

## **Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Update**

- 1.1 The Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) came into force in April 2010. It allows local councils in England and Wales to raise funds from developers starting new building projects. The money can be used to fund a wide range of work and services needed to support the growth of our Borough. In order to charge a fee, we must produce a charging schedule setting out charge rates for this area.
- 1.2 An initial consultation took place with some developers and interested parties in January 2014, this helped us to make sure we were on the right track for writing the Charging Schedule. The charging schedule then has to have two rounds of public consultations before being submitted for Examination by a planning inspector. The first consultation was carried out in December 2014 to January 2015; Information and comments provided from this consultation helped us to revise our documentation. We then published a Draft Charging Schedule, so we could move forward and carry out the final consultation. This final consultation took place for a period of 6 weeks, and finished on the 25<sup>th</sup> of April 2016.
- 1.3 In response to this consultation we have asked the Planning Inspectorate to undertake an Examination of the CIL Draft Charging Schedule. We formally submitted the Draft Charging Schedule on 10 June 2016. Details of the submitted documents can be found on our website: <http://www.west-norfolk.gov.uk/default.aspx?page=28023>
- 1.4 Mr. Philip Staddon (BSc DIP MBA MRTPI) has been appointed as the independent Examiner to consider the CIL Charging Schedule. The Planning Inspectorate aim to commence the examination approximately 10 weeks after the submission. The precise date for the opening of any formal hearing part of the examination into the Charging Schedule will be decided by the Examiner. As soon as we have confirmed the date(s) and information relating to the examination we will circulate the information to relevant parties.
- 1.5 A Programme Officer, Miss Lesley Morton, has been appointed by the Borough Council. Miss Morton can be contacted as follows: E-Mail: [lesley.morton@west-norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:lesley.morton@west-norfolk.gov.uk), and Tel: 01553 616819.