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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.

Unfortunately, I am writing to inform you that following a full assessment and discussion of your bid at the CIL Spending Board on **(Date)**, the decision was made by the Board to **refuse** your bid for the following:

- Describe the bid

Your application was assessed under the criteria laid out for the CIL Spending Board which can view using the following link:

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

It was refused as the CIL Spending Board considered that **(to be deleted as appropriate)**:

- Funding for the scheme is not approved on the basis that other proposed schemes have been given greater priority.
- Funding for the scheme is not approved on the basis that insufficient evidence has been provided to justify it. In particular, the Board considered that your bid was weak in the following areas:

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- 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.

Not a strong bid:

Please note that due to the strong reasons provided above, it is unlikely that your bid, if re-submitted, would be considered acceptable as it stands. It will therefore not automatically be put through for consideration at the next CIL Spending Board. This refusal however does not prevent you from submitting a revised bid to the CIL Spending Board to consider in the future.

If you decide to submit an amended bid, this will be looked at afresh. I would encourage you to consider and address the points raised above in your submission to a future 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.

Strong Bid

Whilst your bid was refused, the Board did consider that it was a strong bid. In particular, it was considered to be strong in the following areas:

- 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.

Please note that whilst your bid has been unsuccessful at this stage, it does not prevent you from submitting a revised bid for the CIL Spending Board to consider in the future.

Can you therefore please confirm in writing to CIL@sevenoaks.gov.uk, in light of the above comments 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 the bid again 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.

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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 email cil@sevenoaks.gov.uk.

Kind regards,

Richard Morris
Chief Planning Officer