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Mr. R. Farhall  
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Dear Mr. Farhall,

**Local Development Framework (LDF) 'Core Strategy – Consultation on Strategy Directions'**

I am writing to inform you that the Council has prepared the above document to encourage public and other stakeholder involvement in the preparation of its Core Strategy.

This Strategy is one of the most important policy documents that the Council has to produce, as it will provide the basis for development and change in the district for the period up to 2026.

Therefore, I would urge you the Parish Council to consider the emerging 'strategy directions' set out in the document and to let the Council know if you would support or object to them, or have other suggestions.

To give everyone ample opportunity to contribute, the Council has published the 'Core Strategy – Consultation on Strategy Directions' document, together with accompanying Initial Sustainability Appraisal Report, for public consultation over a 12-week period.

I enclose two complimentary copies of the document for your use. In addition to help local people consider the proposals, there will be a series of exhibitions across the district. A free Summary Leaflet is also available which gives a broad outline of the main document and sets out the exhibition dates and venues. I enclose 15 copies of the leaflet, but should you require any more, or a copy of the Strategy Directions document on CD, then please contact Muriel Orchard on 01424 787934.

For your information, the main document may be viewed and purchased by the public at the Council's Community Help Points in Bexhill, Battle and Rye. It costs £10 (plus £1.68 postage and package. Copies may be ordered by telephoning 01424 787634 or from the address on the Summary Leaflet:

I would encourage you to comment online via the links provided from website. If you have any difficulties, please contact 01424 787634. All comments must be received by 4.30pm on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2009.

Finally, the Council wants to ensure that the final proposed Strategy (which is expected to be published in mid-2009) best serves local needs and priorities. This is a vital chance for your Parish Council to shape it. We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

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Principal Planning Officer  
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Dear Richard,

8-26 FISHMARKET ROAD, RYE

I acknowledge your letter of 16 October and would advise as follows.

As you may be aware Rother District Council has an adopted Corporate Plan with a number of projects identified to help deliver the plan's vision and aims. One of these projects is titled "Improving the Sense of Place" and we have recently been identifying areas around the District that do not contribute to the well-being of their locality. The results from that survey have been very helpful and we are now reviewing the ways in which to address these eyesores.

In the case of 8-26 Fishmarket Road, this has been a longstanding issue. This Council's function is to ensure that the site remains secure and safe. Over the years we have had a number of meetings with the owners of the site and they have considered numerous ways of developing that would bring a return on their investment. To date they have been unsuccessful.

Following on from previous communications I have now written to the landowner advising them that the matter has gone on for too long and that the site is having a detrimental effect on the amenity of Rye, and that using our planning powers will be seeking them to take action.

The landowner is currently meeting with our Planning Department for further consideration of the site and I hope we will not have to use enforcement powers as it is more cost-effective and efficient if we can arrive at a mutual solution.

In the meantime our Environmental Health and Building Control sections have again inspected the site and advised the landowner of the urgent action needed to secure the site.

These types of sites are complicated and difficult to resolve but I hope through our Corporate Plan Project we will begin to see progress.

Yours sincerely,

Anthony Leonard  
Director of Services

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