

## Economy, Skills and Environment

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Your ref: Our ref: Waveney CIL consultation Date: 07 March 2013

Dear Annette,

#### WAVENEY LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK – COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY CHARGING SCHEDULE EXAMINATION – Main issues and questions for the examination

I refer to the main issues and questions for the examination which have been made by the Examiner following Waveney District Council's response in a letter dated 28 January 2013. This consultation response is made on behalf of Suffolk County Council.

I have provided to Waveney District Council a number of responses to previous consultations by way of letters dated 16 November 2012 and two letters both dated 16 January 2013.

For ease of reference I have used the same numbers and letters as the Examiner.

# 1.) Is the charging schedule supported by background documents containing appropriate available evidence?

#### Infrastructure planning evidence:

- b.) Other funding sources ought to include the New Homes Bonus, making bids for Homes & Communities Agency funds (range of funds recently announced in the Autumn Statement 2012), European funds, and lottery bids and so on.
- c.) In order to be clear & transparent it should be stated that, where on-site early years and/or education provision is required to be directly provided on allocated or windfall sites because of the scale of proposed development e.g. a new primary school (land and capital build costs) then this will continue to be secured by S106 contributions. In addition it must be made clear that site-specific transport mitigation measures assessed by a Transport Assessment (TA) or equivalent will continue to be covered by a combination of S106, S278 and S38. Other site-specific issues may include SuDS (sustainable urban drainage systems).

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- d.) In most instances site-specific transport issues will continue to be covered by a combination of S106, S278 and S38. There may be (rare) instances where on-site early years and/or education provision is required (land and build costs) due to the scale of individual and/or co-located development proposals and this should continue to be covered by S106. Where site-specific S106 costs cause individual site viability problems then affordable housing requirements may be reduced to ensure that the site remains financially viable when taking into account other development costs (Source: paragraph 2.17 of the Viability Study by BNP Paribas Real Estate).
- e.) It is noted in paragraph 2.17 of the Viability Study by BNP Paribas Real Estate that affordable housing requirements may be reduced to ensure the site remains financially viable when taking into account other development costs.

## 3.) Does the evidence demonstrate that the proposed charge rates would not threaten the delivery of the relevant Plan as a whole?

- c.) There must be full collaboration and consultation with the County Council concerning variation of the existing county-wide S106 guidance as set out in the adopted *Section 106 Developers Guide to Infrastructure Contributions in Suffolk*?. This will ensure clarity and transparency for all parties interested in the development management process including developers and landowners.
- d.) There may be some instances where phased development or co-located sites may sensibly require the continued pooling of S106 contributions e.g. local transport mitigation measures which could cover such matters as junction improvements or improvements to a cycleway etc. These matters will be identified when individual and/or co-located sites are promoted. The County Council will clearly be mindful of the limit on pooling S106 contributions as specified by the CIL Regulations.

Whilst the County Council has confirmed that it does not wish to be heard by the Examiner and will rely on written representations, I can also confirm that I am available if the Examiner requires that.

I would be grateful if you could confirm whether or not a hearing will take place on 22 March 2013.

Yours sincerely,

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Dear Annette,

Please see attached the County Council's response to your letter dated 07 February 2013 which requested any comments by 5pm on Thursday 07 March 2013.

Kind regards, Neil.

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