

Broadclyst Parish Council - NCIL Policy FAQ

Welcome to the Broadclyst Parish Council's FAQ page on the Neighbourhood Community Infrastructure Levy (NCIL) Policy. We understand the many questions and concerns regarding the use and distribution of NCIL funds. This page aims to provide clear and concise answers to the most frequently asked questions. Please note that the Parish Council has not yet agreed upon its final NCIL Policy, and we appreciate your patience as we work through this important process.

Why is the NCIL Expenditure Policy being proposed?

The policy is being proposed to provide a clear, consistent, and legally compliant approach to managing NCIL funds. As the parish grows, it is essential to have a structured process in place to ensure that the funds are used effectively to address the infrastructure demands and support community development across the parish.

What can I do if I disagree with the proposed NCIL Policy?

The policy and the motion for adoption are published in advance of the meeting on the Council's website.

Should anyone wish to propose amendments, which must come via a councillor, I would respectfully ask that they be submitted in writing before the Full Council Meeting so that they can be assessed for the legal impact to ensure that the council does not adopt a policy that does not comply with legislation.

Can I attend and speak at the meeting where the policy is being discussed?

Yes, all full council meetings are public and you are encouraged to attend to listen to the discussions. Each meeting has a public questions section where individual members of the public can make statements (about items on the agenda) and ask questions of the council. This public time is limited to 15 minutes in any meeting and members of the public can only speak for 3 minutes each. This is part of the council's standing orders for meetings.

1. What is NCIL?

Answer: The Neighbourhood Community Infrastructure Levy (NCIL) is a portion of the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) allocated specifically for local communities. It is collected from developers to contribute to the infrastructure needed to support new development in the area.

2. How is NCIL different from CIL?

Answer: While CIL funds a wide range of infrastructure projects across the local authority area, NCIL is specifically allocated to the Parish where the development takes place. This ensures that a portion of the funds directly benefits the Parish most impacted by the development.

3. Has the Broadclyst Parish Council agreed on its NCIL Policy?

Answer: No, Broadclyst Parish Council has not yet agreed on its final NCIL Policy. We are currently in the process of reviewing and agreeing a policy that will best serve the needs of our entire parish.

4. Can the Parish Council decide to distribute NCIL funds across the parish?

Answer: Yes, the Parish Council can decide to distribute NCIL funds across the parish. While the legislation requires that the NCIL funds be used to support the parish area by addressing the demands that development places on the area, it allows flexibility in how these funds are allocated. This means the Parish Council can choose to ensure that all parts of the parish benefit from the funds, promoting a balanced and cohesive community.

5. Why would the Parish Council choose to distribute NCIL funds across the entire parish?

Answer: Distributing NCIL funds across the entire parish ensures that improvements in one area can have positive impacts on the whole community. This approach helps to create a balanced and cohesive parish, addressing the needs of both established and new communities. It also aligns with the council's goal of promoting overall community development and equity.

6. What factors will be considered in the NCIL Policy?

Answer: The Parish Council will consider various factors, including:

- The specific needs and priorities of different areas within the parish.
 - Feedback from residents and community groups.
 - The potential impact of proposed projects on the entire parish.
 - Legislative requirements and guidelines for the use of NCIL funds.
 - Long-term sustainability and benefits of proposed projects.
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7. How can residents provide input on the NCIL Policy?

Answer: Residents are encouraged to participate in public consultations, attend Parish Council meetings, and submit their feedback directly to the council. We value the input of our community members and consider it essential in shaping a policy that meets the needs of all residents.

8. What types of projects can NCIL funds be used for?

Answer: NCIL funds can be used for a wide range of infrastructure projects, including:

- Improvements to local parks and green spaces.
 - Enhancements to community facilities and public buildings.
 - Transport and accessibility improvements.
 - Environmental projects aimed at sustainability and conservation.
 - Any other projects that address the demands placed on the area by new development.
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9. What NCIL Cannot Be Used For

NCIL funds are designated for enhancing local infrastructure and supporting

NCIL cannot be used for general maintenance of assets or for any purposes that do not align with the infrastructure and community improvement goals set forth by the legislation. This ensures that NCIL funds are used specifically for projects that directly benefit the community.

NCIL cannot be used for infrastructure projects where there is not long term sustainable plan for funding and maintenance.

10. How will decisions about NCIL funding be made?

Answer: Decisions about NCIL funding will be made by the Parish Council through a transparent process that includes:

- Reviewing project proposals and their alignment with community needs.
 - Consulting with residents and community groups.
 - Ensuring compliance with legislative requirements.
 - Evaluating the long-term benefits and sustainability of proposed projects.
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11. When will the final NCIL Policy be agreed upon?

Answer: The timeline for finalising the NCIL Policy is autumn 2024. The Parish Council is committed to thorough review and consultation to ensure the policy meets the needs of

the entire parish. Updates on the progress and opportunities for public input will be communicated through our website and community channels.

We hope this FAQ page has addressed your questions and provided clarity on the ongoing development of Broadclyst Parish Council's NCIL Policy. We appreciate your engagement and patience as we work towards a policy that benefits our entire community. For further inquiries or to provide feedback, please contact the Parish Council office.

Broadclyst Parish Council - Responsibilities and Limitations FAQ

Welcome to the Broadclyst Parish Council's FAQ page. This page aims to provide clear and concise answers regarding the responsibilities of the Parish Council, what it is not allowed to do, and the responsibilities of developers and management companies in new development areas.

1. What are the responsibilities of the Broadclyst Parish Council?

Answer: The Broadclyst Parish Council has a range of responsibilities, including:

- Local Planning: Providing input on local planning applications and development proposals.
 - Community Infrastructure: Maintaining and improving community facilities, parks, and green spaces.
 - Community Engagement: Organizing and supporting community events and activities.
 - Local Services: Managing services such as street cleaning, waste collection in public areas, and maintaining public footpaths.
 - Advocacy: Representing the interests of the parishioners in discussions with higher authorities and public bodies.
 - Grants and Funding: Distributing grants to local organizations and managing funds such as the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) for local projects.
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2. What is the Parish Council not allowed to do?

Answer: The Parish Council is not permitted to:

- Statutory Duties of Other Bodies: Undertake responsibilities that fall under the statutory duties of other public authorities, such as highway maintenance, education provision, or healthcare services.
 - Private Land Management: Maintain or manage private land and properties that are not public assets.
 - Contractual Obligations of Developers: Fulfill contractual obligations that are the responsibility of developers or management companies.
 - Unapproved Spending: Allocate funds for purposes not approved by the council or that do not align with legislative requirements.
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3. What are the responsibilities of developers in new development areas?

Answer: Developers are responsible for:

- Infrastructure Provision: Providing necessary infrastructure such as roads, drainage, and utilities within the new development.

- Community Facilities: Constructing and delivering community facilities as specified in the planning agreements.
 - Maintenance of Development Sites: Ensuring that the development sites are maintained during the construction phase, including managing waste and ensuring safety.
 - Compliance with Planning Conditions: Adhering to all conditions set out in the planning permission, including timelines and standards for completing infrastructure and facilities.
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4. What are the responsibilities of management companies in new development areas?

Answer: Management companies are typically responsible for:

- Maintenance of Shared Areas: Maintaining communal areas such as parks, gardens, and pathways within the development.
 - Service Charges: Collecting service charges from residents to fund the maintenance and management of shared facilities.
 - Enforcing Covenants: Ensuring that all residents comply with the covenants and regulations set out in their property agreements.
 - Property Management: Providing general management services, including addressing resident concerns and overseeing any required repairs or improvements.
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5. Can NCIL funds be used to pay for the statutory duties of other bodies?

Answer: No, NCIL funds cannot be used to pay for the statutory duties of other bodies. This includes services such as highway maintenance, education provision, and healthcare services, which are the responsibility of other public authorities and are funded through different means. NCIL funds are specifically allocated for projects that address the demands placed on the community by new development.

6. How does the Parish Council interact with developers and management companies?

Answer: The Parish Council interacts with developers and management companies by:

- Consultation and Feedback: Providing input during the planning and development stages to ensure community needs are met.
- Monitoring Compliance: Ensuring that developers comply with planning conditions and deliver on their commitments.
- Advocacy: Representing the interests of residents in discussions with developers and management companies.
- Collaboration: Working with these entities to address any issues that arise during and after the development process to ensure the well-being of the community.

7. What should residents do if they have concerns about the maintenance of their area?

Answer: Residents should:

- Contact the Management Company: For issues related to the maintenance of shared areas within new developments, residents should first contact their management company.
- Report to the Parish Council: If the issue relates to public areas or services managed by the Parish Council, residents can report their concerns directly to the Parish Council.
- Engage with Developers: During the construction phase, residents can also raise concerns with the developers to ensure any issues are addressed promptly.

8. How can residents participate in the decision-making process of the Parish Council?

Answer: Residents can participate in the decision-making process by:

- Attending Meetings: Attending Parish Council meetings, which are open to the public.
- Public Consultations: Participating in public consultations and providing feedback on local projects and policies.
- Volunteering: Getting involved in community projects and volunteering for local initiatives.
- Contacting Councillors: Reaching out to Parish Councillors to express their views and concerns on local matters.

We hope this FAQ page has provided clarity on the roles and responsibilities of the Broadclyst Parish Council, developers, and management companies. For further inquiries or to provide feedback, please contact the Parish Council office.

Thank you for your interest and engagement in the development of our community.

Broadclyst Parish Council