



Suffolk Coastal District Council

Community Infrastructure Levy - Draft Charging Schedule

The Community Infrastructure Levy Draft Charging Schedule is subject to public consultation from **Monday 6th October until Monday 17th November 2014**.

The Council invites comments on the details contained within the consultation document; those making representations are encouraged to do so by using this form.

Representations made on the Draft Charging Schedule during the representation period will be considered by the Council prior to submission for independent examination.

The independent examiner will be checking:

- Whether the charging authority (Suffolk Coastal District Council) has complied with the required procedures set out in the Planning Act 2008 and the CIL Regulations 2010 (as amended).
- Whether the Draft Charging Schedule is supported by appropriate available evidence,
- Whether the proposed rates are informed by and consistent with the evidence on economic viability across the charging authority's area.
- Whether the proposed rates would put at serious risk the overall development of the area.

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Q1: Do you consider that the Council has adequately identified a funding gap using appropriate infrastructure evidence? See below.

Please continue on a separate sheet if necessary

Q2: In setting the CIL rates, do you consider that the Council's economic viability assessment has used appropriate available evidence? If you disagree please provide evidence. See below.

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Q3: In setting the CIL rates, do you consider that the rates proposed represent the appropriate balance between the desirability of funding infrastructure and the need to maintain overall viability of growth across the District? See below.

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Q4: Do you consider the boundaries for the different charging zones to be appropriate? If you disagree please provide evidence. See below.

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Q5: Do you have any other comments on the Draft Charging Schedule or any of the associated documents or evidence base documents?

English Heritage does not wish to make detailed comments on the level at which the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) charge is set for Suffolk Coastal District or the boundaries for the different charging zones. We recognise, however, that it will be important to ensure that the charge does not have an adverse effect on the protection that the Council affords to designated and non-designated heritage assets

and the historic environment within the district.

Suffolk Coastal District's designated heritage assets include 2,242 listed buildings, 115 scheduled monuments and 34 conservation areas.

The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) sets out a presumption in favour of sustainable development and clearly identifies the historic environment as a relevant matter for consideration in achieving this.

In certain contexts, it may be appropriate to consider exemptions or discretionary relief from CIL, where the viable future of a heritage asset is at issue, or its significance is threatened by intrusive development.

We note that there is no reference in the Draft Regulation 123 list to Heritage; although there a number of items could potentially impact on the historic environment such as strategic highway improvement, provision of off site open space and strategic green space. The Charging Schedule should include confirmation that heritage assets in Suffolk Coastal District will continue, for the present, to be eligible for s106 contributions; the important issue will be to ensure that this aspect is not vulnerable to being sacrificed as the last call on a prospective developer's financial contributions.

With regard to relief from CIL, we urge the Council to reserve the right to offer CIL relief for particular cases which affect heritage assets in order to avoid unintended harm to the historic environment through the application of CIL. For example, there may be instances where the requirement to pay CIL would threaten the viability of schemes designed to ensure the reuse of heritage assets identified as being 'at-risk' through enabling development.

We do not wish to object to the Draft Schedule, but hope that there will be opportunities for discussion and flexibility in the future where significant heritage issues arise, to ensure heritage protection is sustained in accordance with the NPPF.

We also strongly advise that local conservation staff are involved throughout the further preparation and implementation of the Draft Charging Schedule as they are often best placed to advise on local historic environment issues.

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Anyone making representations on the Draft Charging Schedule has a right to be heard by the examiner in a public hearing. If you wish to exercise this right please indicate it by ticking the relevant box below.

	I wish to be heard at the public hearing by the examiner
√	I wish to be notified that the Draft Charging Schedule has been submitted for examination
√	I wish to be notified of the publication of the report of recommendations of the examiner
√	I wish to be notified of approval of the Charging Schedule by Suffolk Coastal District Council.

Thank you for your comments.

Please return this form to:

Planning Policy and Delivery Team
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Or alternatively via email to suffolkcoastallocalplan@eastsoffolk.gov.uk before the consultation closes on **Monday 17th November at 17.00.**

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