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Good morning

Further to your recent consultation in connection with the above application and the amendments received, I am writing in respect of planning obligations sought towards the library and youth services to minimise the impact of development on Hertfordshire County Council Services for the local community.

Figures are based on the amended information to date for the development of 30 residential units (information taken from site planform market flats -2 x 1 bedroom & 18 x 2 bedroom flat, affordable flats 10 x 1 bedroom)) we would seek the following financial contributions towards the following projects:

- **Library Service to support the reconfiguration of the space on the ground floor of Welwyn Garden City library floor with a smaller enquiry desk, more flexible shelving to enable the library to increase and display stock more effectively(£2,856)**
- **Youth Service towards funding a mobile provision in Welwyn Garden City and the associated equipment required(£250)**

Hertfordshire County Council's School Planning Team are aware there are capacity issues in the vicinity in respect of both Primary and Secondary Education but are unable to nominate a project at this time due to restrictions imposed on S106 planning obligations.

The CIL Regulations discourage the use of formulae to calculate contributions however; the County Council is not in a position to adopt a CIL charge itself. Accordingly, in areas where a CIL charge has not been introduced to date, planning obligations in their restricted form are the only route to address the impact of a development. In instances where a development is not large enough to require on site provision but is large enough to generate an impact on a particular service, an evidenced mechanism is needed to form the basis of any planning obligation sought. HCC views the calculations and figures set out within the Toolkit as appropriate base costs for the obligations sought in this instance.

HCC's standard approach is to request Table 2 of the Toolkit (below) is referred to and included within any Section 106 deed. This approach provides the certainty of identified contribution figures with the flexibility for an applicant/developer to amend the dwelling mix at a later stage and the financial contribution to be calculated accordingly. This ensures the contributions remain appropriate to the development and thereby meet the third test of Regulation 122 of the Community Infrastructure Levy Regulations 2010: "fairly and reasonably related in scale and kind to the development".

**Table 2: Hertfordshire County Council Services planning obligations contributions table**

Bedrooms*	1	2	3	4	5+	1	2	3
	HOUSES					FLATS		
	Market & other					Market & other		
Youth facilities	£6	£16	£50	£82	£105	£3	£13	£41
Library facilities	£98	£147	£198	£241	£265	£77	£129	£164

	HOUSES					FLATS		
	Social Rent					Social Rent		
Youth facilities	£2	£8	£31	£51	£55	£1	£6	£21
Library facilities	£48	£91	£130	£156	£155	£38	£82	£107

\*uses an assumed relationship between bedrooms and habitable rooms

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Please note that current service information for the local area may change over time and projects to improve capacity may evolve. This may potentially mean a contribution towards other services could be required at the time any application is received in respect of this site.

Justification

The above figures have been calculated using the amounts and approach set out within the Planning Obligations Guidance - Toolkit for Hertfordshire (Hertfordshire County Council's requirements) document, which was approved by Hertfordshire County Council's Cabinet Panel on 21 January 2008 and is available via the following link:

[www.hertsdirect.org/planningobligationstoolkit](http://www.hertsdirect.org/planningobligationstoolkit)

In respect of Regulation 122 of the CIL Regulations 2010 the planning obligations sought from this proposal are:

(i) Necessary to make the development acceptable in planning terms.

Recognition that contributions should be made to mitigate the impact of development are set out in planning related policy documents. The NPPF states "Local planning authorities should consider whether otherwise unacceptable development could be made acceptable through the use of conditions or planning obligations. Conditions cannot be used cover the payment of financial contributions to mitigate the impact of a development (Circular 11/95: Use of conditions in planning permission, paragraph 83). In addition, for education requirements, paragraph 72 of Section 8 of the NPPF states "The Government attaches great importance to ensuring that a sufficient choice of school places is available to meet the needs of existing and new communities. Local planning authorities should take a proactive, positive and collaborative approach to meeting this requirement, and to development that will widen choice in education."

The development plan background supports the provision of planning contributions. The provision of community facilities is a matter that is relevant to planning. The contributions sought will ensure that additional needs brought on by the development are met.

(ii) Directly related to the development;

The occupiers of new residential developments will have an additional impact upon local services. The financial contributions sought towards the above services are based on the size, type and tenure of the individual dwellings comprising this development following consultation with the Service providers and will only be used towards services and facilities serving the locality of the proposed development and therefore, for the benefit of the development's occupants.

(iii) Fairly and reasonably related in scale and kind to the development.

The above financial contributions have been calculated according to the size, type and tenure of each individual dwelling comprising the proposed development (based on the person yield).

I trust the above is of assistance if you require any further information please contact [growth@hertfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:growth@hertfordshire.gov.uk).

Kind regards

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