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Dear Sir/Madam

**Publication of the Community Infrastructure Draft Charging Schedules for
Broadland, Norwich and South Norfolk.
Community Infrastructure Levy Regulations 2010 (as amended)**

Thank you for inviting us to comment on the above consultation document. Our advisory comments remain similar to those given in respect of the preliminary draft charging schedule.

We understand that the final charging schedule will lead to the production of a 'Regulation 123 List' under CIL Regulations which will set out the specific infrastructure to be funded/part funded by CIL. We would welcome the opportunity to provide input, particularly into the production of the 'Regulation 123 list', but also into any future review of the LIPP.

We note that appendix 1 of the 'Background and Context' consultation document includes an indication of the categories of infrastructure currently intended to be funded/part funded by CIL. We support the inclusion of the following general infrastructure types: green infrastructure, waste recycling, renewable energy, flood prevention and drainage, and utilities. In particular we would highlight the importance of considering projects/infrastructure that offer multiple environmental benefits.

Flood prevention and surface water drainage

We support the general inclusion of flood prevention and drainage infrastructure within appendix 1. This could also include the establishment and ongoing maintenance of flood defence structures and assets, and the maintenance of river systems for conveyance and recreation purposes.

However it appears that there may be an expectation that future flood defences are likely to be fully funded through the Environment Agency. It should be noted that this may not necessarily be the case and further/additional sources of funding may be required. In particular, it should be noted that we are unable to fund defences specifically required for future development proposals.

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There may be flood defence/prevention schemes with the potential to be CIL funded/part funded. This is currently subject to discussion internally. We would welcome further discussion on any potential schemes when you begin to draft your Regulation 123 list/review your LIPP.

Information on Environment Agency Anglian Region flood risk and coastal management schemes along with information on their funding has been placed on our web site - see web link below.

<http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk/research/planning/118129.aspx>

You may wish to discuss the issue of surface water drainage infrastructure with the relevant officer at the Lead Local Flood Authority. We are aware that there is a draft Surface Water Management Plan (SWMP) for the Norwich area. The SWMP recommends that a number of actions are required to manage surface water within Norwich more effectively. These can be found within appendix D. The SWMP suggests that its findings should be a source of evidence for future infrastructure planning and reviews of the LIPP. We therefore recommend that the outputs of the SWMP are considered when planning future infrastructure.

Wastewater/water infrastructure

We recommend that discussions with the Water Company continue to determine where water infrastructure is required and the appropriate funding mechanism for that infrastructure.

Green Infrastructure

We are supportive of all forms of green infrastructure particularly as they can often provide multiple benefits such as habitat creation, water quality improvements, surface water drainage etc.

Further, we draw your attention to Regulation 17 of the Water Environment (WFD)(E&W) Regulations 2003 which places a duty on each public body, including local planning authorities, to 'have regard to' river basin management plans (RBMP). Indeed, we note that it has already been highlighted within the LIPP that development must support the Anglian RBMP actions to protect/improve water quality. We therefore recommend that you consider where WFD improvements may be possible within the area and whether these could be aided by CIL funding. At this time, it is difficult to provide further guidance on this matter. However, as more information becomes available we would be happy to participate in further discussions through the drafting, or reviews, of your Reg123 list or through reviews of your LIPP.

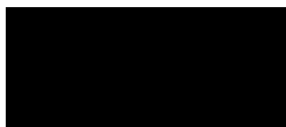
You may wish to consider whether CIL funding could contribute to schemes such as the River Wensum restoration project.

North East Norwich Water Cycle Study

When finalised, we recommend that you consider the outputs of the North East Norwich Water Cycle Study. This document should provide guidance on strategic infrastructure requirements which should be taken into consideration in future infrastructure planning.

We hope that our comments are helpful to you. We look forward to future discussions with you on this matter.

Yours faithfully



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