

29 January 2014

Our ref: 110602

Your ref:



Mr David Coleman
Planning Policy Team Leader
Planning Policy
Maldon District Council
Princes Road
Maldon
Essex
CM9 5DL

Customer Services
Hornbeam House
Crewe Business Park
Electra Way
Crewe
Cheshire CW1 6GJ

T 0300 060 3900

BY EMAIL ONLY

Dear Mr Coleman,

Consultation: Community Infrastructure Levy – Draft Charging Schedule
Location: Maldon District Council

Thank you for your correspondence dated 20th January 2014 in respect of the above consultation document, seeking the views and comments of Natural England.

Natural England is a non-departmental public body. Our statutory purpose is to ensure that the natural environment is conserved, enhanced, and managed for the benefit of present and future generations, thereby contributing to sustainable development.

We regret Natural England is unable offer detailed advice on Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) consultations at the present time.

In general terms our principal concern with regard to the development of CIL charging schedules is that essential green infrastructure needs should be identified and played into the process. Since it is now widely accepted that the provision of a sustainable network of green infrastructure is an essential component of the infrastructure necessary to support growth.

Natural England is pleased to see reference to open space needs in paragraph 1.2 of the consultation document.

We really value your feedback to help us improve the service we offer. We have attached a feedback form to this letter and welcome any comments you might have about our service.

For any queries relating to this consultation only you are welcome to contact me directly - telephone: 0300 0601373 or email: david.hammond@naturalengland.org.uk. For all other consultations and correspondence, please contact the above address.

Yours sincerely

David Hammond
Lead Advisor
Land Use Operations