housing requirements, The Hanover Land Trust considers the new development proposed at south west Hullbridge the subject of exceptional circumstances which justifies bringing the necessary release of greenbelt land and new development proposed in this locality forward, to an earlier implementation for the benefit of Hullbridge and the Rochford district as a whole.

## 3) Sustainability

Avoiding undue repetition, should the above suggested adjustment be made to the proposed changes to the Core Strategy revisions, The Hanover Land Trust considers this would have a positive impact on the sustainability of the locality and provide a greatly improved transport facility to the Rochford district in general as previously represented.

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