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Subject: RE: Solihull CIL Modifications Consultation

Thank you for inviting consideration of a number of CIL related documents.

S106 Policy Statement

We are concerned by the limited reference to the historic environment and the role of development contributions in the delivery of a positive strategy for the conservation of heritage assets, successful and sustainable development in accordance with your Local Plan Policy P16 and the NPPF (paragraphs 6, 126 and 157 are relevant).

Successful and sustainable development may be dependent on historic places/spaces to provide the essential character, the social infrastructure, culture, community focus, amenity, recreation or leisure opportunities required to ensure thriving sustainable communities. Due to the increased demands on these heritage assets from new development, how might development contributions help fund their upkeep and condition?

Historic England would encourage you to consider specific reference to the Historic Environment to show a commitment to allow development contributions to be used to implement Solihull's evident commitment to its cultural heritage.

The Policy document might refer to the role of development contributions in support of appropriate initiatives to conserve and enhance Solihull's historic townscape, heritage assets and/ or their settings.

Development contributions have, and continue to be used across the country for a range of heritage related initiatives. In Solihull there may be potential, now or in the future, to:

- Fund improvements to the historic environment, such as the repair and reuse of buildings or other heritage assets*.
- Mitigate the adverse effects on the historic environment, such as through archaeological investigations, access and interpretation.
- Provide for the maintenance and on-going costs associated with a range of heritage assets including, for example, transport, green and social infrastructure including historic parks and gardens (e.g. church yards), civic spaces and public places.
- Fund public realm improvements **
- Support local museums.
- Provide an important resource to support a distinctive town centre offer.

*Vacant or underused heritage assets not only fail to make a full contribution to the local economy but they also give rise to negative perceptions about an area. This, in turn, can detract from an area's attractiveness to visitors and inward investment.

** Improvements to the public realm in town and village centres can help encourage walking and cycling and support the delivery of sustainable transport objectives. Investment in the public realm can also support the delivery of the objectives for the historic environment through helping to deliver conservation area management plans. Improvements could include promoting community

based de-cluttering audits and the better coordination of signage and street furniture as promoted through English Heritage's Streets for All programme. Improvements in the overall quality, character and indeed functioning of areas can also contribute to wider policy aims linked to the economy and the built environment.

Whilst we appreciate that at this stage there is little scope to influence the CIL 123 list I do hope that my brief observations on the S106 Policy Document can inform minor adjustments to enable the historic environment to support the delivery of sustainable development within Solihull.

Yours sincerely

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To: Policy & Spatial Planning, PSP
Subject: RE: Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Draft Charging Schedule ? Statement of Modifications Consultation

Dear Sir/Madam,

RE: Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Draft Charging Schedule – Statement of Modifications Consultation

I am pleased to inform you that the Council has published the Statement of Modifications to the Solihull CIL Draft Charging Schedule and revised Regulation 123 list for public consultation. The consultation is for a statutory period of four weeks from **16th October to 13th November 2015**.

The Statement of Modifications, Regulation 123 list and all relevant background documents are available [here](#).

Paper copies of the documents will be available for inspection at the following locations during their normal [opening hours](#):

Solihull Connect Theatre Square, Solihull Town Centre, B91 3RG
Solihull Connect Shirley, 22 Parkgate, Shirley, B90 3GG
Solihull Connect Bluebell Centre, Ground Floor West Mall, Chelmsley Wood, B37 5TN
Solihull Connect Balsall Common Library, 283 Kenilworth Road, Balsall Common, CV7 7EL
Solihull Connect Kingshurst, Church Close, Kingshurst, B37 6HA

A copy of the documents is also available for inspection at all of the Borough's [libraries](#).

Please note we are seeking comments on the Statement of Modifications & Regulation 123 list only. Any person may comment on the proposed Modifications and request to be heard to the Examiner. All requests to be heard should be made in writing and submitted to the Council by post or email at the address below. All comments to be received by **midnight on 13th November 2015**.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me, or a member of the Spatial Planning team on the details below.

Kind regards,

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