

Dear residents of Sedlescombe

As I am sure most residents in Sedlescombe are aware, the village is required to build 35 new houses in developments of 6 or more over the next 11 years. Through consultation with the community over the last 4 years, our **Neighbourhood Plan** has sought to find the locations for these developments which satisfy the majority of residents.

All new housing built will be liable for a new planning charge paid by the developer called the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL). This money will go towards infrastructure specifically in Sedlescombe. A significant benefit of having a Neighbourhood Plan in place is that 25% of the CIL collected by Rother District Council will come to Sedlescombe versus a much lower percentage (15% which can be capped at a lower level) if we don't have a Neighbourhood Plan in place. The funds generated by this levy will amount to £225,000 and possibly more over the period of the Plan. This is not insignificant given the fact that neither the District Council nor the County Council have spent any money on new infrastructure in Sedlescombe for many years.

At this early stage the Parish Council is conducting an informal consultation and we would really like everyone's thoughts on what you see as the highest priorities for new infrastructure in the Village and Parish as a whole.

I have attached the latest Bulletin which gives a more complete explanation and an extra copy of the consultation form. The consultation finishes on the **22 September** and forms can be returned to the yellow box in the village shop.

It's important to note that we will **only** receive the higher level of funding if the **Neighbourhood Plan** gets a **YES VOTE** at the referendum which we hope should happen later this year.

We look forward to seeing your suggestions which will be summarised in the next Bulletin.

Yours sincerely

Jonathan Vine-Hall

Chairman Sedlescombe Parish Council