

Dear Chairman,

As the Shropshire Council Portfolio Holder for Planning and Housing Development, I am writing to you as the first of a series of communications from the team with responsibility for the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) and myself.

I do not propose to address the technicalities or complexities of the CIL in this letter. Rather, I will set out the planned activities for the months ahead:

- The list of infrastructure, the Council is proposing to fund through the levy during the next year (officially called the CIL 123 List), will appear in the form of a report to Cabinet seeking approval. A note will be sent through SALC to confirm when this report is available along with the date of the Cabinet meeting. I expect this to go Cabinet during the autumn.
- In late 2017, Parish and Town Councils across the county submitted their updated list of infrastructure requirements, for inclusion in the update to the Place Plans. I am pleased to say the revised plans are nearly ready and we plan to host meetings to discuss these. The details of the meetings will be sent in due course, it is expected they will take place before the end of the year.
- I am working with the team on how to be as clear as possible when talking about CIL, both in terms of the language, the information available and the manner of communications with stakeholders such as yourselves. This will be an ongoing process.

Consideration is underway as to whether any changes are required to current policy, in light of the needs within the county. Rest assured that if there are any proposals to bring forward, this will be done publically, so everyone can have their say.

CIL will never be the single answer to meeting our infrastructure needs, either at the most local or county level. It is only by combining our efforts that we will see the infrastructure we need to support development.

Please keep an eye out for future communications on this subject.

Yours Sincerely,

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