

**The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004
The Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004
Consultation on the draft Scoping Report of the South Essex Joint Strategic
Plan Integrated Impact Assessment**

The six Local Authorities in South Essex (Basildon, Brentwood, Castle Point, Rochford, Southend and Thurrock) together with Essex County Council are currently working together across local authority boundaries on strategic issues related to planning and growth to ensure there are quality homes, jobs, transport and infrastructure and environment for its residents. This collaboration includes the preparation of a South Essex Joint Strategic Plan (the “South Essex Plan”) that will set out a strategic framework for development in the area for the period up to 2038 and will reflect a broader vision to 2050. The South Essex Plan is at an early stage of preparation including evidence gathering and has not yet been subject to public consultation under Regulation 18.

The South Essex authorities have commissioned consultants to undertake an Integrated Impact Assessment (IIA) of the South Essex Plan, combining Sustainability Appraisal (SA) and Health Impact Assessment (HIA). A draft Scoping Report of the South Essex Plan IIA has now been prepared. In accordance with requirements of the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004, as a consultation body, you are being consulted on the draft Scoping Report of the South Essex Plan Integrated Impact Assessment.

If your organisation has any comments or representations that you wish to make on the draft Scoping Report of the South Essex IIA could you please respond to this email address or the postal address below by the end of **Friday 7th August 2020**.

If you have any queries or wish to discuss this matter further please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards

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