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LDF Responses



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Dear Sir / Madam

WOKING – COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY DRAFT CHARGING SCHEDULE ON BEHALF OF THAMES WATER UTILITIES LTD

Thames Water Utilities Ltd (Thames Water) Property Services function is now being delivered by Savills (UK) Limited as Thames Water's appointed supplier. Savills are therefore pleased to respond to the above consultation on behalf of Thames Water.

Thames Water are the statutory sewerage undertaker for the Woking Borough and are hence a "**specific consultation body**" in accordance with the Town & Country Planning (Local Planning) Regulations 2012. In this context we have the following comments on the draft CIL Charging Schedule:

Thames Water provide essential wastewater [and water] infrastructure in order to support growth and deliver environmental improvements. That infrastructure provision can incorporate the provision of buildings such as a new sewage pumping station or new sewage treatment building for example. The nature of such infrastructure buildings means that there is no impact on other forms of infrastructure requirements such as schools, open space and libraries. We therefore consider that wastewater [and water] infrastructure buildings should be exempt from payment of the Community Infrastructure Levy and this appears to be the case in the draft schedule where "All other commercial and non residential uses" have a Nil charge which is supported by Thames Water.

The Council may however wish to consider using CIL contributions for enhancements to the sewerage network beyond that covered by the Water Industry Act and sewerage undertakers, for example by providing greater levels of protection for surface water flooding schemes. Sewerage undertakers are currently only funded to a circa 1:30 flood event.

We trust the above is satisfactory, but please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries.

Yours sincerely

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