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Dear Mr. Farhall,

**Rother District Council Local Development Framework Core Strategy
Issues and Options discussion document consultation.**

As you will be aware, the Council now has the duty of preparing a 'Local Development Framework' (LDF) for the district to guide development and change over the next 20 years.

The Core Strategy will be a key component of the LDF as it will set the vision and general distribution of development for Rother up to 2026.

Publication of the enclosed Issues and Options Discussion Document is the first stage in developing this strategy.

This is an important opportunity for your Council to put forward its views on how we should plan for change, including how to accommodate new development over the next two decades.

Indeed, Town and Parish views are particularly sought. To this end, I will be introducing the document and the consultation arrangements at the Planning Seminar to be held at Battle on Wednesday 1st November.

Enclosed are two copies of the Issues and Options Document, together with a copy of the background document 'Rother in Profile'.

For your information, a Residents' Questionnaire is also being promoted, which seeks to obtain people's views on what makes a settlement a good place to live, their priorities and view on development potentials. I enclose 10 copies copy for your reference. Individuals can complete this without any reference to the Issues and Options document. A Freepost address has been set up for their return.

I also enclose 10 copies of a parallel survey being undertaken by East Sussex County Council on the current accessibility of local facilities. It also has a Freepost return address.

Further copies of the documents and questionnaires can be obtained by:

- Downloading them from www.rother.gov.uk/corestrategy
- Emailing planningstrategy@rother.gov.uk
- Visiting one of the Council's Community Help Points
- Telephoning the Planning Strategy & Environment team on 01424 787634

(Note: A charge of £5.00 (+£0.50p&p) is made for copies of 'Rother in Profile')

Comments and completed questionnaire can be sent to the Council either:

- On line – go to www.rother.gov.uk/corestrategy
- By email to ldf@rother.gov.uk
- By post to: Planning Division, Rother District Council, Town Hall, Bexhill-on-Sea, TN39 3JX

The deadline for making comments on the Issues and Options Document, and returning the questionnaire is **4.30pm on Friday 8th December 2006**.

All representations will be published in due course, as will a report on the findings of the questionnaire survey.

Consideration of comments received will input to the next stage, which is production of a 'Preferred Options document'. That will also be subject to a 6 week consultation period, in summer 2007.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Planning Strategy and Environment team on 01424 787634 or by email to ldf@rother.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely,



David Marlow
Principal Planning Officer – Strategy and Environment

Enclosures:

- 2 x Issues and Options discussion documents
- Rother in Profile
- 10 x Residents' Questionnaires
- 10 x ESCC questionnaires