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Dear Gavin

**RE: London Borough of Haringey Community Infrastructure Levy Preliminary Draft Charging Schedule Consultation: Officer Response from Lee Valley Regional Park Authority.**

Thank you for consulting the Authority on the London Borough of Haringey's Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Draft Charging Schedule. I apologise for sending this out after the consultation deadline but hope it is still in time to be considered.

The Authority welcomes the inclusion of open space, leisure and sport as part of the Infrastructure Delivery Plan Update and the priority given to improving access to the Regional Park. It is understood this provides an indicative level of investment that could be met in part from CIL, subject to regular review.

Significant areas of recreational open space and important ecological resources of the Regional Park lie within Haringey, adjacent to existing and new communities at Northumberland Park and Tottenham. These include Tottenham Marshes, Stonebridge Lock, Hale Wharf, The Paddock and Markfield Park.

As part of its Park Development Framework process the Authority adopted Area Proposals for the Park within Hackney; "The Waterlands" (April 2013). Later this year the Authority will be drawing together a delivery plan for these proposals and, due to its limited land ownership, this will be a collaborate process with the London Borough of Haringey and the other riparian authorities involved in this area of the Park.

A number of the PDF Area Proposals seek to improve access into the Park from adjoining communities and key public transport nodes thereby improving leisure opportunities for both visitors to the Park and Borough residents.

CIL funding should be identified for improvements to green infrastructure in Council and private ownership and/or for access projects where these will help link the Park to areas of deprivation within Haringey and improve opportunities for leisure and access to nature. For example the Draft Tottenham High Road Masterplan identifies two areas from which to establish improved links to the Park; Northumberland Park and Tottenham Hale/Hale Village. CIL could be used as 'match funding' to support joint bids with the Authority to improve access to the Park. We would welcome early discussion in the bidding and planning process for such projects.

Yours sincerely

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