

ROCHFORD CORE STRATEGY EXAMINATION

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Dear Mr. Ball,

I have received your letter and enclosures dated 12 September 2011, and your further letter of 13 September 2011 which have been sent to me via the Planning Inspectorate's Offices in Bristol. Please note that, in accordance with the Guidance Notes published for the Pre-Hearing Meeting, any matters which participants wish to raise with the Inspector should be addressed to the Programme Officer, not sent to the Inspectorate's offices in Bristol. Furthermore, I am not accepting new evidence at this time, in accordance with paragraph 5.32 of the Inspectorate's Procedure Guidance, and I am therefore asking the Programme Officer to return the documents to you.

However, having read your covering letter of 12 September I can make the following general points. The main issue you raise relates to the boundary of the Green Belt, as it affects your property at Westview, Church Road, Hockley. I have no powers to alter, retrospectively, the Green Belt boundaries as shown in the Rochford District Local Plan 2006.

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The draft Core Strategy does not make any site specific proposals for alterations to the Green Belt boundary, delegating that task to the Site Allocations Development Plan Document (DPD). The written submissions to the Core Strategy Examination, submitted on your behalf by Mr Gittins, gives broad support to this approach: *We maintain support for a strategic site being provided at West Hockley. We are also generally satisfied that, in principle, the various strategic locations are capable of being refined to identify site specific allocations – irrespective of whether one supports those individual allocations or not.*

I will, of course, take into account all representations made on your behalf at the appropriate stages in the Core Strategy Examination. It would, however, be inappropriate for me to give you any advice on 'future representations', because that could undermine my impartiality. You will need to seek your own independent advice.

Laura Graham
Inspector