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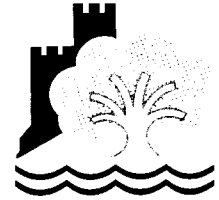
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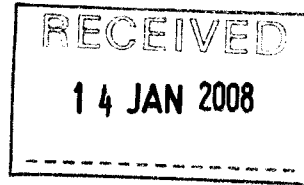
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Dear Sir/Madam,

**ROTHER DISTRICT COUNCIL  
LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK (LDF)  
SITE IDENTIFICATION CONSULTATION**

Rother District Council is currently progressing a Local Development Framework (LDF). The LDF will be the basis for land use planning decisions in the District up to 2026 and it will replace the Rother District Local Plan that was adopted July 2006.

Like all local authorities, Rother has development targets which are set at the regional level by the Regional Assembly. The South East Plan requires an annual average of 280 new homes to be built in Rother every year up to 2026.

Whilst Rother District Council will be obliged to meet this overall requirement, the Council does have the choice as to where this development is best located. With this in mind, it is important to note that while submissions on rural and greenfield sites will be accepted for consideration, the Council will give preference to brownfield sites in environmentally sustainable locations, such as within development boundaries.

We are contacting organisations and persons that may wish to submit a site for consideration in this process. It is important to note that sites can be submitted for community and recreation uses as well as for development. If you wish to submit details regarding a site, you should do so on the standard form provided. This form will also be made available on the Council's web-site at <http://www.rother.gov.uk/index.cfm?articleid=4033>

Please use a separate form for each separate site you submit. All forms should be accompanied by an Ordnance Survey based map clearly defining the site boundary. Further paper copies of this form are available on request.

Your submissions will primarily inform the Site Allocations Development Plan Document, but they may also be used to inform other development plan documents (DPDs) within the LDF, such as the 'Core Strategy'.

Submissions for residential development will also be analysed within a forthcoming evidence study, the 'Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment' (SHLAA). We would also like to invite comments from any interested organizations or persons on the proposed methodology of the SHLAA at on the Council's website. Comments are welcome from all parties, not just those with an interest in promoting sites for development sites.

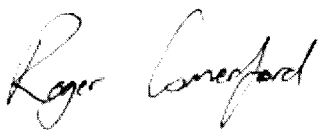
Please return forms by email to [planningstrategy@rother.gov.uk](mailto:planningstrategy@rother.gov.uk). The Local Development Framework process is one of continuous engagement. You are welcome to submit sites or representations up until June 2008, which marks the close of the Issues and Options stage of the Site Allocations DPD. However it is important to note that responses received by **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2008** will benefit from consideration as part of the Core Strategy Preferred Options process.

The need for land for particular community uses may well have arisen through local action planning work. If this is the case and you have particular sites in mind please advise on this form.

Parish councils may also have attended the Planning Seminar on November 14<sup>th</sup> and subsequently advised us of local needs in response to a letter dated 22<sup>nd</sup> November from David Marlow. We would still like to hear from you as the purpose of this latest exercise is to progress from the identification of generalised needs and aspirations to the identification of specific sites.

Feel free to get in touch if you require further information. We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Roger Comerford', written in a cursive style.

Roger Comerford  
Senior Planner