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Dear Miss Graham,

We have read the additional information provided by Rochford District Council at your request. You invited comments from Respondents who attended the Public Enquiry hearing on this additional information by 17.00 hrs on 28 June 2010 and this letter, sent by email to your Programme Officer at RDC complies with that request.

We are concerned about the lack of a comprehensive assessment in highway impact terms of ALL the proposed developments on the entire highway network and specifically in the "North of London Road" area. This additional information, specific to Transportation, does not provide the necessary evidence.

We are also very concerned about some the actual Locations put forward in the Core Strategy and there is no actual evidence in the Audit Trail that the Council has undertaken a detailed, objective assessment of reasonable alternatives put forward. Particularly that in the centre of Rawreth Village which we proposed.

Prior to the identification of actual Locations to the public, the Council should have carried out an assessment of reasonable, alternative Locations in detailed planning terms in full, open public view thus allowing full Consultation.

In our view the Soundness of the CS could have been compromised and, as these are substantive objections to the CS, it should, therefore, not be recommended for adoption following the Public Enquiry as it is UNSOUND.

There also appears to be a lack of openness in that some meetings of Officers and Members of the LDF Committee on the Allocations of Sites were held during 2009 but not notified to the public - thus barring the public from information of detailed planning reasons for promotion or rejection of sites.

This lack of Consultation also is UNSOUND and should be taken into consideration when recommending or rejecting the CS.

We believe that a full and detailed Housing Needs Assessment should be carried out Parish by Parish by RDC in order to identify the correct quantity of Housing, including Affordable Housing needed and, therefore, a decision on the CS should be delayed until such is available.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Hayley Bloomfield Clerk to Rawreth Parish Council