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Your Ref:
Date:

By email only

Dear Sir / Madam,

COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY (CIL) SPENDING BOARD: NOTIFICATION OF CIL APPLICATION

Thank you for your recent application for Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funding to the CIL Spending Board.

Under the Council's CIL governance arrangements, applications that have been made to the Spending Board for additional top-up funding must be vetted through a two-stage process. This process is explained through the Council's Constitution (Appendix X1 - Community Infrastructure Levy Spending Board). Please use the following link:

https://www.sevenoaks.gov.uk/info/20039/councillors_and_decisions/80/council_constitution

Your application has gone through the two-stage validation process and along with all other bids, and has been assessed against a key set of criteria laid out on page 17 of the above link.

There have been a number of submissions for CIL funding for the Spending Board. These vary in scale and the amount of CIL asked for. Following a full assessment of all the bids and in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the CIL Spending Board, I must inform you that your application has been **unsuccessful**. It did not make it past the second validation stage and will therefore not be presented to the CIL Spending Board.

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It was considered unsuccessful for the following reasons **(to be deleted as appropriate)**:

- There was a lack of information provided within the application for the CIL Spending Board to make an informed decision;
- Due to the number of projects submitted to the CIL Spending Board, there were other schemes that were deemed to have greater priority at this time.
- Insufficient evidence was provided to demonstrate that your project had a strong social, environmental or economic justification for the scheme.
- Insufficient evidence had been provided to demonstrate a strong link between new development and the scheme.
- Insufficient evidence had been provided to show that the project involves partnership working.
- The scheme did not form part of a planned, local, economic or community strategy to address the need for local infrastructure.
- Insufficient evidence had been submitted to show that there was a clear public benefit for the scheme.
- Insufficient evidence has been provided to show that other sources of funding have been maximised.
- Insufficient evidence has been provided to show that the scheme will be delivered.
- Insufficient evidence has been provided to show that all the necessary permissions are in place.
- Insufficient evidence has been provided to show that the scheme has local support.
- The scheme has already benefited from CIL either through Parish or Town Council or the CIL Spending Board and insufficient evidence has been provided to show why further CIL money is required.
- The project described in the submitted application is not considered as an appropriate use of CIL monies.

Please note that while your bid has been unsuccessful for this stage, it does not prevent you from submitting a revised bid for the CIL Spending Board to consider in the future. To assist you in this, it was considered that your project was strong on the following grounds:

- It had a clear social, environmental or economic justification for the scheme.
- It demonstrated a strong link between new development and the scheme.
- It had clear evidence of partnership working.
- The scheme was part of a planned, local, economic or community strategy to address the need for local infrastructure.
- There was a clear public benefit for the scheme.
- Sufficient evidence has been provided to show that other sources of funding have been maximised.
- Good evidence had been provided to show that the scheme will be delivered.

- Evidence had been provided to show that all the necessary permissions are in place.
- Evidence has been provided to show that the scheme has local support.

Can you therefore please confirm in writing to CIL@sevenoaks.gov.uk, whether you wish your bid to be considered at the next Spending Board as it is or whether you wish to withdraw the bid and submit a new bid with further information to address the points above. If we do not hear from you within 4 weeks, we will assume that you wish your bid to be withdrawn and we will not submit it towards the next Board.

The date for the next CIL Board has not been confirmed at present. However, as you have submitted an application for funding, your contact details will be added to our CIL Board mailing list. We will notify you when the next CIL Board has been confirmed and when the next round of bidding is open.

If you do not wish to be added to the CIL Board mailing list, please notify the Planning Policy team by emailing cil@sevenoaks.gov.uk.

If you have any queries regarding the CIL or would like to discuss the reasons for your unsuccessful application, please contact the Planning Policy Infrastructure Team on 01732 227000 or please email cil@sevenoaks.gov.uk.

Kind regards,

Richard Morris
Chief Planning Officer