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FAO: Andy Mortimer (Policy Manager)

Dear Sir

Supplementary Planning Document (Preferred Options) – Developer Contributions and Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Charging Schedule

I refer to your letter dated 16 March 2011 in relation to the above consultation which was received on 21 March 2011.

We would like to make the following comments:

We would reiterate the comments made in our previous response dated 3 December 2010 with reference to the working draft consultations for the above.

We note that the CIL will benefit infrastructure such as 'flood risk management provisions that cannot be attributable to the development of any one site'. For 'Flood Defences' we note that you identify the surface water management plan links for some of the relevant Shropshire towns; and an Integrated Drainage Management Plan in Much Wenlock. The document refers to £800,000 of works. However, it is unclear if this figure is meant to be across the board rather than perhaps, as might be expected, just for Much Wenlock.

We have no new flood defence schemes coming forward, in the immediate future that could be included within the CIL programme. In the past we have been proactive in securing funding towards some EA schemes (Coleham Head, Shrewsbury for example) and Flood warning contributions from a few individual planning applications. As set out in our previous letter, we would still seek contributions where relevant, necessary etc for contributions towards existing flood defences (management and maintenance of) and flood warning. However this 'opportunity' may be difficult to achieve if the CIL 'takes' all the developer contributions. This may be particular evident, given that budgets are tight all round

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and developers are encouraged to 'renegotiate' existing S106s, and CIL is looking at new critical infrastructure, or upgrades to.

We acknowledge that the CIL is linked to Policy CS9 of the recently adopted Core Strategy, and LDF Implementation Plan. It is understood that this will be updated when more certainty on some schemes, such as waste water improvement to treatment works (critical infrastructure) is available.

I trust that the above is of interest.

Yours faithfully

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