

Rother District Council – Community Infrastructure Levy Examination

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Dear Mr Thomas
The Planning Bureau Ltd

Rother District Council – CIL Examination

The Examiner, Mr Kemmann-Lane, has asked me to write with regard to your representation on the Rother CIL Draft Charging Schedule on behalf of McCarthy & Stone Lifestyles Ltd. He notes that your client considers that the methodology used as the basis for this Charging Schedule is a largely robust and fair method of testing the viability of sheltered/retirement housing, but the view is maintained that the communal floorspace provision has been significantly underplayed. In this connection you refer to the discussion held in relation to the examination of the Tandridge District Council CIL that he also carried out.

Whilst no doubt you will have had discussions with officers of Rother District Council, in order to save examination time generally, and hearing time in particular, Mr Kemmann-Lane urges you and the Council to meet, if necessary with the floor plans and sales area sheets, with a view to seeking agreement on the factual matters involved. This would be particularly valuable since it appears, from the information on page 11 of pba's 'Addendum – Further viability advice and clarification' dated January 2015, under the heading 'Size of units' that pba did not have the advantage of seeing your plans and sales sheets.

Of course, this letter is being copied to the Council, urging its officers to cooperate in meeting this request.

Please inform me as soon as possible of the date when this meeting is to be held, or of the reason if such a meeting is declined.

Yours sincerely

Lynette

Programme Officer