

Community Infrastructure Levy Draft Charging Schedule Consultation Response Form

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MALDON DISTRICT
COUNCIL

The Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) is a mechanism that local authorities can use to raise funds from new development to provide infrastructure. The proposed rates that developers would be required to pay are outlined in the Maldon District Draft Charging Schedule. This is the second consultation on the Maldon District CIL Charging Schedule, as required under Regulation 16 of the CIL Regulations 2010 (as amended).

Comments should be made by completing this questionnaire and returning it to the Council
by email to policy@maldon.gov.uk or
by post to Planning Policy, Maldon District Council, Princes Road, Maldon, Essex CM9 5DL.

All responses must be received by 5pm Wednesday 23 July 2014 (late or anonymous responses may not be considered).

Please Note: All information submitted during the Draft Charging Schedule consultation will be published on the Council's website and submitted to the Secretary of State for Examination-in-Public; by submitting representations on the Maldon District Draft Charging Schedule you confirm that you agree to this.

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Future Notification / Attendance at Examination-in-Public Hearings

Would you like to be added to the Community Infrastructure Levy **mailing list** to receive updates?

(delete as appropriate and ensure your details have been entered clearly above) Yes

Do you consider it necessary to **attend and give evidence at the Examination in Public**? No
Please note that by selecting **no** you are clarifying that you wish to communicate through written representations only.

(delete as appropriate) Yes

Your Views

Maldon District Council would like your views on the Draft Charging Schedule and in particular the following areas:

- The proposed rates set out in the Draft Charging Schedule (Annex A of the consultation document);
- The inclusion of the proposed Draft Discretionary Relief Policy (Annex B of the consultation document); and
- The inclusion of the proposed Draft Instalments Policy (Annex C of the consultation document).

Please provide your comments in the space below; which will expand to fit your comment. Any supplementary sheets or information are welcome, please label them suitably.

Essex County Council (ECC) welcomes this further opportunity to comment on Maldon's Draft Charging Schedule (DCS) for CIL. ECC is a major infrastructure provider in Maldon and across the county of Education and Highways and other infrastructure.

ECC's comments will follow the pattern of the comments we provided on the Preliminary Draft Charging Schedule (PDCS) earlier this year.

At that stage ECC declined to comment on the rates of CIL proposed then, arguing that the District is the Charging Authority for CIL and therefore ECC would not wish to second guess the CIL rates proposed by the District. Similarly we would not wish to comment on the proposed Discretionary Relief Policy

ECC preferred then to comment on other issues such as the proposed instalments policy and the arrangements for the governance of CIL and particularly a proposed mechanism for how CIL revenues could be allocated among competing priorities. ECC's response to the DCS will be similar.

On the draft instalments policy, in the earlier consultation ECC expressed concern that the then proposed instalments policy seemed to us to have too many instalments within it, giving rise to the possibility of higher administrative costs falling on the District, given the overall cap on CIL administrative costs.

While ECC understands the ideas behind the latest proposed instalments policy we are concerned that again it seems to offer a very large number of instalments, according to the length of time of the development, which could incur large administrative costs. ECC would suggest that the District look again at the proposed instalments policy with a view to reducing the number of instalments to reduce its potential administrative costs.

ECC is concerned that its proposals on the governance of CIL, made in response to Maldon's PDCS, do not appear to have been considered seriously by the District at this stage and would ask the District to take another look at them. It is not proposed to re-present the ECC proposals in full detail

In summary ECC proposed a two-tier structure for priorities for CIL to be determined by the District in consultation with the various infrastructure providers, not just ECC, but also (and not exclusively) the NHS, the Environment Agency (for flood defence), Police etc. The two tiers would be a Member body and an officer body beneath it. ECC believes such a proposal, which is open to detailed negotiation, would help generate the partnership between the District and the infrastructure providers which will be needed to deliver the infrastructure required to meet the scale of development envisaged in Maldon's Draft Local Plan. The proposal would not detract from the role of the District as the Charging Authority of having the final responsibility for spending CIL.