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Dear Miss Graham

I am writing in reply to your letter of 14 June 2010.

The Core Strategy was based upon Regional Strategy figures forced upon us by the last Labour Government. Given that Regional Strategies are to be abolished, then the Core Strategy should be found to be UNSOUND, thus allowing Rochford District Council to properly consider housing needs in the District. Surely if Mr Pickles letter is to be seen as 'material consideration', then the Core Strategy cannot go ahead as it stands.

I also believe that your recommendation to the Secretary of State should now be deferred, for with the abolition of Regional Strategies housing quotas are likely to be considerably lower, especially in semi rural locations such as Hawkwell, and therefore the 5 year land requirement will also be less. Rochford District Council should be given time now to properly assess their own housing needs going forward.

With regard to South Hawkwell and in the light of changes to the status of gardens, I would like to bring to your attention that some 10 acres of the **only** 'preferred site' is in fact garden.

I hope my comments have been of some use in the matter of Mr Pickles letter.

Yours sincerely

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