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Dear Ms Eastaugh,

COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY REGULATIONS 2011 – PRELIMINARY DRAFT CHARGING SCHEDULE CONSULTATION

Thank you for consulting Sport England on the above document.

Sport England is the government agency responsible for building the foundations of sporting success, by creating a world-leading community sport environment of clubs, coaches, facilities and volunteers.

We want to create a vibrant sporting culture working in partnership with national governing bodies, our national partners, the HE/FE sector, local government and community organisations.

Our focus is around three outcomes - growing and sustaining the numbers of people taking part in sport and improving talent development to help more people excel.

To achieve this it is essential that inward investment is secured through the planning system to meet the sporting demand of existing and future residents along with known and future needs of sport.

Within Sport England's Delivery Plan, ensuring the potential benefits of securing planning contributions are identified as a strategic priority, and as a means of maximising investment into sport.



'Sporting and recreational facilities' are included within the definition of CIL infrastructure in the 2008 Planning Act (section 216), therefore Sport England support the Appendix to the draft Charging Schedule for Norwich, as it identifies 'Sport and Play Provision' as a key component of the draft schedule and specifically refers to "outdoor sports pitches, courts and greens, informal recreational open space, equipped and unequipped space for children and teenagers, swimming pools and indoor sports halls".

This is a comprehensive definition of the types of indoor and outdoor sports facilities that can benefit from CIL contributions.

It is essential however that any draft schedule is under-pinned by a robust evidence base identifying the costs and priorities for new infrastructure provision within the particular policy area. We therefore support the production of the topic paper on 'Green Infrastructure and Recreational Open Space' (June 2011) which sets out how contributions towards outdoor sports provision will be calculated.

It is noted that the costs calculated are subject to review and that Sport England's published facility costings are utilised with regard to formal sports provision including grass pitches, tennis courts, bowling greens and multi-use games areas (MUGA's).(Table 2). To this end it should be noted that Sport England's facility costings are also reviewed on a regular basis (usually every quarter) to aid processes such as this.

It is not clear however how contributions towards significant indoor community sports facilities (sports halls and swimming pools) will be calculated. Sport England have published facility costings for these facilities also and we would be happy to advise on this element of the schedule if required.

Further guidance on integrating sports facilities into CIL documents can be found on the Sport England website via the following link:

http://www.sportengland.org/facilities_planning/planning_tools_and_guidance/planning_contributions/community_infrastructure_levy.aspx

I hope these comments can be given full consideration in the development of the above guidance, and we look forward to further consultation in due course.



Please feel free to contact me on the telephone number or email address shown below should you wish to discuss the contents of this letter in more detail.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Philip Raiswell".

Philip Raiswell

Planning Manager

