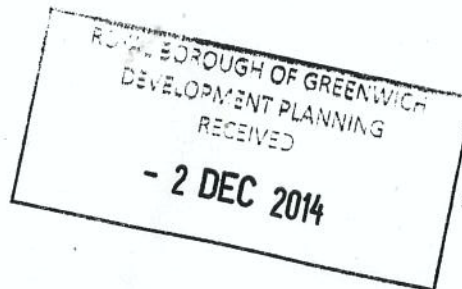




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Dear Sirs,

Royal Borough of Greenwich: Community Infrastructure Levy

Further to your letter dated 14th November I am writing to outline the observations of The Royal Parks in relation to this change in policy.

The Royal Parks (TRP) has worked closely with the Royal Borough of Greenwich regarding developments around Greenwich Park. Over the years TRP has been able to assist in providing locations for community benefits ranging from environmental improvements to children's playgrounds. TRP has appreciated this investment which has generally been in the form of Section 106 financial support. The new Community Infrastructure Levy is welcomed by The Royal Parks as a clear and direct way to ensure that projects benefiting the local community are funded through a levy placed on development activity. With The Royal Parks occupying a large land area of open space within the Borough and there should be opportunities to work with the Council to identify suitable projects for levy funding that will be of community benefit. Greenwich Park has a significant influence on the quality of the local environment, air quality, health and wellbeing, and general public enjoyment. The Park is also at the centre of the Greenwich World Heritage Site (WHS) and TRP takes it's role as a WHS partner very seriously helping to identify opportunities for restoration and enhancements.

Where TRP has development projects within it's land ownership the principles of providing community benefit will be applied in the same way with a view to environmental and physical investment paid for as part of any development proposal.

I look forward to discussing with the Council's Planning Officers where The Royal Parks can be of assistance to the new Community Infrastructure Levy.

