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The consultation on the proposed CIL has been shared with local businesses by the Chamber of Commerce and also with the recently appointed Love Wimbledon Board of Directors. This response is therefore on behalf of both organisations.

I have attached a summary paper that we have used as part of our consultation and there are two key questions that I have been asked to raise with you:

How does the income forecast for the CIL compare to average annual income achieved through Section 106 negotiations? Will the borough be better or worse off?

How do the proposed charges compare with other town centres? Wimbledon seems very high. In line with the shared aspiration of the Council, the Chamber of Commerce and Love Wimbledon for Wimbledon to be a destination of choice for headquarter type businesses, we would not want to see its competitive positioning diminished in any way.

In addition can I please ask that Love Wimbledon is added to your list of organisations to be consulted. Please address these to Helen Clark Bell at Love Wimbledon at this address and email helen@lovewimbledon.org

With kind regards

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Reference to the draft charging schedule.

In summary:

CIL replaces Section 106 from 2014

CIL is only applicable to net additional floorspace in a development over and above what was there before.

LBM is responsible for setting the charge and for its collection. The charge has to strike a balance between allowing a development to be viable and collecting sufficient funds to

support the infrastructure planned for the borough over the next 10 years (estimated at £186.5 million).

LB Merton will have to spend the money in the localities where the charge is collected.

The charge can be set at different rates for different zones.

The Mayor of London has already set a CIL charge to fall London boroughs to fund Crossrail. In Merton this will be £35 m2.

Merton is proposing charges as follows (that do not include the £35m2):

	Wimbledon	Colliers Wood/Raynes Park	Mitcham and Morden
Residential	£385m2	£140m2	£42m2
Retail		£100m2	
All other uses		£0m2	

Questions and points

How does this compare to Section 106 charges/revenues

How do these compare with other town centres? Wimbledon seems very high