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Dear Ms. Smith

Community Infrastructure Levy – Draft Charging Schedule

Thank you for consulting us on the draft charging schedule. We have no comments relating to the proposed charges, the draft installment policy or the overview report. We note that the Infrastructure Delivery Plan has also been updated (November 2012) and would like to make the following observations:

Dartford Marshes (Green Infrastructure/ Water and drainage) has been identified as a project which will *not* receive CIL funding. One aspect of this large project is the maintenance of East End Marshes, which are under the ownership of Dartford Borough Council. This grazing marsh habitat has recently been restored through SITA Trust funding, but will need maintenance to avoid it reverting to its previously degraded state. This can be most effectively achieved through livestock grazing, which will require a stewardship agreement and livestock fencing. We consider that CIL could be an appropriate funding mechanism for this green infrastructure.

Dartford Creek Barrier replacement has been withdrawn from the IDP as works have now been completed. However, we note from previous discussions that you consider maintenance costs of the barrier may be an appropriate use of CIL funds.

Unfortunately, no costs are available at present on either of these infrastructure projects. However, we are pleased to note that the IDP is a 'living' document, and we look forward to on-going discussions with you regarding infrastructure funding.

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