

West Oxfordshire District Council
Developer Contributions Supplementary Planning Document (SPD)
Consultation Summary Report

August 2022

Witney Town Council	
Issues raised	WODC response
<p>This consultation does not communicate clearly to the public the intentions of how funding from developers will be sought. It is 83 pages long and it does not summarise clearly at the front what will happen. The consultation appears impenetrable and unwieldy and the Town Council is concerned that the public may not understand and be able to engage with this.</p> <p>The Town Council believe that the whole town is impacted by strategic development and wishes to be able to exercise discretion in where the developer contributions are spent, which is the whole point of the Community Infrastructure Levy.</p> <p>The Town Council would appreciate much better collaboration between the three tiers of Council in terms of Section 106 contributions, to seek out and find solutions for the spending of Section 106 funds and a more transparent tracking system that allows the Town Council to know what has been allocated to Witney.</p> <p>The Town Council would also appreciate and “easy read” version that everyone is able to understand.</p>	<p>The comments are noted. In terms of the complexity of the document, the revised draft SPD has been shortened and simplified to ensure it is accessible and understandable to a broad audience.</p> <p>In terms of the relationship between the District Council, County Council and Town and Parish Councils, additional text has been added to the revised SPD to emphasise the importance of early discussion and ongoing engagement.</p> <p>With regard to the issue of greater transparency, the District Council is now required to produce an annual Infrastructure Funding Statement (IFS) to provide greater clarity on funding received from development and how it is being allocated and spent.</p>