

Stroud Town Council priorities for Community Infrastructure Funding expenditure

At the meeting on 25th July 2022, the Council approved the following priorities for expenditure of Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funding.

Infrastructure requirements	Neighbourhood Portion	Strategic Fund
Facilities for active travel (walking and cycling)	Localised projects	Cross boundary projects, e.g. Golden Valley route
Community buildings	Yes	No
Play equipment	Yes	No
Parks and gardens	Yes	No
Bus shelters and street furniture	Yes	No
RTPI	Yes	Maybe
Localised small scale environmental and/or renewable energy schemes	Yes	No
Station accessibility improvements	Yes	Maybe

Background

The Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) is a planning charge, introduced by the Government through the Planning Act 2008. It provides a fair and transparent means for ensuring that development contributes to the cost of the infrastructure it will ultimately rely on, such as schools, social infrastructure, flood risk works, transport and roads.

The Town Council may access CIL funding in two ways:

The neighbourhood portion

In Stroud Town, depending on the location of the development, either 15% or 25% is paid to the Town Council – the higher rate applies in the Neighbourhood Development Plan area. It should be noted that sites allocated for development in the Local Plan are exempt from CIL – this includes the sites at Cheapside and along the canal corridor.

This funding should be used to support infrastructure projects that primarily serve the community in which it is located.

The CIL Strategic Fund

The funding is administered by Stroud District Council and is intended to provide for the needs of the population from a much wider geographical area than the settlement in which the development is located.