

**Shepway District Council
Community Infrastructure Levy Examination**

Matters, Issues & Questions

Council response to:

MATTER D: Infrastructure Provision

ISSUE 2: County and Policing Services

- a) Does the CIL as proposed provide sufficiently for infrastructure needs and costs identified by the County Council or Kent Police?

Questions to the Council

- i. Please provide a statement setting out your responses to the question above.

Council Response

The CIL Regulations do not require CIL to provide for all of an area's infrastructure funding needs, including those identified by a County Council and Policing Service, given its level is determined by reference to viability evidence, and the need to support delivery of an area's development plan.

Kent County Council (KCC) have been in discussion with Shepway District Council over a number of years on infrastructure needs brought about by developments set out by the area's local plan, for services including schools, adult and social care, adult education, libraries, and youth services. Highways and transport infrastructure needs have also been subject to discussion and considerations. These needs are most clearly articulated and met, in respect of the section 106 agreements that form part of strategic and key development sites in the district.

For smaller scale developments, KCC has in previous years applied a tariff based requirement on residential developments to secure a contribution towards their service infrastructure needs. This has however now ceased given the pooling restrictions on section 106 agreements. CIL is intended to part fill this particular role, but will be subject to further discussions and considerations between the County Council and District Council.

The Kent Police have had some engagement in the planning process associated with strategic and key development sites. Where a need has been defined and is acceptable, this has been incorporated within a section 106 agreement for these sites. Other needs emerging from the cumulative impact of smaller developments have however, not been subject to discussions other than through consultations on individual planning applications, where appropriate. The CIL regime will broaden this engagement, given that the Council's draft Regulation 123 list identifies community safety as an infrastructure type that is available for support. The Kent Police, along with other partners and service providers, may therefore be able to bid in for a share of CIL receipts to support their infrastructure needs in the district, with this to be the subject of future consideration by the Council.

Given the extent of the district's infrastructure needs and the projected receipts from CIL, it is not anticipated that CIL will be able to meet all of the funding needs identified by partners now, and in the future. Its deployment will therefore need to be in association with other infrastructure funding sources, apart from contributions secured via section 106 agreements.