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Mrs Sharon Groth (Town Clerk) Witney Town Council Town Hall Marjet Square Oxon OX28 6AG Your Ref: Our Ref:

**Date:** 02 August 2024

Dear Clerk

## Consultation on the West Oxfordshire Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Draft Charging Schedule

The District Council is in the process of introducing the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) into West Oxfordshire.

CIL is a charge that can be put on some new developments to help pay for necessary infrastructure.

Importantly, CIL will sit alongside the Council's current use of Section 106 agreements which you are likely to already be familiar with.

Proposed CIL charges must be set out in a document called a 'charging schedule'.

The District Council is therefore consulting on a new draft CIL charging schedule over an 8-week period running from Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> August – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2024.

I enclose a copy of the draft charging schedule for your information and reference.

If you would like to respond to the consultation, comments can be made in writing or electronically and must be received no later than 5pm on 27th September 2024.

The consultation is being hosted on the Council's consultation platform which is available online via the following link: <a href="https://yourvoice.westoxon.gov.uk/en-GB/">https://yourvoice.westoxon.gov.uk/en-GB/</a>

Comments can also be sent by email to <u>planning.consultation@westoxon.gov.uk</u> or by writing to the following address:

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All comments made within the 8-week consultation period will be made publicly available.

All persons making representations may request the right to be heard by the examiner and all representations may be accompanied by a request to be notified at a specified address of any of the following matters:

- that the Draft Charging Schedule has been submitted for examination;
- the publication of the recommendations of the examiner and the reasons for those recommendations; and
- the approval of the charging schedule by the charging authority (West Oxfordshire District Council)

If you have any questions or concerns or require any further information on the consultation please contact the Planning Policy Team on 01993 861667.

Yours faithfully,

Chris Hargraves

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