

## The future development of Rottingdean

Interest in the Vale from Lightwood Strategic, a development company, has sparked a debate in Rottingdean about what development, if any, will be appropriate over the next fifteen years or so.

Brighton & Hove's new City Plan has identified suitable sites for 11,300 new homes between now and 2030. However the Planning Inspectorate has rejected the Plan and asked the City Council to identify 20,000. The Council has commissioned independent consultants to re-examine the 54 sites it had previously ruled out and make recommendations on a way forward. Five of those sites fall within the Parish, including the Vale. You can find them in the Urban Fringe Sites document on [http://www.rottingdean-pc.gov.uk/sitedata/files/site\\_map.pdf](http://www.rottingdean-pc.gov.uk/sitedata/files/site_map.pdf) .

The City Council expects Rottingdean to make some contribution towards the overall target but will not specify the number of properties.

Rather than leave it to Brighton to make decisions on Rottingdean's behalf, we believe that the village should determine which sites are suitable and define what kinds of housing development might be acceptable. The Parish Council has therefore decided to carry out its own appraisal of all available sites and to consult the village on the best way forward. Our findings will be put out to public consultation later this year, including a public exhibition and an online survey. **Your views are essential in determining the way forward. Watch out for more details of how to get involved.**

If an application is submitted with regard to the Vale before this exercise is concluded, the Parish Council will consider it in the normal way and would welcome views from residents of the Parish, in writing or via our website [www.rottingdean-pc.gov.uk](http://www.rottingdean-pc.gov.uk) The Planning Sub-Committee holds a Planning Surgery on the first Monday and third Thursday of each month in the Whiteway Centre to discuss current planning applications with residents of the Parish.