

## **CIL – Community Infrastructure Levy**

The Community Infrastructure Levy (**CIL**) is a charge that local authorities can set on new developments in order to raise funds to help fund the infrastructure, facilities and services - such as schools or transport improvements - needed to support new homes and businesses. It replaces Section 106.

WBC receive the levy but pass some of it down to local authorities such as FTC. Initial funding available to FTC will be used to improve facilities on Gostrey Meadow. At present there are not huge sums in the pot, but over time these will increase as developments get under way. Further funds will be passed down to FTC and through support from Pat Evans, Cathy and I met with her and Councillor George Hesse to discuss possibilities to improve the infrastructure within Upper Hale and to walk into the Estate. Funding cannot be used for renovation of existing buildings.

We have, as you know, talked a little about the possibility of a skate park. This could be placed on Hale Recreation Ground (which has the advantage of being available to a wider group of youngsters) or on Sandy Hill eg on the existing basketball pitch, which is rarely used. However, at present times funds within CIL are likely to be insufficient to fund such a facility though that shouldn't prevent us from further exploring the idea. Another suggestion has been to replace the shed with a shelter.

Any application for funding would have to come via HCC and any ideas would have to be put to the community for feedback. It is not yet clear who would have on-going responsibility for eg maintenance, insurance etc, but it could be ourselves as applicants.

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