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Dear Sir/Madam

Draft Infrastructure Delivery and draft Community Infrastructure Levy Charging Schedule

Thank you for consulting us on the draft Infrastructure Delivery and Prioritisation Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) and the draft Community Infrastructure Levy Charging Schedule.

We have the following comments to make with regards to our remit:

Draft Infrastructure Delivery and Prioritisation (SPD)

Flood risk

We welcome the inclusion of flood defences as essential infrastructure.

In order to determine the location of infrastructure, including roads, you should consider the following in the very early stages:

- We encourage you to undertake a flood risk sequential test and allocate sites with the lowest risk of flooding.
- Areas of Flood Zone 3b – functional floodplain, as defined by your Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA), should not be considered for development.
- Consideration must be given to climate change allowances. More guidance can be found on the Gov.uk website <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/climate-change>
- All of the options should fully consider the content of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) in relation to flood risk. Any future development should not result in an increase in flood risk elsewhere.

Flood risk management schemes

Flood risk management schemes can help to reduce the impact of flooding on existing infrastructure, such as roads and railways. In turn this can reduce the negative impact a flood event can have on the local economy. This is an opportunity to seek development contributions to flood risk management schemes, such as the River Thames Scheme, which Runnymede Borough Council is a stakeholder in.

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This would help achieve the aim(s) of the emerging local plan which seeks to:

- Deliver vibrant places, a prosperous economy and a healthy built and natural environment for the benefit of existing residents and future generations.
- Ensure the delivery of the right infrastructure in the right place and at the right time to support growth.

Green Infrastructure

We support the inclusion of Green Infrastructure as a policy high priority. This could be expanded to include Blue Infrastructure and make reference to main rivers. Blue infrastructure is linked to waterbodies such as watercourses, floodplains, river corridors and wetlands.

CIL Charging Schedule

We have no comments to make with regards to the Charging Schedule.

Final Comments

Thank you again for consulting us. Our comments are based on the best available data and the information as presented to us.

Should you require any additional information, or wish to discuss these matters further, please do not hesitate to contact me on the number below.

Yours faithfully

