

*"This Town Council thanks the examiner for his consideration of our comments. The only point we made earlier was for a small extra percentage added to the CIL figures to help cover the future expansion in the Town. It should be borne in mind that Swancombe and Greenhithe Town is faced with one of the biggest expansions in population in the UK. Currently approximately 6,000 properties and expected to rise to 25,000+ in the future, a 300% plus increase. Some of these developments have started to begin this year and whilst we understand S106 agreements can still be added to address some of these issues, they do not cover the more strategic plan for the area that embraces the whole Town. This Town Council did produce a strategic plan for the area several years ago, which does need updating to take into account recent development changes but illustrates the need for this extra CIL charge. A copy of this can be despatched to you by post if you supply the address it needs to be sent to. The Town Council is happy to negotiate with our Borough Council on the figure but due to the special circumstances happening locally, still believe that it should be in addition to the figures put forward. If the Borough Council feels that they can accommodate this request in their current figures then that would certainly be something the Town Council would be willing to consider.*

*The main aim of the Town Council is to create an integrated, sustainable community that embraces the existing community as well as those moving in. To illustrate this due to the existing community living adjacent to the Thames and the major forthcoming development having large lakes the Town Council has drawn up plans for a swimming facility added to the Leisure Centre that it runs, the idea being to allow all local children the chance to learn to swim in safety."*

Yours sincerely,

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