

Stevenage Borough Council - Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Examination

Examiner's Post Hearing Clarification Request

The Examiner's requests the following clarification from the Council.

*The Council's Post Hearing Viability Note (11 September 2019) includes updated BCIS construction cost data. This indicates that, since 2017, construction costs have risen by between 14 – 22% (page 3 of the Note). However, it appears that the Council's re-run of the appraisals remains based on the (lower) 2017 BCIS build costs.*

*The Council is asked to explain:*

- 1. The Council's reasons for not updating the modelling to reflect the recognised increases in BCIS build costs.*
- 2. The Council's position on how it considers that these recognised build cost increases should be assessed in the light of its CIL evidence base.*

Philip Staddon, Examiner - 28 October 2019.