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Dear Ms Morton,

Winchester City Council Community Infrastructure Levy: Draft Charging Schedule - Submission

Thank you for your e-mail of 26th July advising English Heritage of the submission for independent examination by Winchester City Council of its CIL Draft Charging Schedule and the Council's publication of its Statement of Modifications.

In our representations on the Preliminary Draft and Draft Charging Schedules we highlighted that there could be circumstances where the viability of a scheme designed to secure the long term future of a heritage asset (or assets) or to respect its (their) setting could be threatened by the application of CIL.

We explained that we believe that local authorities should therefore ensure that the conservation of its heritage assets is taken into account when considering the level of the CIL to be imposed so as to safeguard and encourage appropriate and viable uses for the historic environment.



We encouraged Winchester City Council to assert in its CIL Charging Schedule its right to offer CIL relief in exceptional circumstances where development beneficial to heritage assets and their settings may become unviable if it was subject to the Levy.

We are naturally disappointed that the City Council has decided not to modify its Charging Schedule to reflect these concerns.

We have **no comments** on the Modifications the Council does propose.

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Thank you again for contacting English Heritage.

Yours sincerely,



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