## COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY REVIEW



Understanding the Community Infrastructure Levy



## Are you paying too much Community Infrastructure Levy?

The Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) is a fee that local authorities can charge on new developments to help pay for infrastructure and services like schools or transport improvements.

On all but the smallest developments, CIL can be a significant part of the overall development cost, so knowing how it works, and how it applies to your site, is vital.

- Are you paying the right amount of CIL?
- Are you taking maximum advantage of CIL credits, reliefs and exemptions?

Understanding CIL will help you manage your development costs and ensure the project remains viable. Our CIL Review helps developers that are obtaining planning permission or thinking of applying for planning permission in areas where CIL has been adopted. It includes:

- Phasing a development
- What forms to use and when
- Assuming liability
- Calculating CIL correctly
- Applying for vacant building credit
- Applying for reliefs and exemptions
- Effect on Section 106 obligations
- Payment by instalments
- Impact of other landowners
- Any relevant clawback on CIL
- Avoiding surcharges and financial penalties

In addition, our planning experts will provide you with details of the documents you need to comply with the CIL regulations, giving you the peace of mind that you have explored all the options and are getting the best outcome for your site.

## Why Stephens Scown?

Our specialist planning team fully understands the intricacies of planning across diverse sectors, including agriculture, leisure, retail and mining. And we provide it with a personable but professional approach and a dedication to your specific objectives.

As a fully engaged partner in your scheme, we can provide tailored insights on everything from applications and appeals, to Section 106 agreements, enforcements, judicial reviews, strategic planning and more.

Our planning solicitors are highly ranked by Chambers' Guide to the Legal Profession and have extensive experience advising clients on all aspects of planning, including the Community Infrastructure Levy.

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