

## Draft Charging Schedule Consultation

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To: Planning Policy

Dear Sir/Madam

Thank you for inviting Sport England to comment on the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) - Draft Charging Schedule.

The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) requires each local planning authority to produce a Local Plan for its area. Local Plans should be based on an adequate, up-to-date and relevant evidence base. In addition, para 73 of the NPPF requires that:

*“Planning policies should be based on robust and up-to-date assessments of the needs for open space, sports and recreation facilities and opportunities for new provision. The assessment should identify specific needs and quantitative deficits or surpluses of open space, sports and recreational facilities in the local area.”*

Paragraph 175 of the NPPF states:

*“Where practical, Community Infrastructure Levy charges should be worked up and tested alongside the Local Plan.”*

Sport England advocates that new developments should contribute to the sporting and recreational needs of the locality made necessary by their development. Whilst it is acknowledged that a Playing pitch Strategy has been completed, Sport England is concerned that having been completed in 2006, it is no longer up-to-date. Without an up-to-date assessment in place, there is a risk that contributions could be open to challenge. We would therefore encourage the Council to complete and update or refresh of the existing Strategy.

Kind regards

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