

**Community Infrastructure Levy**

CIL is a levy on new development that is intended to provide funding for infrastructure to support the growth set out in Local Plans. CIL is split into two components; strategic and local, and it is the local component to which this report relates.

Government regulations require that the local component of CIL must:

“support the development of the local area, or any part of that area, by funding—

- (a) the provision, improvement, replacement, operation or maintenance of infrastructure; or
- (b) anything else that is concerned with addressing the demands that development places on an area.”

The accompanying Government guidance states the following:

“In deciding what to spend the neighbourhood portion on, the charging authority and communities should consider such issues as the phasing of development, the costs of different projects (e.g. a new road, a new school), the prioritisation, delivery and phasing of projects, the amount of the levy that is expected to be retained in this way and the importance of certain projects for delivering development that the area needs. Where a neighbourhood plan has been made, the charging authority and communities should consider how the neighbourhood portion can be used to deliver the infrastructure identified in the neighbourhood plan as required to address the demands of development. They should also have regard to the infrastructure needs of the wider area.”

**Spending local CIL**

The table below shows what the local element of CIL can be spent on:

ITEM	LEGITIMATE USE OF CIL
A Pedestrian Crossing	✓
Park improvements	✓
A grant to enable young people to be provided with musical instruments	✗
Improvements to a Community Building	✓
An alley gating scheme	✗
A new shop front for a commercial enterprise	✗
Improvements to land or buildings that have limited or no public access	✗
The expansion of a surgery	✓
Measures to address issues of social cohesion in areas where there has not been significant development	✗
Building Affordable Housing	✓
Library improvements	✓