

Date: 06 April 2011

Dear Sir/Madam

Budget 2011 - Planning for Growth

You will no doubt be aware of the planning policy changes that were announced in the 2011 Budget recently, particularly the Written Ministerial Statement 'Planning for Growth' issued by The Rt Hon Greg Clark MP, Minister of State, on 23 March 2011 and the further details contained in the Treasury's 'The Plan for Growth' (see below for the web links to these).

In view of the great significance attached by the Government to these policy changes, the Inspector has asked me to write to you to ask if you have any views as to how they might affect your case and the soundness of the Core Strategy. The Inspector is fully aware of the content of the Government's statements and so these should not be repeated. What is important for her consideration is the application of those policies to the soundness of the Core Strategy and to the suggested changes that have been put forward to it by the Council and others.

Your views, if any, should be sent to Programme.Officer@Rochford.gov.uk , or Lissa Higby, Programme Officer, Rochford District Council, South Street, Rochford, Essex, SS4 1BW within 14 days of the date of this letter. The Inspector will take any submitted views into account in her forthcoming report.

The Inspector apologises that this will mean that her target date of 6 April 2011 for the submission of her report to the Council for its fact checking will now be missed. But she considers that the high priority and the significant weight given by the Government's statements to the reform of the planning system to promote sustainable economic growth and jobs, and the immediate introduction of those policy changes, requires a short delay whilst all participants' views are sought.

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/statements/corporate/planningforgrowth>

http://cdn.hm-treasury.gov.uk/2011budget_growth.pdf