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Dear Hayley

**Planning consultation: Birmingham City Council - Community Infrastructure Levy
Consultation on Draft Charging Schedule** [Click here to enter text.](#)

Thank you for your consultation on the above which was received by Natural England on 09 February 2015.

Natural England is a non-departmental public body. Our statutory purpose is to ensure that the natural environment is conserved, enhanced, and managed for the benefit of present and future generations, thereby contributing to sustainable development.


Natural England is not a service provider, nor do we have detailed knowledge of infrastructure requirements of the area concerned. However, we note that the National Planning Policy Framework Para 114 states "Local planning authorities should set out a strategic approach in their Local Plans, planning positively for the creation, protection, enhancement and management of networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure." We view CIL as playing an important role in delivering such a strategic approach. With this in mind we welcome the provision for the following specific projects set out in the Regulation 123 list:

- SuDS schemes
- Parks Infrastructure Growth Schemes
- Landscape-scale Biodiversity Enhancement Delivery Plan (NIA programme)
- Canalside improvements, which is not required as a direct result of a development
- Natural Health Improvement Zones (a supplement to SP11 GI Network Policy, Birmingham's Core Strategy 2026)
- City Wide Sport and Leisure Provision (including Active Parks Programme), to include walking and cycling improvements, which is not required as a direct result of a development

These projects will help to protect and enhance the wider Green Infrastructure network.

We have no other specific comments to make on the proposed charging schedules.

We would be happy to comment further should the need arise but if in the meantime you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact us.

For any queries relating to the specific advice in this letter only please contact  on



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We really value your feedback to help us improve the service we offer. We have attached a feedback form to this letter and welcome any comments you might have about our service.

Yours sincerely

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