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To: CIL.Consultation
Subject: Community Infrastructure Levy Rate Review consultation

Dear Sir/Madam,

COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY (CIL) RATE REVIEW CONSULTATION (PUBLICATION OF DRAFT CHARGING SCHEDULE)

Thank you for consulting Sport England.

Sport England has an established role within the planning system which includes providing advice and guidance on all relevant areas of national and local policy as well as supporting Local Authorities in planning for sport and physical activity facilities. Sport England aims to ensure positive planning for sport by enabling the right facilities to be provided in the right places based on robust and up-to-date assessments of need for all levels of sport and for all sectors of the community. As mentioned in the supporting evidence, to achieve this aim Sport England's planning objectives are to *PROTECT* sports facilities from loss as a result of redevelopment, *ENHANCE* existing facilities through improving their quality, accessibility and management and to *PROVIDE* new facilities that are fit for purpose and meet demands for participation now and in the future. You will also be aware that Sport England is a statutory consultee on planning applications affecting playing fields. Further detail on Sport England's role and objectives within the planning system can be found at <https://www.sportengland.org/how-we-can-help/facilities-and-planning/planning-for-sport>

Sport England has reviewed the documentation and has the following comments:

Draft Charging Schedule

The Draft Charging Schedule proposes to set a CIL rate of £20 per square metre for those uses that did fall within Use Class D2. This would mean that proposals for indoor and outdoor sports and recreation facilities would be required to pay the Levy charge. The requirement for such facilities to pay the Levy could have a detrimental impact on the delivery of such facilities and the ability for the Council to achieve its health and wellbeing aspirations consequently Sport England object to this charge. In addition, given that the Infrastructure Funding Statement states that CIL could fund sport and physical activities, it could result in a facility having to pay the Levy which is funded or partly funded from funds generated from the Levy.

Infrastructure Delivery Plan

The Infrastructure Delivery Plan (IDP) sets out the sport and physical activity facilities required which is informed by the Council's strategies. Although Sport England support IDP's that identify projects that meet needs identified in strategic documentation it is concerned that these strategies/evidence base are not up-to-date. In relation to playing pitches, the a Playing Pitch Refresh is currently being developed therefore the actions/projects identified in the Refresh should inform the IDP. Sport England is not clear if the strategy/strategies relating to indoor/built facilities have been reviewed/kept up to date and therefore considered robust to inform the IDP.

Infrastructure Funding Statement

Sport England welcome that the Council have spent CIL and planning objection funds on sport and leisure facilities. It fully supports that the Council continue to use funds raised from both CIL and S.106 Agreements to fund strategically identified facilities that facilitate sport and physical activity.

If you have any questions or would like any advice please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours Faithfully

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