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Dear Ms Kyte

Caerphilly County Borough Council Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Preliminary Draft Charging Schedule Consultation.

Thank you for your letter dated 16th October 2012 inviting the Gwent branch of the Farmers Union of Wales to comment on the above consultation.

Whilst this does not directly affect the farming community as agricultural buildings are not included in the proposed CIL rates. I set out some general comments which some of our members in Caerphilly County Borough have mentioned to me.

- Our members in the borough would prefer that residential development is subject to draft charging under the affordable housing via section 106 notices rather than by your draft charging schedule under the CIL rate. This is because there is a huge disparity between the figures and also from areas of the borough. It seems rather unfair that one side of a street could be subject to CIL charges and the other side of the street would not.
- It seems strange that industrial development is excluded from the proposed charging rates bearing in mind the large number of industrial units which are empty within the borough. It would seem appropriate that more efforts are gained to have these units rented out rather than exclude any future development from community infrastructure levy.

Thank you once again for inviting us to comment on the above consultation.

Yours sincerely

Glyn Davies
COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER

