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Comments from Rottingdean Parish Council

Lewes District Local Plan Part 2: Site Allocations and Development Management Policies DPD - Pre-Submission version - consultation

— <http://planningpolicyconsult.lewes-eastbourne.gov.uk/consult.ti>

Rottingdean Parish Councillors appreciate the opportunity to contribute alongside the East Sussex Strategic Planning Members Group and the Coastal West Sussex and Greater Brighton Strategic Planning Board.

While (sadly) RPC does not routinely have a direct involvement, the parish council recognises the aim of the Strategic Planning Board for addressing unmet housing need across this part of the region through commissioning work to assess the options for provision of housing **and especially infrastructure at the sub regional strategic scale.**

The concerns of Rottingdean Parish are the existing *inadequate transportation and the risk that more homes will see increasing traffic volumes adding further to an already existing problem of congestion and unacceptable journey times.*

In addition, there is risk of exacerbating the dangerously poor air quality that blights the Rottingdean Community.

The Parish Council highlighted this in responding to the consultation on LDC part 1.

The draft document indicates that taking into account local plans for Newhaven, Peacehaven and Telscombe some 700 planned *additional* houses are foreseen.

RPC continues therefore to highlight pressing need for improved connectivity for the development sites being considered. Transport links from Peacehaven to the A26 or A27 and Lewes could unite housing communities plus potentially relieve Rottingdean of what seems an unsustainable burden of private road traffic and resulting pollution. There is also need seen for better public transport provision from Rottingdean to Lewes.

As recently heralded in the 'Big Petition' for action to address the problems of the A259, this coastal route already constrains economic activity, constrains the requirement for public service infrastructure, as well as affecting the productivity and health of several south-coast populations.