

Deerhurst Parish Council - Principles for the allocation of Community Infrastructure Levy monies

The Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) is a tool used by local authorities in the United Kingdom to help deliver infrastructure to support the development of their area. The money raised from the CIL can fund a wide range of infrastructure needed due to development. This includes transport, education, health, sports and recreation, green spaces, flooding and more. CIL monies are allocated to Deerhurst Parish Council from Tewkesbury Borough Council on a six-month basis according to the amount of qualifying development that has occurred in the Parish over the previous six months. Monies must be spent within five years of allocation.

Here are the principles, as of 10 April 2024, that Deerhurst Parish Council has adopted for making decisions about CIL monies allocated to the Parish:

- 1. Alignment with the Neighbourhood Development Plan:** CIL spending should be closely aligned with the priorities and projects outlined in the Deerhurst Parish Neighbourhood Development Plan. This ensures that the funds are used to support the overall strategic vision for the Parish.
- 2. Transparency and Accountability:** Deerhurst Parish Council will be transparent about how CIL funds are allocated and spent. Regular reporting and public disclosure of expenditures will ensure accountability to the community and stakeholders.
- 3. Community Consultation:** Deerhurst Parish Council should engage with the community and stakeholders in decision-making for any CIL spend above £10000 (ten thousand) allocated within the six months. This will be achieved through public consultations, meetings, and forums.
- 4. Addressing the Impact of Development:** Priority should be given to infrastructure projects that address the direct impact of development in the area. This includes mitigating any adverse effects and enhancing the capacity of existing infrastructure to support new development.
- 5. Leveraging Additional Funding:** CIL funds should be used as leverage to attract additional funding from other sources, such as government grants, private sector contributions, and other financing mechanisms. This can maximise the impact of the CIL.
- 6. Sustainable Development:** Projects funded by CIL will promote sustainable development principles, including environmental sustainability, social equity, and economic viability.
- 7. Monitoring and Evaluation:** Deerhurst Parish Council will have a robust system for monitoring and evaluating the impact of projects funded by CIL to assess their effectiveness and help inform future spending decisions.
- 8. Flexibility and Adaptability:** Deerhurst Parish Council should maintain flexibility in CIL spending decisions to adapt to changing circumstances and emerging needs.
- 9. Strategic Infrastructure Projects:** A portion of the annual CIL may be set aside for more extensive, strategic infrastructure projects that have a broader impact beyond the immediate development area.
- 10. Equitable Distribution:** Efforts will be made to distribute CIL funds to maximise benefits to all parts of the community, especially areas that most need infrastructure improvements.

These principles are intended to guide Deerhurst Parish Council in making informed and effective decisions about using CIL funds to support sustainable and inclusive growth in the Parish.