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Dear Miss Graham,

Re: Rochford District Core Strategy: Consideration of request to suspend examination

Thank you for your letter of 11 August 2011 in which you set out your reasons for rejecting the Council's request to suspend the examination. Whilst we are naturally disappointed with your decision, I do appreciate the fact you have suggested a way forward for the Core Strategy.

Under the Council's constitution, the suggested approach – namely, reverting back to the housing policies of the original submitted Core Strategy – will require agreement of Council, as it would entail a change in Council policy. As such, an Extraordinary Full Council has been arranged for 31 August to discuss the issue and reach a decision on how to proceed with the Core Strategy.

I will inform you of the Council's decision at this meeting as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

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