

# Southend-on-Sea Borough Council

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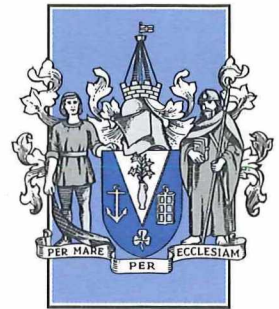
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Dear Councillor Woodley

## Southend Central Area Action Plan (SCAAP) Preferred Approach Consultation (December 2015)

It was agreed by Full Council in October 2015 to publish the SCAAP for a Preferred Approach consultation. The Cabinet Report permitted the Director for Place in conjunction with the Portfolio Holder for Planning and Housing to make minor amendments to the SCAAP prior to consultation. In the absence of the Portfolio Holder for Planning and Housing it has been agreed that the Leader of the Council will sign off the SCAAP.

These minor amendments have been made to the SCAAP in response to the Sustainability Appraisal, and after seeking advice from a planning inspector, who was invited to informally review the Plan and comment on its 'soundness'.

The SCAAP now includes reference to Alexandra and Clarence Street Car Parks, the Sainsbury's site and 'major planning permissions' as site allocations. This is so that comment can be made on all potential identified sites within the SCAAP area, prior to the pre-submission version of the document being prepared after this consultation ends. The pre-submission version of the SCAAP will only contain sites that, through robust evidence, can be demonstrated to be delivered by 2021 (the end of the adopted Core Strategy plan period).

The SCAAP consultation will commence the week beginning 14<sup>th</sup> December for a period of 8 weeks, and will incorporate a number of planned workshops to engage with the general public, business and Councillors.

After this Preferred Approach consultation a pre-submission version of the SCAAP will then be prepared for consultation, prior to being submitted to the Planning Inspectorate for an examination in public.

If you concur with my proposal I should be pleased if you would endorse this letter accordingly and return to me in the envelope provided. I enclose a copy of this letter for your retention.

Yours sincerely



Corporate Director, Department for Place

I support your proposed action as described in this letter



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Leader of the Council

Date ..... 16/12/15 .....