

Community Infrastructure Levy for Wiltshire – Consultation

What is the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)?

Wiltshire Council is in the process of preparing a Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) charging schedule. CIL is a new charge that local authorities in England can place on new development in their area. The money generated through the levy will contribute to the funding of infrastructure to support growth.

Why has Wiltshire decided to implement the Levy?

Government, through legislation, has restricted the ability of local authorities to pool funding for off-site infrastructure and expects them to develop CIL. The government believe that this tariff based approach provides the best framework to fund new infrastructure in a fair and transparent manner. CIL will provide 'up front' certainty about how much money developers will be expected to contribute.

How will money from CIL be spent?

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. CIL regulations also propose to allow the council to allocate a share of the levy raised in a local area to deliver infrastructure that local communities want – although this 'meaningful proportion' is yet to be set by the government.

Consultation on the preliminary draft charging schedule

A preliminary draft charging schedule has been developed which sets out the proposed charging rates for Wiltshire. The council considers that the preliminary draft charging schedule strikes an appropriate balance between contributing to funding infrastructure and not putting development across Wiltshire at risk.

In accordance with Regulation 15 of the CIL Regulations 2010 (amended 2011), comments are invited on the preliminary draft charging schedule during the consultation period during the consultation period starting 1 October and ending 12 November 2012 at 5pm.