



## **COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY (CIL) SPENDING POLICY**

### **1. Introduction**

1.1 The Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) is a charge which can be levied by local authorities on new development in their area. It allows local authorities to collect money from developments to assist with the delivery of infrastructure that is required to support development in and around the district.

Developers pay this levy to the Charging Authority (Wealden District Council) who pass 15% of CIL receipts to the Town Council. This needs to be spent on locally determined infrastructure in areas where development takes place and is known as the 'meaningful proportion'. This amount rises to 25% should the Council have an adopted Neighbourhood Plan in place.

### **2 Spending of CIL funds (The Meaningful Proportion)**

2.1 The Town Council must use CIL money to support the development of the local council's area, by funding the provision, improvement, replacement, operation or maintenance of infrastructure or anything else that is concerned with addressing the demands that development places on an area.

2.2 Any spend of CIL funding must fit within the usual powers of the Town/Parish Council and their powers of competence.

2.3 Where the infrastructure to be supported is not permissible due to the responsibilities of the Town/Parish Council then this may still happen by agreeing for the money to remain/be passed back to the District Council for them to have spent in accordance with the wishes of the local community.

2.4 Decisions on the expenditure of the 'meaningful proportion' funds are at the Town/Parish Council's discretion, provided that it is in accordance with the CIL regulations. All requests for use of CIL funds from committees are subject to confirmation by Full Council.

2.5 The Town Council must spend CIL funds transferred to them within a period of 5 years from the date of initial receipt.

### **3. Reporting**

3.1 The Town Council must submit a report to Wealden District Council setting out the following no later than the 31<sup>st</sup> December each year following the reported year:

3.1.1 Total CIL receipts for the reported year

3.1.2 Total expenditure for the reported year

3.1.3 A summary of what the CIL was spent on

3.1.4 The total amount of CIL receipts retained at the end of the reported year from that year and previous years.

3.2 The Town Council must publish on the Council website the following no later than the 31<sup>st</sup> December each year following the reported year:

3.1.5 Total CIL receipts for the reported year

3.1.6 Total expenditure for the reported year

- 3.1.7 A summary of what the CIL was spent on
- 3.1.8 Details of any notices received from Wealden District Council in relation to unspent CIL or CIL spent outside the scope of the regulations
- 3.1.9 The total amount of CIL receipts retained at the end of the reported year from that year and previous years