

WILTSHIRE AREA BOARDS

COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY FOR WILTSHIRE - CONSULTATION

(JANUARY 2014)

1. What is the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)?

- 1.1 Wiltshire Council is preparing a Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) charging schedule. This is a new charge that local authorities in England can place on development in their area. The money generated through the levy will contribute towards the funding of infrastructure to support growth. The Charging Schedule will need to strike an appropriate balance between contributing to funding infrastructure and not putting development across Wiltshire at risk.

2. Why has Wiltshire decided to implement the Levy?

- 2.1 The Government has restricted the ability of local authorities to pool funding for off-site infrastructure through existing section 106 agreements (or developer contributions). It considers that this new tariff-based approach provides the best framework to fund infrastructure in a fair and transparent manner. CIL will provide 'up front' certainty about how much developers will be expected to contribute.

3. How will money from CIL be spent?

- 3.1 CIL is designed to contribute towards bridging the 'funding gap' between the total cost of new infrastructure required to support development and the amount of funding available from other sources. Wiltshire Council's Infrastructure Delivery Plan (IDP) identifies a range of physical, community and 'green' infrastructure projects that will be required to support the level of development as set out in the Wiltshire Core Strategy. Informed by the IDP, a list (known as the Regulation 123 list) will identify and prioritise which infrastructure projects will be eligible to receive money from CIL. The Government confirmed earlier this year that local communities will directly benefit from CIL. Town and parish councils will receive 15% of CIL raised in their area, or 25% if an adopted neighbourhood plan is in place.

4. Consultation on the draft charging schedule

- 4.1 Consultation was held on a Preliminary Draft Charging Schedule for Wiltshire between October and November 2012. The comments from this consultation and additional viability work required by subsequent CIL guidance and proposed amendments to the CIL Regulations (2013) have informed the next stage of the process, the development of the Draft Charging Schedule.
- 4.2 Wiltshire Council is now inviting representations on its CIL Draft Charging Schedule from **13 January 2014 until 24 February 2014, at 5pm.**

Availability of Documents

- 4.3 The following documents have been published on the council's website at www.wiltshire.gov.uk/communityinfrastructurelevy:
- The CIL Draft Charging Schedule
 - Evidence to support the CIL Draft Charging Schedule
 - A draft Regulation 123 List, which sets out the types of infrastructure that the Council may fund, entirely or in part, through CIL.
 - How to make representations, including response form
- 4.4 Hard copies of all these documents can be found at council libraries and the main council offices in Chippenham (Monkton Park), Salisbury (27-29 Milford Street) and Trowbridge (County Hall, Bythesea Road) during normal office hours.

Submission of representations

- 4.5 Representations can be made online, by email or by post to the following addresses:
- Consultation portal: <http://consult.wiltshire.gov.uk/portal>
 - Email: CIL@wiltshire.gov.uk
 - Post: Spatial Planning, Economic Development and Planning,
Wiltshire Council, County Hall, Bythesea Road, Trowbridge,
Wiltshire, BA14 8JN.
- 4.6 Following the close of the consultation, responses will be collated and then considered by an independent inspector at an examination.
- 4.7 Organisations and individuals making representations may request the right to be heard at the examination during this consultation period and representations may also be accompanied by a request to be notified, at a specified address, of the following next steps in the process:
- That the Draft CIL Charging Schedule has been submitted to the examiner
 - The publication of the recommendations and the reasons of the examiner
 - The approval of the Charging Schedule by the council
- 5. Further information**
- 5.1 Any queries should be made to Spatial Planning on (01225) 713223 or CIL@wiltshire.gov.uk.