

4. Provision of Infrastructure as Payment in Kind

As stated above, the latest set of amendments to the CIL Regulations have now made it lawful for authorities CIL contributions to be paid by the provision of infrastructure in certain circumstances. Given that the provision of infrastructure is often key to unlocking unimplemented planning permissions and enabling developments, we would urge the Council seriously to consider adopting a policy to allow payment in kind in this manner.

CONCLUSION

For these reasons, we would ask that the Council undertakes a rethink of its position and substantially alters its Charging Schedule in so far as it relates to retail development.

Accordingly, we would request that the Council:

- Revisits its viability assessments for retail development, to address the concerns set out above;
- Adopts a staged payments policy
- Adopt an Exceptional Circumstances Relief Policy
- Considers the allowing developers to pay their CIL Liability through the provision of infrastructure; and
- Adopts a single flat rate levy across all development within its boundaries.

Yours faithfully

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