

Planning Update

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Battle Neighbourhood Plan
Your monthly update

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Many of you were worried about the lack of infrastructure that Battle has now and how it will cope with new housing targets by the Government. So I have explained here how Battle will benefit by deciding where we think the money should and needs to be spent. But only if we can adopt our own neighbourhood plan.

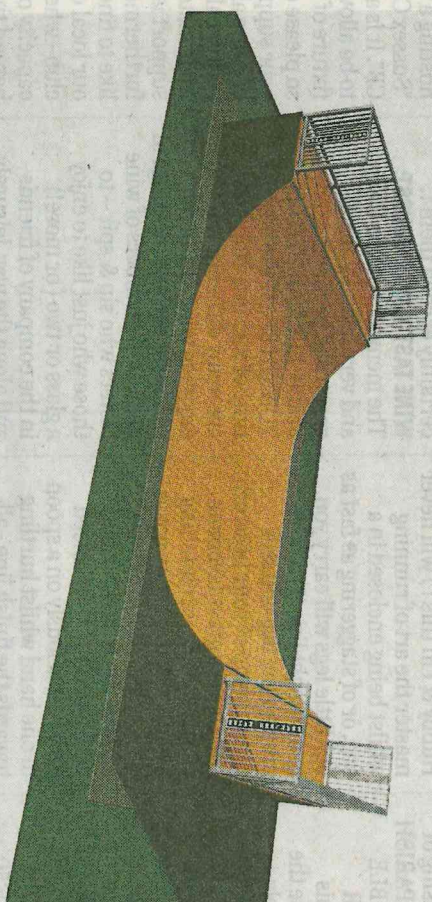
Some months ago I wrote about the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) which is a planning charge, paid by developers on dwellings and which came into force in 2010.

The Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors has been asked to develop an annual index for updating the CIL charges, in accordance with new 2019 regulations

It will be revised for simplicity and reviewed annually, with the 2019 index due to be published in October

Levy rates are expressed in pounds per square metre.

Working on the dwelling figures, and types of housing we have identified, the following would apply:



Type, % of development, # of units,
Floorspace per unit(m²), Total Floorspace

1 bed,	7%,	10,	50,	500
2 bed,	20%,	29,	61,	1,769

3 bed,	36%,	51,	84,	4,284
4 bed,	27%,	39,	97,	3,783
5 bed,	10%,	14,	110,	1,540
Total,	100%,	143,	-,	11,876

The total CIL charges will be: £2,375,200
Battle's Share *without* neighbourhood plan of 15%: £356,280: this will be our share if we had a "no" vote in the referendum

Battle's Share *with* neighbourhood plan of 25% £593,800: this will be our share if the majority of voters who take part in the referendum vote for the plan. Just imagine how nearly £600,000 could benefit Battle!

You will have seen last week in the Bexhill and Battle Observer about the renewal of the Skate Ramp. We know how much this facility is valued by the young of the town, and how disappointed they are by its present, unusable state. It is likely that Battle Town Council could use the CIL moneys to go some way towards replacing this vital structure. So, all of you out there who remember what it was like skate, please vote to adopt the Neighbourhood Plan! You will be forever remembered by the youth of the town!

Do you have any other ideas on how the money should be spent? Please let us know at enquiries@battleneighbourhoodplan.co.uk Further information can be found on our website: battleneighbourhoodplan.co.uk, facebook page: [facebook.com/BattleNeighbourhoodPlan](https://www.facebook.com/BattleNeighbourhoodPlan)