



**WATFORD
BOROUGH
COUNCIL**

Community Infrastructure Levy

Regulation 62
Monitoring Report 2015/16



Background

The Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) is a mechanism to allow local planning authorities to seek to raise funds from new development, in the form of a levy, in order to contribute to the cost of infrastructure projects that are, or will be, needed to support new development.

Watford Borough Council's charging schedule was approved by full council in November 2014 and came into effect on the 1 April 2015. Watford Council is both a CIL charging and CIL collecting authority.

The CIL is intended to be used to help provide infrastructure to support the development of an area rather than making an individual planning application acceptable in planning terms (which is the purpose of Section 106 Agreements). CIL does not fully replace Section 106 Agreements.

Regulation 123 of the CIL Regulations (as amended) restricts the use of planning obligations for infrastructure that will be funded in whole or in part by CIL. This is to ensure there is no duplication between CIL and planning obligation secured through Section 106 agreements in funding the same infrastructure projects.

Whilst the majority of CIL receipts will be used to support the delivery of Strategic infrastructure, the CIL regulations 2010(as amended) requires a 'meaningful proportion' to be passed to the local town or parish council, where receipts have been received from development in their area. The proportion is set at 15% of receipts with a maximum cap of £100 per council tax dwelling during the financial year. Where a Neighbourhood Development Plan is in place the meaningful proportion will rise to 25% with no maximum cap specified.

There are no areas in Watford at present with a Neighbourhood Development Plan in place and Watford does not have any town or parish councils..

An additional 5% of receipts can be used for administrative costs after introduction of CIL in an area. To help the charging authorities with the initial set up costs, the regulations allow for a 'rolling cap' for the period of three years after introduction (ie. 5% applied to the total CIL receipts for the first three years). After this time the cap will be applied annually.

To ensure that the levy is open and transparent, Watford is required to prepare a short report on the levy to be published on our website by 31 December each year, for the previous financial year.

**Table 1 Watford Borough Council Regulation 62 CIL Monitoring Summary 1
April 2015-31 March 2016**

Description	Amount Collected
Total CIL receipts for the reported year	£160,275.83
Total CIL carried over from previous reported year(s)	£0
Total Expenditure for the reported year	£0
The items of infrastructure to which CIL (including land payments) has been applied	Not Applicable
Amount of CIL expenditure on each item	Not Applicable
Amount of CIL applied to repay money borrowed, including any interest, with details of the infrastructure items which that money was used to provide (wholly or in part)	Not Applicable
Amount of CIL applied to administrative expenses pursuant to regulation 61, and that amount expressed as a percentage of CIL collected in that year in accordance with that regulation	£8013.79
Administrative expenses expressed as a percentage	5%
The amount of CIL passed to any local council under regulation 59A or 59B	£0
The amount of CIL passed to Any person under regulation 59(4)	£0
Total Neighbourhood Fund ('meaningful proportion') receipts for the reported year	£24,041.37
Total amount of CIL receipts retained at the end of the reported year	£152,262.04

For further information about Watford Council Community Infrastructure Levy including our guidance note, charging schedule and Regulation 123 list can be obtained from:

https://www.watford.gov.uk/info/20012/planning_and_building_control/447/community_infrastructure_levy/2