What is the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)?

The Community Infrastructure Levy is a new levy that local authorities in England and Wales can choose to charge on new developments in their area.

The money will be used to support development by funding infrastructure that the council, local community and neighbourhoods want - for example: new or safer transport schemes, park improvements or new community facilities.

The system is very simple. It applies to most new buildings with 100sqm or more of gross internal floorspace or involves the creation of at least one dwelling. Charges are based on the size and type of the new development.

New Forest District Council wants to move forward to use this system locally. To do this, the council has undertaken a lot of the work needed to set the local rate. This leaflet tells you more about the CIL and how the council intends to apply it.

How to make a representation

Email: cilconsultation@nfdc.gov.uk
Write to: Policy and Plans Team, New Forest District Council, Appletree Court, Lyndhurst SO43 7PA
A representation form and guidance can be downloaded from the council’s website. If you have any queries please phone the policy team on 023 8028 5345
Please ensure your comments reach us by 18 May 2012

What are the benefits?

The Community Infrastructure Levy will:

- deliver additional funding for local authorities to carry out a wide range of infrastructure projects that support growth and benefit the local community
- provide developers with much more certainty ‘up front’ about how much money they will be expected to contribute, which in turn encourages greater confidence and higher levels of inward investment
- ensure greater transparency for local people, because they will be able to understand how new development is contributing to their community
- enable local authorities to allocate a share of the levy raised in a neighbourhood to deliver infrastructure the neighbourhood wants

Where to view the Draft Charging Schedule

Copies of the documents and details of how to make representations can be viewed:

- on the council’s website at: newforest.gov.uk
- at any of the council’s local information offices. Details are available on the council’s website newforest.gov.uk

Scan to view from your smartphone

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**What is the proposed CIL level?**

Most development that involves an increase in floor space will come under the scope of CIL.

- The levy will not be charged if there is no extension of floor space as a result of the development.
- The charge must be levied in pounds sterling (£) per square metre. It will be collected, in most cases, as a cash contribution.
- It is possible to set £0 rates against uses.
- Charities and affordable housing are exempt from paying the levy.

Having identified the district’s infrastructure needs and considered the implications on development viability of potential levy rates, the council is proposing to charge the following level of CIL per square metre of new development (see opposite).

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**How will the levy affect planning obligations?**

CIL will be used as the mechanism for pooling contributions from a variety of new developments to fund the provision of new infrastructure to support those developments in the wider area.

Planning obligations ($106 private agreements between the local planning authority and the developer) will continue to play an important role in dealing with site-specific issues and in helping to make individual developments acceptable to local planning authorities and communities.

It will not be possible to ‘double charge’ for the same infrastructure works through both $106 and CIL.

**What will CIL money be spent on?**

The CIL will be spent on infrastructure needed to support the development within the New Forest district. The council has identified a number of projects as part of its work to set the CIL rates, including transport projects and green infrastructure.

The regulations recognise that priorities change and allow for new projects to be identified that weren’t originally foreseen. The council will publish a list of the infrastructure it intends to fund through CIL on its website.

The government will expect neighbourhoods where CIL money is raised to receive a meaningful proportion of this revenue for infrastructure projects in their area.

**When will the local CIL come into force?**

This Draft Charging Schedule is the one the council intends to submit for public examination.

The timetable for adoption is:

- **Consult on preliminary draft charging schedule for six weeks**
  - Jan/Feb 2012
- **Formally publish the draft charging schedule for four weeks**
  - This stage
- **Public Examination**
  - June/Oct 2012
- **Inspector’s Report and adoption**
  - Late 2012/early 2013

**What has happened since the last consultation?**

Officers have reviewed the comments made and amended the charging schedule where needed. A copy of the consultation report can be seen on the council’s website newforest.gov.uk/haveyoursay.

If after this period of representations the council wishes to make any further changes, then a further four week consultation period will may place.