

WILTSHIRE AREA BOARDS

COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY FOR WILTSHIRE - CONSULTATION

(JUNE 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 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 last 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. Submission of the Wiltshire CIL Draft Charging Schedule and consultation on proposed modifications

- 4.1 The Council has undertaken two previous consultations on the Wiltshire CIL Charging Schedule, which sets out the amount of CIL to be charged on different types of new development. The first consultation, on a 'Preliminary Draft Charging Schedule' (October 2012), took place between October and November 2012. Comments received informed a 'Draft Charging Schedule' (January 2014), upon which the Council consulted between January and February 2014.
- 4.2 On 23 June 2014, the Council is submitting the 'Wiltshire CIL Draft Charging Schedule' (January 2014) for an independent examination.
- 4.3 The Council is proposing to make modifications to the Wiltshire CIL Draft Charging Schedule. These have been informed by comments received during the last consultation and are set out in a 'Statement of Modifications', which is being submitted alongside the CIL Draft Charging Schedule.
- 4.4 The Council is now inviting comments on the Statement of Modifications from **23 June until 5pm, 21 July 2014**.

How to comment

- 4.5 Comments can be made, using the response form, via:

- Online consultation portal: <http://consult.wiltshire.gov.uk/portal>
- Email: CIL@wiltshire.gov.uk
- Post: Spatial Planning, Economic Development & Planning, Wiltshire Council, County Hall, Bythesea Road, Trowbridge, Wiltshire, BA14 8JN.

4.6 The CIL Draft Charging Schedule, Statement of Modifications, associated evidence and information on how to make comments will be published on the Wiltshire Council website at www.wiltshire.gov.uk/communityinfrastructurelevy, from 23 June 2014.

4.7 Hard copies of the documents are available at Council libraries and the main Council offices in Chippenham (Monkton Park), Devizes (3-5 Snuff Street), Salisbury (27-29 Endless Street) and Trowbridge (County Hall) during normal opening hours.

4.8 If responding by post or email, response forms are available from libraries and the main Council offices or the website.

Requesting the right to be heard by the independent examiner

4.9 Organisations and individuals responding may request the right to be heard by the examiner in relation to these modifications. A request to be heard by the examiner must be made in writing to Wiltshire Council **by 5pm 21 July 2014**, via the above means. Anyone requesting to be heard should indicate whether they support or oppose modifications and explain why.

4.10 Please note that the right to be heard at this stage of the process applies only in relation to the modifications being consulted on.

What happens next?

4.11 All comments received and a copy of each request to be heard in relation to these modifications will be forwarded to the examiner.

4.12 Requests to be heard may be withdrawn at any time before the opening of the examination by giving notice in writing to Wiltshire Council.

4.13 Details of the time and place at which the examination is to be held and the name of the examiner will be published on the Council's website and in local papers when they become available. If you have made a request to be heard (either on the Statement of Modifications or previously during the consultation on the Draft Charging Schedule) you will be notified directly.

5. Further information

5.1 If you have any further queries please contact Spatial Planning, Wiltshire Council on (01225) 713223 or via email, CIL@wiltshire.gov.uk.