

## Introduction

- 28.1 Highbrook is an isolated settlement, with a distinctive character and appearance, situated on a ridge approximately a mile and a half south of the village of West Hoathly. The settlement comprises of approximately twenty buildings, mainly residential, of various styles and ages, a number of which are associated with its estate origins. Set in a particularly attractive part of the High Weald Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty its elevated position affords extensive views across the surrounding countryside.
- 28.2 Due to its small size and lack of facilities, the Council does not want to encourage any further development in the settlement. Therefore a built-up area boundary around has not been defined for Highbrook. This means that the Countryside Area of Development Restraint policies will be applied.

## Policies and Proposals

### Conservation Area

- 28.3 Highbrook was designated a Conservation Area in 1990. At the northern end of Highbrook lies All Saints Church, built in 1884 in the Gothic revival style. There are a number of other listed buildings in the settlement including Battens, which is believed to date back to the late 13th or early 14th centuries.

