

**Rochford District Allocations Submission Document Examination:  
Statement of Common Ground between Rochford District Council and Essex  
County Council Highways  
2 August 2013**

This statement of common ground has been prepared between Rochford District Council and Sport England in relation to Policy SER1 of the Allocations Document.

The following matters are agreed:

1. There is no objection by either party to the principle of allocating site reference SER1 (Land North of London Road, Rayleigh) for residential, provided that any redevelopment of the site for housing is accompanied by appropriate (in terms of quality, quantity and location) compensatory playing pitches and facilities.
2. The Council's proposed amendments to policy SER1 included within examination document EXA117 include the following:

*A masterplan or design brief would be expected to be submitted to the Council prior to the submission of a planning application for this site.*

This proposed amendment addresses point no. 4 of Sport England's objection (representation 28475); and Sport England no longer object on this basis

3. The Council's amendments to the pre-submission consultation version of the Allocations document included the following text being added to the submitted version of the Allocations Document:

*The siting and design of the relocated facility should be determined in consultation with Sport England.*

This amendment addresses point no. 6 of Sport England's objection (representation 28475); and Sport England no longer object on this basis

The following matters are not agreed:

4. The Council is of the view that policy SER1 of the Allocations Submission Document (with amendments as per examination document EXA117) is sound. Sport England is of the view that policy SER1 as currently worded is unsound, but that the policy could be made sound with amendments to the wording in paragraph 3.38