

Royal Borough of Greenwich Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)

Statement of Compliance

March 2024

1. Introduction

- 1.1. This statement has been produced to demonstrate how the Royal Borough of Greenwich (the council) has complied with the requirements set out in the Planning Act 2008, the CIL Regulations 2010 (as amended) and DCLG guidance in relation to the submission of its Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Draft Charging Schedule to the Secretary of State.

2. Declaration

- 2.1. The Royal Borough of Greenwich (the council) hereby declares that, as the charging authority:
- it has complied with the requirements of Part 11 of the Planning Act 2008 and Part 3 (Charging schedules) of the CIL Regulations 2010 (as amended) as the charging authority;
 - it has used appropriate available evidence to prepare its draft charging schedule; and
 - it has dealt with any other matters prescribed by CIL Regulations 2010 (as amended).

3. Planning Act 2008

Section 211 – Amount

- 3.1. In preparing its CIL Draft Charging Schedule, the Royal Borough of Greenwich has had regards to the following appropriate available evidence:
- The Infrastructure Funding Gap (September 2022), to establish the actual and expected cost of infrastructure and to establish actual and expected sources of funding.
 - The Infrastructure Delivery Plan (October 2021, Revised July 2023) supporting the Local Plan, to establish the expected cost of infrastructure.
 - The viability report prepared to test the economic viability of development after imposition of CIL rates, which was tested using a range of development types and geographies, which are expected to come forward in Greenwich.

Section 212 – Charging schedule: examination

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- 3.2. The council has appointed an independent examiner, Keith Holland BA (Hons) DipTP MRTPI ARICS, who has suitable qualifications and extensive experience of CIL examination, and to whom the draft charging schedule has been submitted. The council has appointed an independent programme officer, Charlotte Glancy, to assist the examiner.
- 3.3. The drafting requirements set out in section 211 of the Planning Act have been complied with.
- 3.4. The council will allow anyone who has made representations about the draft charging schedule to be heard by the examiner.

4. CIL Regulations 2010 (as amended)

CIL regulation 12 – Format and content of charging schedules

- 4.1. In accordance with Regulation 12, the Royal Borough of Greenwich's Draft Charging Schedule contains the name of the charging authority, the proposed rates in pounds per square meter, how the CIL chargeable amount will be calculated. As the council has set differential rates in accordance with Regulation 13, a boundary map has been included in the Draft Charging Schedule.
- 4.2. After examination and adoption, the Charging Schedule will indicate the date of approval and the date on which the Charging Schedule will take effect, a statement that it has been issued, approved and published in accordance with these Regulations and Part 11 of the Planning Act 2008.

CIL regulation 14 – Setting rates

- 4.3. In evidencing a funding gap and producing a robust viability report (both submitted to the examiner), the council has demonstrated it has struck an appropriate balance between the desirability of infrastructure funding from CIL and the potential effects of the levy on the economic viability of development across its area
- 4.4. In setting its rates, the council has taken into account the Mayoral CIL (MCIL2).

CIL regulation 15 – Consultation on the draft charging schedule

- 4.5. Greenwich's consultation on its Draft Charging Schedule ran from 31st July 2023 to 25th September 2023, and all representations have been considered in the preparation of the Draft Charging Schedule submitted for examination.
- 4.6. The summary of responses to the public consultation on the Draft Charging Schedule and responses from the council has been submitted to the examiner as part of the Draft Charging Schedule examination.

CIL regulation 16 – Publication of a draft charging schedule

- 4.7. RB Greenwich produced a statement of representations procedure that complied with Regulation 16(2) and published its Draft Charging Schedule on the council's online Commonplace platform – the Council's platform for public consultations; made copies available at the Eltham Centre, Greenwich Centre, Thamesmere and Woolwich Centre libraries, and advertised the consultation on the council's website, linking to the council's Commonplace platform. Also, notifications were sent to those registered on the council's

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planning policy database through the council's Commonplace platform. This includes people and organisations who have previously expressed an interest in council's planning consultations through the platform, including residents, developers, and organisations.

CIL regulation 17 – Representations relating to a draft charging schedule

- 4.8. The period specified by the charging authority to make representations on the draft charging schedule was 8 weeks, which exceeds the 4-week minimum period set out in Reg 17(3).

CIL regulation 19 – Submission of documents and information to the examiner

- 4.9. The following documents have been submitted to the examiner:
- Draft Charging Schedule
 - Statement of representations made, including summary of issues raised and council response
 - Viability report
 - Infrastructure Funding Gap report
 - Infrastructure Delivery Plan
 - Statement of representations procedure
 - Statement of compliance
 - Copies of representations made
- 4.10. These have been shared with the examiner in a format agreed with them and in compliance with Regulation 19(2).
- 4.11. The council will publish all submission documents on its website and in physical locations where consultation documents were made available under Regulation 16, and will notify all representors of the submission of its Draft Charging Schedule to the independent examiner.

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