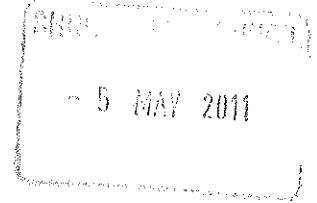


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Dear Mr Hyatt

COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY

The Shropshire Local Access Forum have discussed the proposals for the Community Infrastructure Levy charges and policy but the in-place electronic forms provided for this do not allow us to fully reflect our comments and wishes, hence this letter.

We firmly agree with the proposals to charge developers but feel there should be no differentiation between rural and urban developments, all should be charged at the higher rate.

Also we believe that the funds created by this levy should be available for a wider range of use especially that of improving access and upgrading the rights of way (ROW) infrastructure. The need for these upgrades and improvements have been identified in local place based plans, Shropshire's rights of way improvement plan and the full ROW condition survey recently carried out by the Countryside Access Team. The funds made available would be used by Parish Councils and local Parish Paths Partnerships to undertake improvements and promote walks in their areas. With less core capital funding being available for ROW this may be a pragmatic way forward in ensuring our paths and trails, so important to the economy of the County, are maintained at a level that will benefit and attract walkers and riders from both within and outside the County

I shall be glad if these comments can be forwarded to the Independent Examiner.

Yours sincerely

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