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## **Developers to pay new charge for community infrastructure**

A new charge on developments which provides funds for improvements to local infrastructure is to come into force across Daventry District.

The introduction of the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) was agreed by councillors at the meeting of Daventry District Council on July 30 and will take effect from September 1.

CIL is a planning charge introduced by the Planning Act 2008. It sees developers charged on the amount of floor space created by their development, with the money generated then used to fund improvements to local infrastructure.

The rates charged per square metre differ depending on the type of the development and its location, with exemptions available for charities, self-builds, affordable housing and home extensions.

In Daventry District, the money generated by the levy will help fund a range of new infrastructure, including the Daventry Development Link Road, secondary and special needs education, walking and cycling routes, sports facilities, and town centre parking.

Parish councils will also benefit as a proportion of all CIL receipts raised from development in a parish is handed over to the local council. These funds should be used to mitigate the impacts of the development.

Other infrastructure, such as primary school education and play areas and community facilities on new housing developments, will continue to be secured by planning obligations, often called Section 106 agreements.

The agreement by DDC to adopt CIL comes after several years of work to prepare for its introduction, culminating earlier this summer in independent approval of the charges to be imposed on new development in the district.

Councillor Alan Chantler, Strategic Planning Portfolio Holder on Daventry District Council, said: “We are very pleased to adopt CIL, which is a simple, clear, consistent charge that sets the expectations of landowners, developers and others involved in development in our district.

“It will provide vital funds to allow this Council to help deliver a wide range of infrastructure improvements, in order to properly manage the impacts of development.”

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**The Council’s Objectives**

Daventry District Council’s vision to ‘Develop a Better District’ has four supporting objectives: To Improve our Business Economy, Protect and Enhance the Environment and Healthy, Safe and Strong Communities and Individuals and Effective and Efficient Council. Underpinning these objectives are the council’s priorities over the next three years, such as increasing healthier living, cleaner open spaces and reducing waste and energy use. More details can be found at [www.daventrydc.gov.uk](http://www.daventrydc.gov.uk)

**The Council’s Values**

Daventry District Council staff and members work to six key values: Placing the customer at the heart at of everything we do; communicating openly and honestly with the public; striving for continuous improvement and excellence in everything we do; demonstrating good leadership, respect and effective team working; achieving positive outcomes for the community through delivery of high-quality services and community empowerment; promoting and valuing the district’s diversity.