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Dear Sir

Community Infrastructure Levy – Consultation

Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC) welcomes the opportunity to comment on the draft Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) proposals prepared by Greater Cambridge Shared Planning (GCSP).

We thank GCSP for the constructive and ongoing engagement between GCSP and CCC officers throughout the development of these proposals. This collaborative approach has enabled a strong shared understanding of the infrastructure requirements associated with planned growth across Greater Cambridge, and we are grateful for the opportunity to help shape the emerging framework.

The County Council is supportive of the proposed CIL approach, particularly its focus on securing sustainable and flexible funding for strategic infrastructure. In our role as the local highway authority, we consider it essential that infrastructure funding mechanisms can support the scale and complexity of transport interventions required to enable growth to come forward in a coordinated and sustainable way.

We recognise that, historically, reliance on Section 106 agreements has not been sufficient to consistently secure funding for strategic transport infrastructure. While Section 106 plays a vital role in mitigating site-specific impacts, its limited scope, and reliance on individual development viability have often constrained the delivery of larger, cross-boundary transport schemes. As a result, critical strategic infrastructure has been difficult to fund and deliver in



a timely and coordinated manner.

In this context, the introduction of a robust and well-calibrated CIL regime represents a necessary and positive step forward. We welcome the proposed approach as a means of providing a more effective and predictable mechanism to secure contributions towards strategic transport infrastructure, enabling the pooling of funding across developments, and supporting the delivery of infrastructure at the scale required.

We are particularly supportive of the emphasis within the draft proposals on aligning CIL receipts with infrastructure priorities, including those set out within transport and infrastructure delivery plans. Ensuring that funding is targets schemes that unlock growth, support modal shift, improve connectivity, and enhance network resilience will be critical to maintaining Greater Cambridge's economic success and quality of life.

CCC remains committed to continuing to work closely with GCSP as the proposals are finalised and taken forward. We look forward to ongoing collaboration to ensure that the final CIL framework maximises its effectiveness in supporting the delivery of strategic infrastructure necessary to underpin sustainable growth across Greater Cambridge.

Yours sincerely

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