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To: CIL
Subject: CIL and Planning Obligations SPD

Dear CIL Team,

Thank you for consulting the Canal & River Trust on these recent publications.

With regard to the draft charging schedule, I can confirm that we have no comments to make.

With regard to the draft revised Planning Obligations SPD, we have the following comments:

Page 11 - Public Realm

This section doesn't include canals or waterways. We would like to understand how specific canal environment works that may be required as part of a development would be addressed.

Page 29 - Biodiversity

We refer to this statement: "Where it is considered unfeasible for a development to provide adequate on-site biodiversity enhancements, or where projects in nearby open spaces, or enhancements to nearby rivers or water bodies, offer better opportunities to enhance biodiversity and/or access to nature, the council will seek an equivalent financial contribution to off-site projects which will be secured for enhancements which help to deliver the Tower Hamlets Biodiversity Action Plan."

We are keen that for canalside sites, any measures to improve biodiversity that affect our waterways are considered carefully and with the full involvement and cooperation of the Trust's Environment team, to reduce any risk of unsuitable interventions that may adversely affect the operation of working navigations. We are happy to support biodiversity enhancements as we have input to the LBTH Green Grid list of projects.

Please feel free to contact me if I can provide any further information.

Kind regards,

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