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Community infrastructure Levy (CIL) & the Statement of Community Involvement (SCI)

The following is in response to your request for Aldeburgh Town Council's feedback on the above. In light of the CIL in particular being at the preliminary draft stage, we would wish to briefly outline our opinions as follows.

CIL

While the level of the CIL to be applied to Aldeburgh (in common with much of the SCDC area) seems high, we would ask that assurances are given that the appropriate percentage of the fund charged on the town is returned to the town of Aldeburgh. As there are few other new large infrastructure projects currently required within the town, it is a priority that it should be returned for the provision of affordable housing as a high priority, together with assistance for the local Primary School.

Accepting that it is desirable to attract developers and thus more inhabitants to the area, long term sustainability in terms of employment is still a big issue.

The square meterage at which point the levy is triggered appears to be fairly set. It would be useful to have full definition nearer its implementation of 'self-build' for example to avoid confusion, and the point in planning process at which the CIL becomes due.

Aldeburgh recognises that in order to benefit fully from CIL legislation the town requires a Neighbourhood Plan to be in place.

Clarification of 'material' and 'non-material' considerations for planning applications is welcomed.

SCI

Aldeburgh Town Council particularly welcomes the emphasis placed on the importance of the views of local Councillors and residents in the planning process and is encouraged by the enhanced role placed on participation by the public in the planning process.

The Neighbourhood Plan is recognised as key, and its production will be well supported by Aldeburgh Town Council; upon its introduction it is recognised that the role of the Town Council will become more important in connection with planning.