

# Proposed Horkesley Park Heritage and Conservation Centre



Presentation and Record  
of

Letters of support relating to the  
proposed Horkesley Park Heritage and Conservation Centre

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## Introduction

In 2005 Colchester Borough Council received 578 letters and e-mails in support of Horkesley Park Heritage and Conservation Centre Planning Application No. F/COL/05/1558.

The reasons for supporting the application reflected the many economic, environmental, social and conservation advantages that Horkesley Park will bring to the wider area.

We believe the large number of letters received in support of the application is significant as people who are in favour of plans are not generally as inclined to take the trouble to write in support as those who raise objections to an application. In view of the considerable level of support shown for the previous application (which has subsequently been refined and improved) it is appropriate to take into consideration the views of the people who support the proposals and copies of the letters and e-mails are therefore submitted as part of the current planning application for the Horkesley Park proposals.

The letters and e-mails are copies of what was provided by Colchester Borough Council and subsequently photocopied in the Council offices, by members of Bunting & Sons' staff in November 2005 and are shown in the same order as they appeared in the Colchester Borough Council files.

LDA Design and Bunting & Sons are very appreciative to everyone who took time to register their support for the Horkesley Park proposals.

Hard copies of the letters of support submitted to Colchester Borough Council as part of the planning application are expected to be available for inspection at Colchester Borough Council Offices, Angel Court, High Street, Colchester, Essex CO1 1FL. Scanned copies of the letters of support are contained within this document.

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## Quotations from some of the letters of support

The following quotations taken from some of the letters/e-mails of support are just a few examples of the reasons given for supporting the proposals:

*“The Horkesley Park Heritage and Conservation centre... has been exceptionally well researched and planned. Culturally and educationally the idea is impeccable; from a leisure point of view it adds substantially to the attractions of our town. Economically it will produce a huge benefit to the area, above all in terms of rural employment...”*

*“As parents we feel that having such a great place to visit so close to us will be a huge benefit to our children and us!”*

*“The project offers significant employment opportunities in a rural area and will enable generations to come to live and work in a sustainable way in our beautiful vale. This has to be good news for us all. It also fits in well with Colchester’s declared aim of being a premier cultural centre and I hope we will see this project come to fruition...”*

*“Colchester and the surrounding area has a great deal of heritage to interest and educate children and I feel that presenting it in such a family friendly and appealing setting is the way to reach them...”*

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## Quotations from some of the letters of support

*“The key aims of Horkesley Park with the proposed wide range of attractions and facilities will contribute to sustainable economic development within Essex as well as complementing the cultural heritage, resources and attractions of the East region. There are economic and cultural benefits to regional and national audiences as well as to the local community...”*

*The proposal provides for a wide range of employment opportunities which would be available to communities in the surrounding rural and urban areas. With substantial housing growth already identified and a strong focus by Colchester Borough Council on employment led development this development contributes to local and sub-regional priorities for job creation...”*

*“The scheme represents a unique opportunity to enable the public to experience at first hand the beauty of the vale at close quarters and will cater for a wide variety of recreational and cultural interests.”*

*“...a major regional, if not national attraction, which can only, along with other planned development schemes, encourage businesses and visitors to Colchester and its surrounding areas...”*

*The Scheme represents a major investment to the area, which is privately funded, and will not only provide a significant number of jobs to what appears to be a good quality visitor attraction, it will also assist in the retention of local heritage by means of preservation, conservation and education...”*

*“So much has been lost (or nearly lost) from the fabric of the countryside. A bold initiative such as this which will recall and inform a modern generation of what has gone before must be valuable.. .”*

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*“... it would provide the area with a hugely interesting facility for all ages, provide excellent educational opportunities for all visitors and in turn bring extra revenue to the town”.*

*“...it will be a great asset to the community and the preservation of the countryside in all aspects”.*

*“Colchester and the surrounding area has great potential, but currently lacks sufficient local attractions to hold most visitors for more than a day. I believe that the unique opportunities offered by the meticulously planned Horkesley Park Development will go a very long way to redressing that balance, the effect on the local economy will surely be substantial...”*

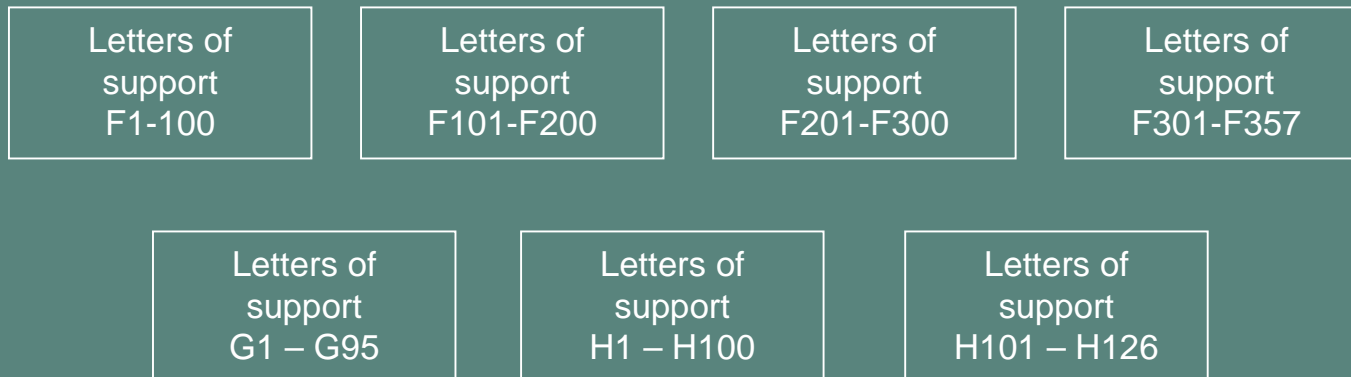
*“...an excellent re-use of this land. This will generate valuable new revenue into the area and create a wonderful new facility which will further strengthen the town’s offer...”*

*“I understand why local people are concerned about traffic but feel they need to look at the bigger picture. Traffic is going to increase and change as it has always done. It is essential that something remains as it is – and that can be enjoyed by the general public for years to come...”*

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## Appendix I

### Scanned copies of letters of support



*Note: To view the document as a pdf file please click anywhere on the image – the links open to the scanned versions of the letters of support*

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