

PARISH ARTICLE

Residents are asked to help shape the district

How many homes do we need, and where should we put them?

These are the questions the District Council will be asking you in a public consultation from **26 August to 23 September 2011**.

This will be your opportunity to influence these decisions.

To have your say please complete the online questionnaire on the District Council's website which will be "live" during the consultation period.

Residents without computer access can view a hard copy of the document in their local library or District Council Offices.

The District Council is preparing a new plan for the future of Chichester District (excluding the area covered by the South Downs National Park). This plan will be called the Core Strategy and will cover the period to 2028. It will alter the way the district looks in years to come and will decide where future housing will be located for you, your children and grand children.

Because of the introduction of the South Downs National Park Authority, the Core Strategy will not cover the entire district; it will include the south of the district (Chichester, Tangmere, Selsey, East Wittering and Bracklesham); and parts of the north (including the villages of Kirdford, Loxwood and Wisborough Green).

The National Park Authority will be preparing its own Core Strategy in due course.

Across the district as a whole we have seen an average of about 430 additional dwellings completed each year. We desperately need more affordable housing to be built, but the recession has slowed things down. We know that we have to cater for growth in the population as people move in. The District Council wants to hear from local residents, developers and infrastructure providers just what they think should be provided and where.

For information on the Core Strategy please visit the following website: www.chichester.gov.uk and follow the link to Environment and Planning, then Local Development Framework.