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Dear Sir or Madam,

Planning Consultation: Community Infrastructure Levy – Draft Charging Schedule published for public consultation.

Thank you for your consultation on the above dated 16 August 2018.

Natural England is a non-departmental public body. Our statutory purpose is to ensure that the natural environment is conserved, enhanced, and managed for the benefit of present and future generations, thereby contributing to sustainable development.

Having reviewed the Draft Charging Schedule and Havering Local Plan we welcome the proactive approach towards Green Infrastructure and the detailed list of projects that will deliver the Local Plan's vision for Green Infrastructure. We do, however, have some specific comments to make:

- We note the Draft Regulation 123 list states '*The Council intends that it will, or may, spend CIL on **part or all** of provision, improvement, replacement, operation or maintenance of the infrastructure..*'. We understand this is a broad statement intended to cover all aspects of infrastructure, however, we would like to remind you that in order to gain the most benefit from Green Infrastructure, funding must be secured for its maintenance (and if possible enhancement) in perpetuity as well as for its provision and operation.
- We note that Green Infrastructure is listed to be funded by the CIL, however, we would, if possible, recommend you consider additional contributions from planning obligations in the Romford and Rainham and Beam Park Strategic Sites. This would ensure that the strategic sites will receive the maximum benefits associated with appropriately-chosen and maintained Green Infrastructure.
- We note that the Havering Local Plan incorporates Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS) into its policies. We would advise you ensure that the 'Flood defence/protection measures' funded through planning obligations (as per Havering Regulation 123 list) includes the provision and maintenance of SuDS that controls both water quantity and quality.

