Comments from Banwell Parish Council

The Parish Council welcomes the new CIL which is felt to be an improvement on the S.106 arrangements.

The Council notes that the governance and prioritisation of CIL expenditure is tied to the Core Strategy Infrastructure Development Plan and will be allocated in consultation with other infrastructure providers.

There is still a concern that most of the money received will go into one central pot and will not necessarily be used for infrastructure improvements arising from the developments in question.

We are pleased to see there is a small ring-fenced amount for each development which is used on the local infrastructure requirements but feel this should be regardless of whether there is a neighbourhood plan. This should be particularly so for developments that are not in the Core Strategy and which could potentially result in infrastructure needs not accounted for.

It was therefore felt that as much as possible should be passed to local communities to meet the needs arising from the impact of new development and in this regard it was suggested that there may be an opportunity to allocate funds for schemes such as the Banwell bypass even from smaller developments.

Also a regular report detailing where monies have come from and where they are to be allocated would be useful for parishes.