Representation by Hockley Residents Association

FAO Miss Laura Graham

I refer to your letter dated 2 August to Rochford District Council regarding the impact of the government's plans to abolish the RSS and also to your request for comments on Affordable Housing by 17 August.

Among the issues raised in your letter, you mention the impact on the greenbelt now that there no longer any necessity to meet to a higher level target. We would like to take this opportunity of reiterating resident's concerns in this regard. There has never been any consultation on the level of housing required and the council recently refused a motion by two independent councillors to conduct a study to identify the housing needs of Rochford District. We would therefore like to express our support for your proposal that there should be a further, formal consultation to address this deficiency.

With regard to the issue of Affordable Housing, we would like to express our support for Cllr Mason's letter to you dated 13 August (copy attached).

There are glaring omissions in the council's Core Strategy process which need to be addressed and we welcome your call for further consultations.

Brian Guyett Chairman, Hockley Residents Association