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Dear Miss Graham,

**Re Rochford District Core Strategy SA review**

Thank you for your letter of 8 June 2011. The recent changes to government policy (not to mention subsequent Court rulings that such changes are unlawful) have made this a uniquely challenging time to be going through a Core Strategy examination process and the Council appreciate your advice in recent correspondence.

We are mindful that the public consultation period set out in the scenario 2 timetable represents an opportunity to consult not only on any changes that may be required as a result of the SA review, but also on adjustments to extend the Plan period to 15 years.

We are currently examining the modifications that may be required to the Core Strategy in order to extend the plan period, but at the same time we are aware that the outcome of the SA review represents another variable which has the potential to affect such changes.

Given the above, whilst the consultation start date of 3 August remains the aim, we are currently reviewing the work load that will be required to ensure that both the outcome of the SA review and the need to extend the Plan period can be accounted for. I shall of course up date you as soon as possible if any revisions to the timetable are required.

Yours sincerely,

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