

# Community Infrastructure Levy: Preliminary Draft Charging Schedule









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### 1 Introduction

- 1.1 The Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) was introduced under the Planning Act 2008 and is defined in the CIL Regulations 2010 (as amended). Local authorities in England and Wales can elect to prepare and adopt a CIL to assist in funding the infrastructure needed to support planned growth. The CIL is a charge, expressed in pounds sterling (£) per square metre, that is levied on the net additional floorspace created by most new development.
- 1.2 The purpose of this document is to set out Harrogate Borough Council's Preliminary Draft Charging Schedule (PDCS) for the CIL. This document provides a brief explanation of the CIL and the process that is required for the council to introduce it. Appendix 1 of this report contains the CII charging rates which are the subject of a 6 week consultation between Friday 25 May and Friday 6 July 2018.

### 2 The Charging and Collecting Authority

- 2.1 Harrogate Borough Council, as the local planning authority, is classed as a charging authority and may therefore charge the CIL in respect of development that takes place in the Harrogate district.<sup>(1)</sup>
- 2.2 The collecting authority for the finance generated by CIL will typically be Harrogate Borough Council, as the charging authority. However, where North Yorkshire County Council grants planning permission for development in the Harrogate district it will be the county council who will be the collecting authority. Where the county council is the collecting authority for a development it will pass the CIL payment on to the charging authority, minus any reasonable administrative expenses incurred in collecting the CIL, on the charging authorities behalf (i.e HBC). (3)

### 3 What development will be liable to pay CIL?

- 3.1 Most development that involves the creation of buildings that people normally use will be liable to pay CIL.<sup>(4)</sup> However, the regulations provide for a number of exemptions to CIL<sup>(5)</sup> against which the levy will not be charged, including:
  - New buildings or extensions under 100 square metres of gross internal floor space which does not involve the creation of a new dwelling;
  - Dwellings built by 'self builders'
  - The change of use, conversion or subdivision of a building that does not involve an increase in floorspace;
  - The creation of a mezzanine floor within a building;
  - Temporary development permitted for a limited period;
  - Buildings into which people go only intermittently for the purpose of inspecting or maintaining fixed plant or machinery;
  - Vacant buildings brought back into the same use;

<sup>1</sup> Under the terms of Part 11 of the Planning Act 2008.

<sup>2</sup> Regulation 10(4) of the CIL Regulations 2010 (as amended).

<sup>3</sup> In line with Regulation 76 of the CIL Regulations 2010 (as amended).

<sup>4</sup> This includes development permitted by a 'general consent' (including permitted development).

<sup>5</sup> Under Part 2 and Part 6 of the CIL Regulations 2010 (as amended).

- Structures which are not buildings, such as pylons and wind turbines;
- Affordable housing (defined as social rented and intermediate housing) provided through a local housing authority, registered provider or charitable body;
- Dwellings tied to an assured agricultural occupancy; and
- Development by charities for charitable purposes
- 3.2 CIL is charged on the gross internal floorspace<sup>(6)</sup> of new development. Where planning permission is granted for a development that involves the extension or demolition and then rebuild of a building in lawful use<sup>(7)</sup>, the level of CIL payable will be calculated based on the net increase in floorspace. This means that the existing floorspace contained in the building to be extended or demolished will be deducted from the total floorspace of the new development when calculating the CIL liability.
- The Council will have the ability to claw back any CIL relief where a development no longer qualifies for that relief within a period of seven years from the commencement of the development. For example, should a charity develop a building for charitable purposes and subsequently sell the building to the open market within seven years then the Council will be able to claw back the CIL that would have been charged on the building had it been originally used for private use.
- The Regulations also allow charging authorities to permit discretionary relief from CIL in certain circumstances (e.g. where a reduced or nil payment may be accepted). The cases for relief are likely to be rare, but can include the following:
  - Development by charities for investment activities from which the profits will be applied for charitable purposes (as defined by CIL Regulation 44);
  - Development by charities where relief would normally constitute State aid (as defined in CIL Regulation 45); and
  - Where the Council considers there are exceptional circumstances to justify relief (as defined in CIL Regulation 55). In these situations the development site must also have a planning obligation (Section 106 Agreement) relating to the planning permission which is greater than the value of the CIL charge, and the combined cost of the Section 106 agreement and CIL charge would have an unacceptable impact on the economic viability of the development. In such cases the developer would be expected to demonstrate this (as set out in CIL Regulation 57) via an 'open book' approach with an independent valuer. Relief can also only be granted if it does not constitute notifiable State aid (as defined in European law).
- Given these requirements, most development will not be eligible for charitable or exceptional circumstances relief. However, the Borough Council will be prepared to consider applications for relief. In line with best practice, should the circumstances arise the Council would issue a Exceptional Circumstances Relief Policy in line with the CIL Regulations once the Charging Schedule has been implemented. It should be noted that the power to offer relief can be deactivated at short notice once a Charging Schedule is in place, in line with the CIL Regulations. Exceptional circumstances should be rare and should not constitute state aid.

The gross internal floorspace is the internal area of the building, and should include rooms, circulation and service space such as lifts and floorspace devoted to corridors, toilets, storage, ancillary floorspace (e.g. underground parking) etc.

The definition of lawful use is contained in Regulation 40(10) of the CIL Regulations 2010 (as amended), which states that: "...a building is in use if a part of that building has been in use for a continuous period of at least six months within the period of 12 months ending on the day planning permission first permits the chargeable development."

### 4 How the chargeable amount will be calculated

4.1 The amount of CIL charge a development is liable to pay will be calculated according to Regulation 40 of the CIL Regulations 2010 (as amended). The method involves multiplying the relevant CIL rate for the type/location of the development by the net additional floorspace – and factoring in an inflation measure to allow for changes in building costs over time. A summary of the method is set out below:

CIL rate x Net additional new build floorspace x Inflation measure

- The inflation measure used will be the national 'All-in Tender Price Index' published by the Building Cost Information Service (BCIS) of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors.

  (8). The inflation measure involves dividing the Index costs from the year planning permission is granted, by the Index costs from the year the Charging Schedule is adopted. Full details of the method are set out in the Regulations.
- 4.3 The CIL Regulations specify that where the overall chargeable amount on a scheme is less than £50, it is deemed to be zero.

### 5 Evidence to support the CIL

- 5.1 The development of the PDCS has been informed by appropriate evidence which includes:
  - The Harrogate District Draft Local Plan;
  - Whole Plan Viability Assessment (WPV) (Oct 2016) https://www.harrogate.gov.uk/downloads/download/92/draft-local-plan-evidence-base-downloads
  - The Infrastructure Delivery Plan (IDP) (Jan 2018)
     https://www.harrogate.gov.uk/downloads/download/78/evidence-base-downloads
  - Local Plan Viability Update and CIL Viability Assessment (May 2018)
- The Draft Local Plan specifies the amount and location of new development that is to take place over the plan period to 2035. Policy GS1 and Policy GS2 establishes the approach to the distribution of housing and employment land across the District. It sets out that over the Plan period the Council will make provision for 14,049 homes and a minimum of 38 hectares of employment land. The need for new homes and jobs will be met as far as possible in those settlements that are well related to the key public transport corridor. The scale of development reflects the settlement's role and character, its relationship to the public transport corridor and the need to maintain or enhance services and facilities in rural villages and have regard to the capacity of infrastructure within the settlement and the time frame for any necessary investment and improvement. A broad location for growth is also identified for a new settlement in the Green Hammerton/Cattal area.
- The Draft Local Plan makes allocations of land for housing and employment uses that reflect the housing and employment land targets and settlement hierarchy set out in Policies GS1 and GS2. The document also sets out policies to protect the character and heritage of the District and ensure development is of an appropriate scale, type and design. The Council is due to submit the Draft Local Plan to the Secretary of State for examination in public in Summer 2018.

- In order to introduce the CIL, local planning authorities, as the charging authority, have to demonstrate that there is a shortfall in funding between the expected total cost of infrastructure needed to support development over the plan period and the level of funding likely to be forthcoming from mainstream sources of funding. The council's Infrastructure Delivery Plan (IDP) identifies the key infrastructure requirements needed to support the level of planned growth in the District. (9) Appendix 2 shows that there is a Funding Gap
- Testing the economic viability of development is central to the CIL charge setting process and is required to justify the introduction of the CIL to an authority area. Authorities must ensure that the sites and the scale of development identified in the Local Plan is not threatened. To this end the Council commissioned HDH Planning & Development to prepare a Whole Plan Viability Assessment for the district. This viability assessment has been prepared in line with Government guidance on the preparation of the CIL contained in Planning Practice Guidance and was completed in September 2016.
- 5.6 The Whole Plan Viability Assessment assesses the economic viability of the development of a wide range of land uses in the district including housing, office, industry, retail, hotels, community facilities and other sui generis uses, and maps variations in viability across the district. The assessment takes account of the development costs arising from emerging planning policy and regulatory requirements (e.g. affordable housing, sustainable construction & design and open space provision). The assessment also makes an allowance for residual S106/278 contributions for measures that are required to make development acceptable and are directly related in scale and kind to the proposed development. A stakeholder event was held in June 2016 with local property agents and developers to discuss the key assumptions that underpin the wider whole plan viability assessment undertaken to support the preparation of the Local Plan and changes made to these assumptions where considered appropriate.
- The scope for CIL was not considered in the 2016 Whole Plan Viability assessment and therefore a Local Plan Viability Update and CIL Viability Assessment has also been prepared (May 2018) which forms an annex to the 2016 study. The general methodology and assumptions have not changed. The Local Plan Viability Update and CIL Viability Assessment can be viewed at <a href="https://consult.harrogate.gov.uk/kse/">https://consult.harrogate.gov.uk/kse/</a>
- A basic principle of the CIL is that where it is economically viable to do so, development should be charged. The CIL is not to be used as a policy tool to encourage certain types of development over others by applying a lower or zero rate where development is viable. Differential rates can be applied to different types of development, or to different geographical areas, based on the outcome of the economic viability assessment. Where it has been demonstrated that it would not be viable to apply a CIL charge on a certain type of development, or in a particular geographic area, either a zero CIL rate or a base rate can be applied.
- The Regulations recognise that the CIL charge may make some development unviable and advises that CIL should not be set at such a low rate as to ensure that every development remains viable. CIL rates should also not be set at the very margin of viability, in part so that they may remain robust over time as circumstances change. In setting the levy rates the Council has sought to strike an appropriate balance between the desirability of funding from CIL in whole, or in part, the actual and estimated total cost of infrastructure required to support the development of its area, taking into account other actual and expected sources of funding; and, the potential effects, taken as a whole, of the imposition of CIL on the economic viability of development across its area.

#### **Question 1**

Do you support the methodology and assumptions used in the CIL Viability Assessment?

### 6 Liability and collection of the CIL

- The Levy applies to new development for which planning permission is granted after the Charging Schedule has taken effect, and the amount of CIL payable (the 'Chargeable Amount') is calculated on the day that development is first permitted (which can be the day on which planning permission is granted, if it is granted without conditions or reserved matters being attached, or the day on which the last pre-commencement condition or reserved matters is agreed/approved). Where an outline planning permission permits development to be implemented in phases, each phase of the development is a separate chargeable development. (10)
- 6.2 Liability to pay CIL for qualifying development will arise at the time planning permission is granted. Payment of CIL is due from the date the chargeable development commences, with payment normally required within 60 days. The liable party is required to notify the collecting authority about the start date of the development prior to commencement.
- 6.3 Harrogate Borough Council recognises the implications that a large CIL liability required at the commencement of a development project could have on cash flows and the ability to raise finance. Therefore the Council has published a draft instalments policy (Appendix 4) alongside the Preliminary Draft Charging Schedule to help inform representation made on the schedule.

### 7 Payment in kind

7.1 Under the Regulations charging authorities may, at their own discretion, consider accepting land as payment in kind in lieu of CIL.<sup>(11)</sup> This will only normally be considered for land in excess of that needed to deliver infrastructure required as a direct result of the permitted development (e.g. if the development permitted requires the provision of a children's play area on-site, that land will not be accepted as payment in lieu of CIL). The value of land for in lieu payment will be determined by an independent valuer.

### 8 Relationship between the CIL and planning obligations

- 8.1 The CIL Regulations 2010 included a deadline of 6 April 2015 beyond which restrictions on the pooling of planning obligations (i.e. S106 Agreements and commuted sums) came into force. From this date the Council has not been able to pool more than 5 contributions from separate developments towards a single item of infrastructure not funded by the CIL. This has meant that it has become more difficult to deliver larger scale items of infrastructure, such as schools and transport schemes, where the pooling of many individual planning contributions is often necessary.
- 8.2 In March 2018 however the Government launched a consultation into a redrafted National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and revisions to the National Planning Practice Guidance (NPPG). These changes include alterations to the viability sections of the NPPG and to the implementation of CIL and future workings of the s106 regime. The most important of these changes is the relaxation of the s106 pooling restrictions but only where an authority has

<sup>10</sup> As set out under Regulation 9(4) of the CIL Regulations 2010 (as amended).

<sup>11</sup> Under Regulation 73 of the CIL Regulations 2010 (as amended).

CIL in place. This makes it necessary for Harrogate Borough Council to consider the implementation of CIL. It is important to add however that even with CIL in place, there will continue to be an important role for planning obligations in mitigating the site specific impacts of a development and in providing affordable housing.

- As part of the CIL the Council will need to prepare a list, referred to formally as a Regulation 123 list, setting out the types of infrastructure that it intends to fund through CIL. CIL funding cannot be used as well as a Section 106 to deliver the same piece of infrastructure.
- The Regulation 123 list can be reviewed at any time but it is likely that the council will undertake to do this annually, linked to the publication of the council's Annual Monitoring Report which will identify progress on the collection and expenditure of the CIL. In line with Government guidance on the preparation and implementation of the CIL the Council will undertake appropriate local consultation when reviewing the Regulation S123 list.
- The council has published a draft Regulation S123 list alongside the Draft Charging Schedule to help inform representation made on the schedule. This list can be viewed in Appendix 5.

### 9 Spending the CIL

- 9.1 As already noted, in accordance with the CIL Regulations, the Council is required to publish a list of infrastructure that CIL revenue can be used to fund. The Preliminary Draft Regulation 123 Infrastructure List of Infrastructure is set out in Appendix 5.
- 9.2 As part of the Local Plan the Council considered the infrastructure requirements required to support delivery of the Local Plan. The infrastructure requirements are based on this as well as emerging Council priorities. The infrastructure requirements are set out in the Infrastructure Delivery Plan which details the infrastructure necessary to deliver the Local Plan. It is important to note that the CIL is not meant to replace mainstream sources of funding for infrastructure and will not cover the full costs of all of the infrastructure projects identified in the Delivery Plan. The Council will work closely with the relevant infrastructure and service providers to discuss and deliver the funding for infrastructure projects.
- 9.3 The Regulations also allow up to 5% of the CIL collected each year to be used to pay for the administrative expenses incurred by the charging authority. The District Council anticipates that it is likely to seek an element of reimbursement, to cover the costs associated with collection, implementation and monitoring of the CIL. This will be accounted for in the Council's monitoring of the expenditure of the CIL.

### 10 Neighbourhood funds

- A local council (i.e. parish/town council) with an adopted neighbourhood development plan will receive 25% of the CIL receipts generated by development within the neighbourhood plan area (provided that the development was granted planning permission after the neighbourhood plan was adopted) to spend on local infrastructure. In areas without a neighbourhood development plan in place: the local council will receive 15% of CIL receipts generated by development in the area (with a cap on the CIL revenue the charging authority has a duty to give local councils equal to £100 per Council tax dwelling in the area in each financial year).
- This 'Neighbourhood Fund' will be passed directly to parish/town councils where development occurs, and these locally elected councils will be directly accountable for its expenditure and reporting. Where an area does not have a town or parish council the charging authority will hold the neighbourhood fund on the areas' behalf and spend the money in line with the neighbourhood's needs guided by the results of appropriate local consultation.

- Parish/town councils are not restricted to spending neighbourhood funds on the infrastructure projects identified in the charging authorities Regulation 123 list and are not required to prepare their own list of infrastructure projects. However, neighbourhood funds must be spent on:
  - 1. The provision, improvement, replacement, operation or maintenance of infrastructure (e.g. roads, schools, open space, village halls etc.); or
  - 2. Anything else that is concerned with addressing the demands that development places on an area.
- 10.4 Following the adoption of the CIL the Council intends to produce guidance for town/parish councils on all aspects of the CIL process, including what information will need to be reported annually on the use of neighbourhood funds.
- Draft amendments to the CIL regulations allow the charging authority to require the repayment of neighbourhood funds that remain unspent 5 years after they were transferred to a local council. (12) However, in line with the current practice with commuted sums for open space and village hall provision the Council will not require the return of unspent CIL funds passed to local council's until 10 years after they were transferred. Any returned funds are placed in the pooled CIL fund to be spent on district-wide infrastructure projects.

### 11 Reporting

- 11.1 Following adoption of CIL the Council will publish a CIL Annual Monitoring Report on the operation of the levy over each financial year. (13) This will form part of the Council's Annual Monitoring Report and will include the following information:
  - How much CIL monies have been collected;
  - How much of that money has been spent;
  - Information on how CIL monies have been spent, including on which infrastructure projects, and how much has been used to cover administrative costs; and,
  - The amount of CIL retained at the end of the reporting year.
- Parish and town councils who receive CIL monies will have a duty to report to the District Council annually on how they have used their Neighbourhood Funds.

### 12 Monitoring and review of the CIL

12.1 The Council recognises the need to closely monitor the proposed CIL charges, given that changes in the property market, construction costs and changes in local or national policy over time can impact on development viability. Following the intended adoption of the CIL Charging Schedule in 2014, the Council intends to review the CIL every three years or earlier, if necessary, in response to significant changes in local development viability.

### 13 Next steps

Following the close of this six week consultation period (6 July 2018), the responses to the Preliminary Draft Charging Schedule will be reviewed and any amendments fed into the Draft Charging Schedule which will be taken to Council for approval and will then be subject to further consultation. The timetable for preparation of the CIL will form part of the Local Development Scheme that will be reviewed in due course.

<sup>12</sup> Regulation 59E of the CIL (Amendment) Regulations 2013.

<sup>13</sup> As required by Regulation 62 of the CIL Regulations 2010 (as amended).

### 14 Your views

- 14.1 We would like to receive any comments you may have on the Preliminary Draft Charging Schedule (PDCS) and the CIL Viability Assessment. The consultation runs from 25th May 2018 to 4.30pm on 6 July 2018.
- You can send us your comments in a number of ways but we recommend that you register and submit them online via the consultation portal at: https://consult.harrogate.gov.uk/kse/
- 14.3 You can also send your comments by post or email. Please make sure you include your full name and address as we cannot accept comments submitted anonymously, or with only a name and email address. A comments form should be used wherever possible which can be downloaded from the website or collected from main council offices. Please Send your comments to:

Harrogate CIL Consultation Planning Policy Harrogate Borough Council P.O. Box 787 Harrogate HG1 9RW

or planningpolicy@harrogate.gov.uk

- 14.4 Please only use one method of reply to avoid duplication. Please note that responses to this consultation cannot be treated as confidential and that they will be made available as public documents.
- 14.5 Please make sure that comments are submitted by 4.30pm on 6 July 2018.

### **Appendix 1 The Preliminary Draft Charging Schedule**

# HARROGATE BOROUGH COUNCIL : COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY (CIL): RECOMMENDED RATES

This Preliminary Draft Charging Schedule has been prepared in accordance with Part 11 of the Town and Country Planning Act 2008 (as amended by Part 6 of the Localism Act 2011) and the Community Infrastructure Regulations 2010 (as amended). It is supported by local evidence regarding infrastructure requirements and the impact of the CIL on the viability of development in the District, as set out in the background reports. These can be found on the Council's website as part of the CIL evidence base.

#### **Levy Rates**

The rates below will be charged against the gross internal floor area of:

- All new dwellings;
- All other built development exceeding 100 square metres in size; and
- The net additional floor area of all replacement development (after the area of demolished buildings in lawful use has been deducted) where it exceeds 100 square metres.

Development Type	Maximum CIL Rate (per sq.m)
Residential	
Zone 1 and sites of 10 units or fewer in all areas	£50
Zone 2	£0
Zone 3	£0
Sheltered Housing in Zone 1 and Zone 3	£60
Sheltered Housing in Zone 2	£40
Distribution	£20
Retail development	
Shops - Central Harrogate	£120
Shops - Other - Zone 1 and Zone 3	£40
Shops - Other - Zone	£0
Supermarkets	£120
Retail Warehouse	£120
All Other development	£0

Table 1.1 Recommended rates of CIL

The Zones are defined as follows:

Zone 1 - All areas that are not in Zone 2 or Zone 3

Zone 2 - The main urban areas of Harrogate, Boroughbridge, Knaresborough, Masham, Pateley Bridge and Ripon. The allocations that are adjacent to the main urban area of Ripon.

Zone 3 - The strategic sites at Boroughbridge (B4, B12 and B21), Green Hammerton/Cattal New Settlement, West Harrogate (H49, H51, H70 allocations and H50, H46, H36, H45 commitments), Manse Farm (K25 allocation and K31 commitment) and Ripon (R24, R25, R27)

#### How the CIL charge will be calculated

In accordance with the Regulations, where applicable, the Council will issue a Liability Notice that states the chargeable amount on the granting of planning permission or as soon as possible after the grant of planning permission. The Council will calculate the amount of CIL chargeable using the formulae set out in Part 5 of the CIL Regulations (as amended).

Full details of the way in which the CIL will be calculated, together with an overview of the CIL and the full Regulations can be found on the Government website.

### **Charge Zones**

Zone 2 for Harrogate, Boroughbridge, Knaresborough, Masham, Pateley Bridge is defined as the main built up area. Zone 2 for Ripon is shown on the following map.

#### **Question 2**

Do you support the proposed CIL rates for new residential development?

#### **Question 3**

Do you agree the boundaries between the different charging zones are appropriate?

#### **Question 4**

Do you support the proposed CIL rates for non-residential development?

### **Question 5**

Do you support the proposal to set the rate at £0 per square metre for all other types of development ?

### Map of Zone 2 for Ripon (area within the green line boundary is Zone 2)



Picture 1.1

### **Appendix 2 The Infrastructure Funding Gap**

# HARROGATE BOROUGH COUNCIL : COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY (CIL): INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING GAP

#### Introduction

In order to introduce the CIL Harrogate Borough Council, as the charging authority, must demonstrate that there is a shortfall in funding between the expected total cost of infrastructure needed to support development in the District over the plan period and the level of funding likely to be forthcoming from other sources of funding for infrastructure. This will identify a CIL infrastructure funding target.

The April 2013 CIL Guidance states that the information on the charging authority area's infrastructure need should be directly related to the infrastructure assessment that underpins their relevant Plan. The Government also recognise that there will be uncertainty in pinpointing other infrastructure funding sources, particularly beyond the short-term.

The Council has prepared a Infrastructure Delivery Plan (IDP) as part of the evidence base to the Publication Draft Local Plan which was the subject of public consultation during January and February 2018. The IDP identifies the key infrastructure requirements needed to support the level of planned growth in the District. The Council will be submitting an updated IDP to the Secretary of State in the Summer in support of the Harrogate District Local Plan.

The table below provides the most up to date information available on the infrastructure funding gap for the District. The table does not include any infrastructure projects identified in the IDP that would not be eligible for CIL funding or already have sufficient funding identified from other sources of funding for infrastructure.

Infrastructure Type	Infrastructure Requirement	Total Cost (£million)	Confirmed Funding and Source	Funding Gap (£million)	Notes
Strategic Road Network	Junction improvements	Unknown	None	Unknown	Potential sources of funding - Highways
					England, LEP, HBC, S106
Local Road Network	Junction/roundabout improvements/upgrade in Harrogate, Pannal, Knaresborough and Ripon	£11.9m	None	£11.9m	Potential sources of funding - LEP, S106
Public Transport	Rail service/stations and bus service/station improvements	£12.5 (part cost)	£2,500,000 (NYCC)	£10.0 (minimum)	Costs for all public transport improvements identified in the IDP are not currently known.

Infrastructure Type	Infrastructure Requirement	Total Cost (£million)	Confirmed Funding and Source	Funding Gap (£million)	Notes
Walking and Cycling	Walking and cycling routes	Unknown	None	Unknown	
Education	Extensions to primary schools	£42.42m	None	£42.42m	Potential sources of funding - S106, NYCC
Education	Extensions to secondary schools	£4.109	None	£4.109m	Potential sources of funding - S106, NYCC
Health	Extensions to health service buildings	Unknown	None	Unknown	Funding would be for capital cost of improved facilities only

Table 2.1 Funding Gap

The table identifies that the District has a CIL infrastructure funding target of at least c£68 million.

#### **CIL Revenue Projections**

Using the information from the Preliminary Draft Charging Schedule, it is projected that CIL could be applied to 1765 dwellings at a rate of £50/sq m. These dwellings are allocated in the emerging Local Plan and are located within the charging zone. This number is likely to increase however due to windfall sites, density, capacity of sites etc . This assessment projects that the Council could expect to generate in the order of £8.8m of funding for infrastructure through CIL.

In addition, it should be remembered that a meaningful proportion of the CIL generated by development must be allocated to the Parish or Town Council in which the development took place. A local council with an adopted neighbourhood development plan will receive 25% of the CIL receipts generated by development within the neighbourhood plan area (provided that the development was granted planning permission after the neighbourhood plan was adopted) to spend on local infrastructure. In areas without a neighbourhood development plan in place: the local council will receive 15% of CIL receipts generated by development in the area (with a cap on the CIL revenue the charging authority has a duty to give local councils equal to £100 per dwelling in the area in each financial year). Currently there are no adopted Neighbourhood Plans within the District although there are a couple of local councils working towards this goal. Therefore, at least 15% of the projected CIL revenue will be allocated to local councils. Whilst local council's may decide to use some, or all of their neighbourhood fund to deliver infrastructure projects identified in the table above cannot be guaranteed. On this basis the revenue projection can be further reduced by 15% (as the minimum) to £7,480,000.

#### Conclusion

The total identified infrastructure funding gap for the District for works required to accommodate planned growth to 2023/24 is c£68 million. The total projected revenue from CIL over the same period is c £8.8m.

### **Appendix 3 Evidence of Historic Planning Obligations**

### **EVIDENCE OF HISTORIC PLANNING OBLIGATIONS**

This appendix sets out information on planning obligations towards the delivery of infrastructure associated with developments negotiated in previous years in order to determine the minimum level of CIL that could be collected in Harrogate District - on the basis that this is at a level which has been demonstrated to be economically viable in the past . This needs to be read in conjunction with the main tables in the accompanying document "Planning Obligations Evidence Tables" The information can also be used to benchmark the assumption made on the continuing role of planning obligations in the CIL Viability Assessment.

Planning obligations are negotiated on a site by site basis in order to deliver appropriate measures to mitigate the site specific impacts of a development, including the delivery of affordable housing, open space, local highway improvements, education and health facilities, amongst other matters. Under the requirements of the CIL Regulations 2010 (as amended) planning obligations must be:

- 1. Necessary to make the development acceptable in planning terms,
- 2. Directly related to the development, and,
- 3. Fairly and reasonably related in scale and kind to the development.

Planning obligations are often secured by way of a S106 Agreement, legally binding agreements entered into by persons with an interest in a piece of land such as a developer or landowner. In Harrogate planning obligations are also collected by way of unilateral undertakings based on the requirements set out in Supplementary Planning Documents for contributions towards education, public open space and village hall provision. However, as a result of restrictions on the pooling of planning obligations that came into force on 6 April 2015 it is no longer feasible for the Council to collect commuted sums towards these three types of infrastructure in this manner.

The CIL Regulations set out that the levy rates should be set high enough to ensure that (when combined with other sources of funding) sufficient funds are available to pay for the community infrastructure needed to support growth. However, rates should not be set so high as to render the growth targets of the development plan commercially unviable. In setting the levy rates the council has therefore sought to strike an appropriate balance between:

- the desirability of funding from CIL in whole, or in part, the actual and estimated total cost of infrastructure required to support the development of its area, taking into account other actual and expected sources of funding; and,
- b. the potential effects, taken as a whole, of the imposition of CIL on the economic viability of development across its area.

#### **Residential S106 Agreements**

Tables 1, 2 and 3 in the accompany document "Planning Obligations Evidence Tables" provides a record of the data collected on S106 Agreements signed for residential developments taking place in Harrogate District over the last 10 years. Table 3.1 below summarises the average total cost of infrastructure requited by way of a S106 Agreement per dwelling. In most cases the infrastructure costs included in S106 Agreements for residential developments are related to transport improvements, education, contributions and open space provision.

Size of Development	Average Affordable Housing Provision	Average S106 Cost per Dwelling	r Average S106 Cost per Market Dwelling	
	(% of total)	(Market and Affordable)		
Small Sites	39%	£2,647	£3,377	
(1 - 100 dwellings)				
Large Sites	36%	£5,272	£8,549	
(over 100 dwellings)				
Combined Rural and Urban Sites	37%	£2,917	N/A	

**Table 3.1 Residential S106 Agreements** 

It should be noted that the average figures provided in the second column of Table 3.1 for the delivery of affordable housing on sites is based on planning applications dating back to approx 2007. The policy requirements for affordable housing provision have changed a number of times over this period and so the figures given are not necessarily representative of the Council's recent record of delivery under existing local policy targets.

The CIL Viability Assessment makes an allowance for a residual level of S106 contribution towards infrastructure which will still apply after the adoption of the CIL charging schedule for measures that are required to make schemes acceptable and are related in scale and nature to the proposed development. The Viability Assessment makes an allowance for £2,000 per dwelling across all sites other than the large strategic sites. The figures provided in the third column of Table 3.1 would suggest that the assumptions made is too low. However if we strip out the costs expeced to be delivered through CIL (i.e education and off-site open space/village hall provision) then the average cost per dwelling would be reduced by £4338 on large sites £1534 on small sites.

On the large strategic sites the following assumptions are used:

Sites	Area		Are	ea	Strategic Infrastructure and Mitigation		
		Dwellings	<b>Gross Ha</b>	Net Ha	Site	/unit	
New Settlement	Green Hammerton/Cattal	3,000	80.78	44.43	£36,316,000	£12,105	
H49, H51, H70	West Harrogate	3,008	176.01	95.91	£24,906,168	£8,280	
H50, H46, H36,							
H45							
K25, K31	Manse Farm, Knaresborough	1,002	65.92	34.12	£2,730,647	£2,725	
R24, R25, R27	Ripon	799	64.00	26.65	£5,592,543	£6,999	
B4, B12, B21	Boroughbridge	746	44.30	24.90	£4,331,463	£5,806	

Table 3.2 Strategic Sites - Strategic Infrastructure and Mitigation Costs

#### **Open Space and Village Hall Contributions**

The Council currently operates a commuted sums policy for the provision of open space and village hall facilities in relation to new residential developments. Contributions towards these two types of infrastructure are generally secured by way of a unilateral undertaking by the applicant, required by a planning condition. Table 10 in the accompanying document provides a summary of the costs of

open space and village hall provision to developers in rural and urban parts of the District. This distinction has been made because contributions towards village hall facilities are only required by developments that take place outside of Harrogate town, Knaresborough and Ripon. This also explains why the average total cost of open space and village hall provision per dwelling in rural areas is higher than in urban areas.

Location of Development	open space	Average Cost of Off-site Average Cost of Off-site open space Village Hall Provision			
	(£ per dwelling)	(£ per dwelling)			
Rural Area	£1,298	£1,358	£2,656		
Urban Area	 £1,220	£20	£1,202		

Table 3.3 Open Space and Village Hall Unilateral Undertakings

Due to the restrictions placed on the pooling of planning obligations that came into force on the 6 April 2015 the Council's ability to operate the commuted sums policy effectively has been affected. Requirements to provide on-site open space and commuted sums towards its maintenance will continue to be delivered by way of S106 Agreements. As mentioned above an allowance was made in the Viability Assessment for S106 Agreements including open space at the cost of approximately £2,000 per dwelling.

#### **Education Contributions**

The Council consults North Yorkshire County Council on all residential developments creating 25 or more new residential dwellings to determine whether a contribution towards local education provision is necessary. The current level of contributions for education facilities are £13,596 per primary school place based on a ratio 1 new primary school age pupil for every 4 dwellings and £20,293 per secondary school place based on a ratio 1 new secondary school age pupil for every 8 dwellings. It is important to note that contributions towards education facilities are only required where there is insufficient capacity in local schools to accommodate the expected pupil yield of a development. Therefore, developments of over 25 dwellings can be required to contribute in the order of £5,936 per dwelling towards local education facilities if a local need exists. The average S106 costs per dwelling for large residential developments provided in Table 1 above include contributions towards education facilities where this was sought. It is the Council's intention that educational contributions from qualifying development (except for provision arising from site specific development needs) will be funded through the CIL once adopted.

#### **Non-residential S106 Agreements**

Few examples of non-residential developments with S106 Agreements were found, and those that were identified, most related to convenience retail developments (i.e supermarkets). Table 7, 8 and 9 in the accompanying document provides details of the non-residential applications considered, and Table 3.4 below provides a summary of the average cost per square meter for different types of development. A number of mixed use developments were also identified but were not included due to the difficulty of attributing the different infrastructure costs required to each use included in the scheme (including residential developments)

Type of Development	Average S106 Cost
	(£ per square metre)
All non-residential development	£51
Supermarket development	£88
Business, industrial and leisure development	£8

Table 3.4 Non-residential development

### **Appendix 4 Instalments Policy**

# HARROGATE BOROUGH COUNCIL: COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY (CIL): DRAFT PAYMENT BY INSTALMENTS POLICY

This draft policy has been prepared in accordance with Regulation 69B of the Community Infrastructure Levy Regulations 2010 (as amended). Harrogate Borough Council will allow payment of CIL by instalments according to the total amount of the liability as follows:

Amount of CIL Liability	Number of Instalments	Pay	ment Periods and Amounts
Any amount less than £50,000	No instalments	•	Total amount payable within 60 days of the commencement of development
Amounts from £50,000 to £250,000	Two instalments	•	£50,000 payable within 60 days of commencement of development Balance payable within 120 days of commencement of development
Amounts from £250,000 to £500,000	Three Instalments	•	£50,000 payable within 60 days of commencement of development Balance payable in two further instalments of equal amount within 120 and 240 days of commencement of development
Any amount greater than £500,000	Four instalments	•	£50,000 payable within 60 days of commencement of development Balance payable in three further instalments of equal amount within 120, 240 and 360 days of commencement of development

**Table 4.1 Draft Instalments Policy** 

Where outline planning permission which permits the development to be implemented in phases has been granted, each phase of the development as agreed by Harrogate Borough Council will be treated as a separate chargeable development and the instalment policy will, therefore, apply to each separate chargeable development and associated separate liable amount chargeable.

Where an instalment payment has not been made in accordance with this policy the unpaid balance of the liability will become payable in full immediately.

This policy will not apply in respect of chargeable developments where:

- 1. nobody has assumed the liability to pay CIL for a development that has commenced (including developments permitted by retrospective planning permission);
- 2. a commencement notice has not been received by Harrogate Borough Council; and
- 3. Harrogate Borough Council has had to determine a deemed commencement date for a development.

In these cases payment is due in full on the commencement date, or deemed commencement date in relation to 2 and 3.

Date of Effect: This policy comes into effect on XXXX

### **Question 6**

Do you support the Council's draft instalments policy?

### **Appendix 5 Draft Regulation 123 Statement**

# HARROGATE BOROUGH COUNCIL : COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY (CIL): DRAFT REGULATION 123 LIST

#### Introduction

This document has been prepared in accordance with Regulation 123 of the Community Infrastructure Levy Regulations 2010 (as amended). CIL Regulation 123 restricts the use of planning obligations for infrastructure that will be funded in whole or in part by the Community Infrastructure Levy, to ensure no duplication between the two types of developer contributions.

Charging authorities are required to publish a list (the Regulation 123 list) setting out those projects or types of infrastructure that it intends will benefit from CIL funding on its website. The Regulation 123 list can be reviewed at any time but it is likely that the Council will undertake to do this annually, following the publication of the Council's Annual Monitoring Report which will identify progress on collecting and spending CIL. In line with Government guidance on the preparation and implementation of the CIL the Council will undertake appropriate local consultation when reviewing the Regulation S123 list.

The inclusion of a project or type of infrastructure in this list does not signify a commitment from Harrogate Borough Council to fund, either in whole or in part, the listed project or type of infrastructure through CIL. Nor does the order of the list imply any order of preference or weighting of one project as opposed to another.

This Draft Regulation 123 list has been prepared in support of the Council's CIL Preliminary Draft Charging Schedule that is the subject of public consultation between Friday 25 May and Friday 6 July 2018. It is important to note that the contents of the list may change depending on changes to local or national funding of infrastructure, changes to the development pressures and infrastructure requirements facing the District, or changes to the CIL Regulations prior to the Council's implementation of CIL.

### Infrastructure to Benefit from CIL Funding

The list below sets out those infrastructure projects that Harrogate Borough Council intends will be, or may be, wholly or partly funded by CIL:

Transport except for provision arising from site specific development needs

Secondary Education except for provision arising from site specific development needs

Primary Education except for provision arising from site specific development needs

Green infrastructure and public greenspace except for on-site provision required by Local Plan policies

Cultural facilities, except improvements which are directly related to a development

Cemeteries

Public realm improvements, except for on-site provision or where this is required as a direct result of an adjacent development

Community sports and recreation facilities (e.g children's and young people's play areas, playing pitches), except improvements which are directly related to a development

Health

Table 5.1 Draft Regulation 123 List

### **Continuing Role for Planning Obligations**

The CIL Regulations 2010 (as amended) included a deadline of 6 April 2015 beyond which restrictions on the pooling of planning obligations (i.e. S106 Agreements and commuted sums) came into force. From this date the Council has not been able to pool more than 5 contributions from separate developments towards a single item of infrastructure not to be funded by the CIL. In order to ensure that developments are not charged twice for the same item of infrastructure, the Council cannot require the provision of any item of infrastructure on the Regulation 123 list via a planning obligation.

In March 2018, the Government launched a consultation into a redrafted NPPF and revisions to the NPPG. These changes include alterations to the viability sections of the NPPG and to the implementation of CIL and future workings of the S106 regime. The main change proposed is that if the Council adopt CIL, the resrictions on pooling S106 contributions would be relaxed. There will continue to be an important role for planning obligations in mitigating the site specific impacts of a development and in providing affordable housing. The Council will continue to secure the types of infrastructure identified in emerging Local Plan by way of planning obligations, where they meet the tests set out at Regulation 122 of the CIL Regulations 2010 and do not appear on the Council's Regulation 123 list. For clarity, the list below provides an outline of the matters which will continue to be addressed through S106 or S278 Agreements:

- Affordable housing
- Site specific matters needed to make the development acceptable in planning terms, including (but not exhaustive);
- new bus connections or services and cycle/pedestrian routes and connections if directly required by the development
  - local junction/highways improvements and access into the site
  - primary schools/extensions arising from site specific development needs
  - on-site open space provision
  - public realm improvements on-site, and off-site where this is required as a direct result of an adjacent development
  - on-site drainage and flooding solutions
  - on-site sustainable energy requirements
  - air quality mitigation measures

#### **Question 7**

Do you support the Draft Regulation 123 list?

#### **Question 8**

Do you have any other comments?

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