



Dear Sirs,

I would like to add my name to the points raised overleaf.

As a resident in Rochford since 1957 I don't have much faith in the Council taking people's concerns on board (a prime example being the development of Rochford airport as it used to be known), but at least I hope it is noted that it is not only not wanted - but not viable.

Yours truly,



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**Rochford District Council Planning Application no: 11/00315/OUT**  
**Comments & Objections in writing, or on line [planning.applications@rochford.gov.uk](mailto:planning.applications@rochford.gov.uk)**  
**MUST BE RECEIVED BY ROCHFORD COUNCIL NO LATER THAN 7<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2011.**

Dear Resident

We have contacted you previously, with handouts regarding Rochford Council's "Core Strategy" proposals for large scale building development across the district & concerns about the Brays Lane proposed development. You should be aware that the original Planning Application no: 10/00374/OUT for 150 dwellings North & South of Brays Lane, has now been withdrawn by the applicant mainly due to the letters of objections raised by you the residents.

However, you may think that this is the end of it, and you can sit back and get on with your lives..... unfortunately that is not the case, as a **NEW** application has been submitted by the 'Developers' to now build 100 Dwellings (not necessarily houses, these could be flats!) on the site to the East of Spencer Gardens and Brays Lane and **all previous letters/petitions do not count against this new application!** We therefore need to start the process again and get you to write to the council with your comments, as we will certainly need considerably more objections this time to reduce this new figure further or even make it go away!

If you have strong feelings about this proposed development, you must pass your comments onto Rochford District Council by the 7<sup>th</sup> July 2011 either in writing or by email through the Rochford District Council website (<http://www.rochford.gov.uk>). Do not waste this opportunity, as the more people that comment will make it harder for the new proposal to go ahead. It may also be your last chance to object, because once planning approval is given by RDC it will be too late to influence the planning design or stop it happening!

Just so you are aware, the council have been offered other sites including "Brownfield" (ex industrial areas) for housing development, but do not seem to have considered these in preference to building on green belt, despite what they have said in the local press - Echo/Standard. Also, Rochford Council have still yet to evidence the basis of their calculation for the building of 2000+ houses in our area over the next few years. We need your support in voicing your opinions on this matter.

The council only advise a select number of people who mainly live within 4 metres of the boundary of the proposed development or anyone who had objected to the previous plan for 150 homes. A planning notice was in the Standard Newspaper dated 17<sup>th</sup> June, but as residents we have taken this step of providing *everyone who may be affected* by this proposed development, with notification of the planning application for the land east of Spencer Gardens & Brays Lane. We believe that this development will affect us all, and you may otherwise be unaware of its implications.

**Some of the possible concerns that should be raised relating to this housing development are listed below:**

- \* The proposed plan is to build totally on green belt land. Loosing green belt affects the area in which we live now and for future generations. Many of us choose to live in Ashingdon because of its rural ties, semi countrified position, and the suggested plan has no defendable green belt line to stop further expansion and housing of similar volume.
- \* Road infrastructure - roads are currently unable to cope with the existing volumes of traffic without substantial upgrade. We can expect escalation of congestion on our local roads, including the already congested Ashingdon Road!
- \* Brays Lane is a country lane, with regular use by heavy lorries making it potentially hazardous if this significant development was built, as it adds to traffic volumes and increases pedestrian usage to this situation.
- \* Main drainage cannot cope with existing rain fall in Brays Lane, Spencers Gardens & Golden Cross Road. The area is on a flood plain with regular sewage surcharges. Plans do not have a sustainable solution, with suggestions and "residue" water from rainfall entering the sewage system! Current ditches and hedgerow will be lost completely and local birds / wildlife lost with it.
- \* Will our creaking utility supplies Water, Drainage, Gas, Electric, Telephone, Broadband be capable of supporting this development.
- \* Insufficient capacity in local infrastructure to support existing households let alone 100 additional properties - ie. Doctors, Dentists, Primary & Secondary school places - including King Edmund & Holt Farm, recreational facilities, shops, public transport links.
- \* The new planning proposal looks to be out of keeping with the surrounding area & the types of property that are already here and established. In the short-term, our properties could be devalued!
- \* The current car and coach parks servicing the school are within the boundaries of King Edmund School, and can be controlled & locked-up over night. The proposed car & coach parks on the plan appear to be open & therefore could be used as gathering points for large groups, which will only create added noise & nuisance for existing local residents.
- \* Whilst we do need to improve our schools & facilities for our children to grow & progress in life, the surrounding area in which they live must also play a key part in how they develop, & the type of people that they become. Ashingdon is a nice green place to live, lets keep as much of our green belt as we can for the sake of our future generations to live in. We must fulfil the needs of local people with minimum impact on their lives, & not just pander to the needs of the development companies who are not interested on the impacts this development will have on our community.

If you would like any further information, or would like to know how you can help to do more to stop this development please contact the Ashingdon Action Group - 07729 436066 (Gary)

Note - This is not one objection per household - every separately signed letter / sent email counts individually.