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To: Local Plans (Planning Policy)
Subject: Sustainability Appraisal/Strategic Environmental Assessment

This Council wishes to respond to your consultation on the Sustainability Appraisal/Strategic Environmental Assessment:

1.5 (page 2/15) Transport related greenhouse gas: proposed development of 500 additional dwellings in Hullbridge would create considerable increase in greenhouse gas due to the lack of local employment. The bus service to Hullbridge serves only limited areas of employment, the majority of residents in Hullbridge already use private transport to commute, additional private commuting would incur even greater greenhouse gas emissions.

2.1 (page4/15) Green Belt Strategic Option 1: Options C and D taken forward. PPG2 on green belts 1.4 1.5 2.1 2.6 3.4 all state how important green belt is to the country and that it should only be released for development under exceptional circumstances. This guidance is completely contrary to Rochford DC proposal to build 500 dwellings in green belt adjacent to Hullbridge, especially where there are undeveloped pockets within Hullbridge village itself which could be in-filled with less housing.

2.1 (page 6/15) Affordable Housing Option 6: on the large development for Hullbridge (500 dwellings) the ratio of affordable/social housing would be unsustainable to lack of local employment and poor public transport. It would also create a very large concentration of affordable/social housing in one area.

2.1 (page 7/15) Good Design and Design Statements Option 10: the combination of taking forward A – G was not considered acceptable. Options B and C indicate there are no minimum standards. All housing including affordable housing should comply to a good minimum standard.

2.1 (page8/15) Compulsory Purchase Option 15: the chosen option C could create the fear with the residents of compulsory purchase or could be misused/misquoted in political campaigns in the future.

2.1 (page8/15) Community, Leisure and Tourism Facilities Option 16: The selection of Option A with elements of Option D provides no clarity.

[REDACTED] the consultation time given too short, not leaving sufficient time to consult with residents.