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Greater Norwich Development Partnership  
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By Email

Dear Sir / Madam

**Consultation on proposed Community Infrastructure Levy  
Comments from North Norfolk District Council**

I refer to the consultation being undertaken by the Greater Norwich Development Partnership regarding the proposed introduction of a Community Infrastructure Levy across the Broadland, South Norfolk and Norwich City local authority areas.

I write to advise that North Norfolk District Council has considered the consultation documents, the preliminary draft charging schedules and the proposed boundaries of the two proposed Residential Development Zones and has no substantive comments to make regarding the proposals, except for the following two issues:-

1. Lack of any reference to investment in rail infrastructure / facilities within the GNDP area.

North Norfolk District Council is disappointed that under the Transportation heading of Appendix 1 of the Background and Context Paper there is no reference to future investment in rail infrastructure and facilities towards which a CIL contribution might be made.

The District Council would have a particular interest in any development of new rail facilities or increased service frequency along the Norwich – Sheringham line, particularly the provision of a rail halt at the Broadland Business Park which would increase the accessibility to new employment opportunities by train for people living along the length of the line, including Hoveton, North Walsham, Cromer and Sheringham in the North Norfolk District; as well as improving public transport access into Norwich city centre for a large population from existing areas of housing (Dussindale) and proposed new development in the North-East Triangle.

The provision of a rail halt at the Broadland Business Park would be a significant piece of infrastructure and North Norfolk District Council would suggest that it is not clear from the consultation if CIL contributions will be sought in this regard.

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2. Visitor pressure mitigation measures on European and RAMSAR designated sites as referred to in the Topic Paper: Green Infrastructure and Recreational Open Space.

North Norfolk District Council welcomes the proposed inclusion within the GNDP CIL proposals of funds being collected and set aside to support measures which seek to mitigate visitor pressures associated with development in the Greater Norwich area upon European and RAMSAR designated sites. A large number of such sites in Norfolk are within the North Norfolk District eg along the North Norfolk Coast and in the northern Broads, where it might be anticipated that residents of the Greater Norwich area will spend some of their leisure time placing additional pressures on these sensitive natural environments.

North Norfolk District Council would therefore welcome the opportunity of discussing further with GNDP partners and the organisations responsible for the management of these designated sites the mechanisms by which CIL contributions from development in the Greater Norwich area, and indeed from new development within North Norfolk, can be collected and spent in an attempt to minimise the impact of increased visitors to such important nature conservation sites.

Yours faithfully

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