SOUTHEND-ON-SEA BOROUGH LOCAL PLAN

FIRST ALTERATION

Alteration Relating to:

- Detailed Guidance for Marine Parade Leigh-on-Sea
- Houses in Multiple Occupation
- Gypsy Caravan Site Provision



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Foreword

Development pressures and needs are constantly evolving and Local Plan policies must be kept under review to ensure that they continue to be relevant, effective and up-to-date. Since the Southend-on-Sea Borough Local Plan was adopted in March 1994 emerging development pressures and changes in legislation have necessitated the preparation of a number of changes to the Borough Local Plan. These relate to:-

- new planning guidelines for Marine Parade, Leigh-on-Sea
- amendments to existing policies for Houses in Multiple Occupation, and
- a new policy for Gypsy Caravan Site provision

These changes have been incorporated into a First Alteration to the Borough Local Plan and made subject to extensive public consultation, including a public inquiry.

Together with the adopted Borough Local Plan, the First Alteration will guide development in Southend Borough up to the year 2001 and will ensure that the right balance is struck between meeting people's needs whilst protecting the local environment.

Cover photograph: Marine Parade, Leigh-on-Sea, looking west

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INTRODUCTION



Southend-on-Sea Borough Local Plan First Alteration Adopted October 1997

Introduction

- 0.1 The Southend-on-Sea Borough Local Plan, having gone through its statutory stages of public consultation, was adopted by the Borough Council on 1st March 1994, on which date it also became operative. It supersedes all previous plans for the town and with the strategic Countywide Essex Structure Plan and its First and Second Alterations¹, provides the statutory planning framework for development in Southend up to the year 2001.
- 0.2 However, policies and proposals need to be kept under review in the light of changing circumstances in order to ensure that the Borough Local Plan remains effective, relevant and up-to-date.
- 0.3 As a result of continuing development pressures and changes in legislation affecting three planning issues, the preparation of a First Alteration to the Borough Local Plan has been necessary. This concerns the introduction of:
 - new guidance for the control of development in Marine Parade, Leigh-on-Sea;
 - amendments to the existing policies for non-self-contained residential accommodation (Houses in Multiple Occupation); and
 - a new policy relating to Gypsy caravan sites.
- O.4 Following extensive public consultation the First Alteration was adopted by the Borough Council on 13th October 1997 on which date it also became operative. The various statutory stages of plan preparation are set out in Annex One.

Layout of the Document

- 0.5 For ease of reference this document is divided into three parts, referring to the topics the subject of the Alteration. Each part details the reasons for making the changes and sets out the proposed alteration to the text and policies of the adopted Borough Local Plan. For clarity each alteration is printed on green paper, reproducing the relevant paragraphs of the unamended text and policies of the adopted version of the Borough Local Plan and depicting the alteration in **bold italics**.
- 0.6 Copies of the adopted Southend-on-Sea Borough Local Plan can be viewed at the Civic Centre in Victoria Avenue, Southend-on-Sea or any public library situated in the Borough.

The Essex Structure Plan First Alteration rolls forward the policy framework of the original Structure Plan (1982), to cover the period from 1986 to 2001. It was approved by the Secretary of State for the Environment on 22nd July 1991 and became operative on 12th August 1991. A Second Alteration to the Plan covering housing provision and shopping policies together with minor amendments to the policies relating to ancient monuments and archaeological sites and the supply of sand and gravel, was adopted by the Essex County Council on 17th January 1995 on which date it also became operative.