

Response from Essex Chambers of Commerce and Industry

Dear Sir,

I am writing to you further to your letter of 6th April and wish the following comments to be taken into consideration by the Inspector:

'The recent Ministerial Statement 'Planning for Growth' issued by Greg Clark MP, Minister of State make the reforms of the planning system focus on promoting sustainable economic growth and jobs; expect Local Authorities to deal promptly and favourably with applications; and also to press ahead without delay in preparing up-to-date development plans and be proactive. In light of this it is considered imperative that the Core Strategy stipulates that Rochford District Council produces it's Transport Strategy Supplementary Planning Document urgently and in full consultation with the Business Community. Currently the Core Strategy describes this as being completed within five years [presumably by 2014], but given the fundamental importance of such a Strategy being in place to help promote sustainable economic growth greater emphasis and a shorter timescale for it's completion should be incorporated within the Core Strategy. Without this shorter timescale, greater emphasis and full consultation, it is considered that the Core Strategy, as it stands, is unsound' Could you please acknowledge receipt of this email and confirmation that it will be forwarded on to the Inspector.

Best regards,

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