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## **COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY PRELIMINARY DRAFT CHARGING SCHEDULE**

The Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Preliminary Draft Charging Schedule represents a first round of public consultation on proposed rates to be levied on some new developments that will help fund or part-fund planned infrastructure in the Borough. This consultation is linked to adopted Core Strategy Policy CS17, which sets out the Council's aim that all developments should mitigate their impact on local communities through the provision of supporting infrastructure.

The definition of infrastructure for the purpose of CIL spending includes, but is not limited to: roads and other transport facilities; flood defences; schools and other educational facilities; medical facilities; sporting and recreational facilities; and open spaces.

The Preliminary Draft Charging Schedule is supported by a CIL Viability Study report for the Borough, which examines the maximum viable CIL rates for different types of development. Both the Preliminary Draft Charging Schedule and Viability Study report can be found on the Council's website and are available for public viewing at the Ipswich County Library, Grafton House reception and the Customer Service Centre located at the Town Hall.

The Council will analyse the comments received from this consultation and produce a Draft Charging Schedule for consultation in early 2014.

## **SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENTS**

The Council proposes to prepare two Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs) in line with the Local Development Scheme timetable. These SPDs will not form part of the statutory development plan, but will provide additional detail to policies set out in development plan documents and in national policy, and will constitute material considerations in the decision-making process. The consultation period for these SPDs is planned to start in May or June 2014.

## **PUBLIC OPEN SPACE SPD – CALL FOR IDEAS**

The Council proposes to prepare a Supplementary Planning Document on public open space provision and maintenance. It will replace two existing supplementary planning guidance documents, namely 'Public Open Space' (August 1998) and 'The Provision and Maintenance of Children's Play Space' (April 1999). The existing guidance documents have proved effective in supporting planning policies, but since they were adopted the policy approach to the provision of open space and the Council's standards for provision have changed as set out in the Core Strategy.

The proposed Supplementary Planning Document will focus on the provision and maintenance of public open space, including children's play space, and the requirement to enhance biodiversity and tree canopy cover through the implementation of policies contained within the Core Strategy. In particular, it will add detail to Core Strategy Policy DM29 on the provision of open space in new developments including how the standards for provision will be implemented. Please contact us if you have specific views about:

- a) The scope of the SPD in terms of what it should cover; and / or

- b) Aspects of Core Strategy policy approach to open space provision and maintenance for which additional guidance would be helpful.

### **SPACE AND DESIGN GUIDELINES SPD – CALL FOR IDEAS**

The proposed Space and Design Guidelines SPD will consolidate and replace non-statutory planning guidance documents that were originally published by the Council in the 1990s. The aim of the new SPD is to update the existing guidance for development management purposes, so that this aligns with the policies of the Core Strategy and to adopt examples of best practice that have emerged since 2000.

The proposed SPD will integrate elements of the 1992 'Development Control Policies and Design Guidelines' document, in particular focusing on the space standards between developments which are still considered relevant and in regular use, and those parts of the 1999 'Good Practice Guide' where the content remains appropriate when determining applications for extending residential dwellings.

Please contact us if you have any specific views on the scope of the SPD and what details it should cover.

### **CONTACT DETAILS**

Please submit any comments on matters raised in this newsletter to the Head of Development and Public Protection using one of the following methods:

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#### **Please specify clearly whether your comments relate to the:**

- Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Preliminary Draft Charging Schedule;
- Public Open Space SPD – Call for Ideas;
- Space and Design Guidelines SPD – Call for Ideas.

**We look forward to receiving your comments by 5pm on 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2014.**

**If you have any queries please telephone 01473 432019.**

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