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Dear Sir/Madam

**Consultation on the Community Infrastructure Levy Draft Charging Schedule –  
Public consultation between the 25 September 2017 – 06 November 2017**

The Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) is a planning charge that can be used to support the development of the local area. It allows local authorities to raise funds from developers of new building projects. The money can be used to help fund a wide range of infrastructure that is needed as a result of development.

CIL is charged as a fixed rate per square metre of new floor space. The rate is set by local authorities in consultation with local communities and developers, and is tested through an independent examination.

Cheshire East Cabinet on the 12 September 2017 endorsed the CIL draft charging schedule for a six week public consultation from the **25 September 2017 until 5pm on the 06 November 2017**. The draft charging schedule sets out the Council's proposals for a possible future CIL charge in the Borough.

The draft charging schedule has taken account of consultation feedback received earlier this year during public consultation on the initial proposals for CIL (called the 'preliminary draft charging schedule') and also additional evidence prepared by the Council and its consultants Keppie Massie. It is supported by the draft regulation 123 infrastructure items that future CIL receipts could be spent on and information about the potential future relationship of CIL to other developer contributions including S.106 agreements.

The consultation document and comments forms are available on the Council's website at [www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/localplan](http://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/localplan) and in Cheshire East customer service centres and libraries. Responses should be returned to [cil@cheshireeast.gov.uk](mailto:cil@cheshireeast.gov.uk) / [localplan@cheshireeast.gov.uk](mailto:localplan@cheshireeast.gov.uk) or by post to Cheshire East Council, Spatial Planning,

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Westfields, C/O Municipal Buildings, Earle Street, Crewe CW1 2BJ by **5:00pm on 06 November 2017.**

Following the consultation on the draft charging schedule, the Council will consider the responses received together with the changes proposed by the Government to CIL should they be announced in its Autumn Statement in November 2017 before making a decision on whether to proceed with finalising and submitting its proposed CIL charges for examination by an independent Inspector. It is envisaged, if CIL proceeds, that it could be adopted and operational around spring 2018.

Any organisation or individual may request the right to be heard at a future CIL Examination. This request must be submitted in writing and received within the specified consultation period of Monday 25 September 2017 to 5.00pm on Monday 06 November 2017.

The Council has prepared frequently asked questions about CIL on its website, which can be viewed using the following website link:  
[http://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/planning/spatial\\_planning/cheshire\\_east\\_local\\_plan/community-infrastructure-levy/about-the-community-infrastructure-levy.aspx](http://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/planning/spatial_planning/cheshire_east_local_plan/community-infrastructure-levy/about-the-community-infrastructure-levy.aspx)

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Yours sincerely



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