



**Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)  
Charging Schedule Explanatory Notes**

**April 2015**

## **1. Relief from Payment of CIL**

1.1 The following types of development will usually be exempt from CIL and can apply for relief from the payment of the London Borough of Tower Hamlets' CIL:

- Dwellings let by registered providers of social housing, in accordance with the specific provisions of Regulation 49 of the CIL Regulations (2010) (as amended).
- Charities where the development will be used wholly, or mainly, for charitable purposes (regulation 43 of the CIL Regulations 2010 (as amended)).

1.2 Under sections 55 to 58 of the CIL Regulations 2010 (as amended), the Council has the option to provide discretionary relief in 'exceptional circumstances'. The Council intends to make relief for exceptional circumstances available in its area.

## **2. Payment by Instalments**

2.1 Regulation 70 of the CIL Regulations 2010 (as amended) provides options for a Charging Authority to adopt an instalment policy, which will allow developers/liable parties to pay for the levy by instalments.

2.2 The London Mayoral Instalment Policy has been in effect since 1<sup>st</sup> April 2013, which allows two instalments for developments with a CIL liability equal to or more than £500,000. The Council's proposed Instalments Policy mirrors the one set out by the Mayor of London.

## **3. Relationship with Planning Obligations**

3.1 By 6 April 2015, or the date (if earlier) when Tower Hamlets' Charging Schedule takes effect, the use of planning obligations for infrastructure will be largely scaled back by the Government. The Council's new Planning Obligations Supplementary Planning Document will set out the Council's approach to planning obligations. A 'Regulation 123' list is being published alongside this and will identify infrastructure that CIL may be spent on and for which planning obligations will not be sought.

## **4. Monitoring and Administration**

4.1 The London Borough of Tower Hamlets will retain 5% of CIL charges for monitoring and administrative purposes in accordance with the CIL Regulations 2010 (as amended).

## **5. Reporting and Review**

- 5.1 Regulation 62 of the CIL Regulations 2010 (as amended) requires the Charging Authority to publish annual reports for each financial year.
- 5.2 The Council will keep the operation of the CIL and the position regarding the funding and economic viability evidence under continual review and, where necessary, will seek to renew the Charging Schedule in accordance with relevant Government guidance and legislation.