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Dear Sir,

I would like to comment on the proposed infrastructure levy . I am not good at writing letters but will try my best .

I am a bricklayer that has worked for developers aswell as myself so I feel able to comment .

Frankly I find these proposals outrageous. At a time when there is a desperate need for new and affordable housing these proposals will add it seems to me anywhere from £5k to £10k for each house ,who is going to pay for that ?

It will mean that small time builders or self builders will be priced out ,leaving only large scale developers .Particularly when building lower priced housing for the first time market .

Why charge more for areas such as Aldeburgh when those are exactly the places that need low cost housing. How can you justify charging for extensions when it has no impact on infrastructure ? How can you treat large multi national building companies the same as a self employed builder, does that seem fair ? Why not charge more for large developers building on large sites and a smaller fixed amount for everyone else along the same lines as the play space charge .

Why not only charge when it actually affects the infrastructure ? For a single plot in most areas no change to the infrastructure is necessary so how can you justify charging for it ?

This whole idea smacks of just being a money making plan by the council at the expense of small time builders and is very short sighted .

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