

## New Southwark Plan BACKGROUND PAPER

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#### 1. Executive summary

- 1.1 For schemes to be sustainable and acceptable they may require planning or financial contributions to mitigate or offset any impacts of the scheme, this is reflected in New Southwark Plan Policy IP3 community infrastructure levy and Section 106 planning obligations. It is important that cumulatively, contributions required within developments are viable, otherwise a scheme will not be deliverable. Different schemes have different impacts and infrastructure requirements to support them and as a consequence some requirements may be different from site to site and scheme to scheme, and will need to be negotiated on a scheme by scheme basis.
- 1.2 Our Section 106 and CIL Supplementary Planning Document (2015) and Addendum (2017) set out what is required for schemes of a defined scale. This list is not exhaustive, as some additional contributions may be negotiated on a scheme by scheme basis determined by the anticipated impact and in line with the tests for such contributions.
- 1.3 Section 106 planning obligations must meet the tests set out in the Community Infrastructure Levy Regulations 2010 (as amended) (Regulation 122), which is also set out at paragraph 5 of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF). Planning obligations must only be sought where they meet all of the following tests:
  - necessary to make the development acceptable in planning terms;
  - · directly related to the development; and
  - fairly and reasonably related in scale and kind to the development.
- 1.4 In January 2017 an Addendum to the Section 106 Planning Obligations and CIL SPD was adopted, this is specifically in relation to the Old Kent Road. It explains how we will use Section 106 planning obligations and CIL in the Old Kent Road opportunity area (OA) and provides guidance on our approach to negotiating Section 106 contributions for transport infrastructure for applicable developments within part of the opportunity area.
- 1.5 This report collates all of the Section 106 and CIL requirements from the New Southwark Plan and the Section 106 and CIL SPD to demonstrate what is required from developments.

- 1.6 Consideration is also given to the numerous viability studies prepared to inform and support the New Southwark Plan and forms part of the evidence base.
- 1.7 In terms of Section 106 requirements in the New Southwark Plan policies, these do not differ significantly from that required within the Southwark Plan saved policies (2007) and the Core Strategy (2011). These requirements are mostly set out within the Section 106 and CIL SPD 2015 and have therefore been required in developments over the last five years. These requirements are set out at Section 3 and we have highlighted where these requirements are new and being considered i.e. they are not sought from developments at this time.
- 1.8 We also set out a list of schemes where these contributions have been sought, secured and delivered, evidencing that these requirements are viable / deliverable in schemes in the Borough. This is set out in Section 4. This also sets out schemes where the Section 106 agreement has been finalised, however, the development has not yet been completed or started on site where it has recently been approved.
- 1.9 Affordable housing is generally the greatest element of Section 106 agreements. <u>Housing monitoring data</u> has been prepared as part of submission of the New Southwark Plan. This provides details of the provision of affordable housing in the borough. This confirms that on average major completed schemes have been providing 34% net affordable housing between 2004 and 2019. However, more recently schemes are achieving over 35%.
- 1.10 At main planning committee, which considers large / strategic applications, of the twelve housing schemes approved between April 2019 and February 2020, the average affordable housing provision was 37%. Two of these schemes are providing 50% affordable housing. Three schemes that were approved within this timeframe have been excluded from this figure as two were hybrid applications and one provided a payment in lieu for the affordable housing contribution which will go towards the delivery of council homes.
- 1.11 This demonstrates that our affordable housing requirement, along with the other Section 106 and CIL requirements, is being secured in schemes.

#### 2. Introduction

#### **Southwark policy**

- 2.1 A number of policies in the New Southwark Plan set out requirements for planning and financial contributions. Policy IP3 sets out the requirements for Section 106 planning contributions and the community infrastructure levy (CIL) (Mayoral and local).
- 2.2 The adopted Section 106 and Community Infrastructure Levy Supplementary Planning Document (Section 106 and CIL SPD) also sets out a number of requirements for financial contributions or provisions for development to mitigate any potential impacts.
- 2.3 The policy requirements within the New Southwark Plan are broadly in line with the Southwark Plan saved policies (2007) and the Core Strategy (2011) and the Section 106 and CIL SPD 2015.
- 2.4 There is a minor amendment to Policy P1, where the social rented and intermediate housing tenure split has been amended to require 25% and 10% respectively, instead of 70% (24.5%) and 30% (10.5) of the 35%, this is a marginal difference. The provision of affordable housing has been tested and is viable in most cases.
- 2.5 The fast track route for social rented and intermediate housing provision has been introduced to Policy P1, where if a developer provides 40% affordable housing (or 60% within Aylesbury Area Action Plan area) at a compliant tenure split of social rented and intermediate housing, they can follow the fast track route where viability does not need to be scrutinised. Where schemes cannot provide 40% affordable housing at the appropriate social rented and intermediate housing tenure splits, applicants can follow the viability tested route.
- 2.6 The requirement for affordable workspace has been introduced, this has been viability tested and has also been secured in a number of schemes recently. Further detail of this is provided under Policy P30 in Table 3.

#### Planning Practice Guidance

2.7 The Planning Practice Guidance (viability and plan making – Paragraph 001) sets out that contributions required from developments should be detailed within plans, including affordable housing provision and infrastructure. These requirements in the

plan should be informed by evidence of need, and a proportionate assessment of viability that considers all relevant policies, local and national standards, including the cost implications of CIL and Section 106.

- 2.8 It also highlights that viability should be assessed primarily at the plan making stage. Policies should be realistic, and the total cumulative costs of all relevant policies should not undermine deliverability of the plan.
- 2.9 Paragraph 003 sets out that assessment of the viability of the plan does not need to be carried out on individual sites, typologies can be used to determine the viability of the plan. This will determine whether the plan makers are creating realistic deliverable policies based on the site types that are likely to come forward over the plan period.

#### Viability testing for the New Southwark Plan

- 2.10 We note the comments set out in the "Inspectors' Letter introduction and summary of main initial matters/concerns" (EIP14) dated 20 April 2020, at section 6 (paragraphs 6.1 and 6.2). We confirm that the appropriate viability evidence supporting and informing the New Southwark Plan's policies has been prepared.
- 2.11 A number of viability studies have been prepared to inform and test the viability of the New Southwark Plan policies. These studies were commissioned by the Council to provide an understanding of the viability and deliverability of development in the Borough in context of the cumulative impact of the Council's emerging planning policies and form part of the Council's evidence base. This evidence is in line with the requirements of the NPPF and the National Planning Practice Guidance on Plan making and Viability ('NPPG').

#### 2.12 We list the full suite of viability evidence below.

- SP110 Vacant Building Credit Viability Study June 2015 by BNP Paribas Real Estate (BNPPRE);
- New Southwark Plan Evidence Base: Housing Policy Viability Study September 2015 by BNPPRE;
- Old Kent Road Opportunity Area Viability Study April 2016 by BNPPRE, for which there was an examination version published in 2017 including amendments of typos and clarification points raised by the Examiner's questions;

- New Southwark Plan Evidence Base: Housing Policy Viability Update Study November 2017 by BNPPRE;
- SP108 New Southwark Plan Evidence Base: Housing Policy Additional Small Sites Viability Testing July 2019 by BNPPRE; and
- SP109 New Southwark Plan Evidence Base: Housing and Affordable Workspace Policies Further Viability Sensitivity Testing July 2019 by BNPPRE.
- 2.13 The key starting point of the New Southwark Plan viability evidence base is the September 2015 "New Southwark Plan Evidence Base: Housing Policy Viability Study" produced by BNPPRE. The Council subsequently commissioned BNPPRE to prepare the "New Southwark Plan Evidence Base: Housing Policy Viability Update Study" in November 2017, which provides an update to the 2015 study. Following this the 2019 Viability Study (SP109) built on the 2017 Update Study. An Old Kent Road Opportunity Area Viability Study 2016 was also prepared by BNPPRE, which also informs the viability of the Plan and this considered the policy requirements.
- 2.14 The viability studies have adopted a consistent methodology and adopt the residual valuation approach to test the impact on viability of the emerging New Southwark Plan policies. This accords with the recommended approach in the NPPF and NPPG. This compares the residual land values of a range of development typologies on sites throughout Southwark to their value in existing use (plus a premium), referred to as 'benchmark land value'. If a development incorporating the New Southwark Plan policy requirements generates a higher residual land value than the benchmark land value, then it can be judged that these policy requirements will not adversely impact upon viability.
- 2.15 All the viability assessments consider the cumulative impact of the New Southwark Plan policy requirements, Mayoral CIL and the local CIL, within the appraisals, which in turn informs the viability position. The reports also confirm the inputs to the development appraisals including the development costs e.g. cost of construction, fees, finance, CIL and Section 106 and other pertinent policy costs which are detailed in the reports, and therefore the viability evidence base tests the cumulative cost of policy requirements.
- 2.16 The 2019 study also undertakes further sensitivity testing on the November 2017 viability work to consider the cost implications associated with design standards as set out in both the emerging New Southwark Plan and the adopted London Plan. In

particular, it considers the requirements for energy, accessible homes, water efficiency, car parking and electric vehicle charging. The 2017 study provides further details of these inputs, it includes allowances for MCIL2 and the updated Southwark CIL as appropriate.

- 2.17 The appraisals also incorporate notional allowances of £2,000 per unit for residential schemes and £30 per sq m for commercial schemes to address any residual Section 106 costs, which is in accordance with the assumptions included in previous viability assessments undertaken on behalf of the Council.
- 2.18 The Affordable Workspace Support Evidence of Needs Avison Young Study 2019 provides further detailed evidence that supports Policy P30 in relation to the viability of providing affordable workspace at low rent levels for different workspace typologies.
- 2.19 The Section 106 and CIL requirements are detailed in Section 3.
- 2.20 The viability analysis in the studies provides a high level understanding of the viability of potential development sites in the context of the cumulative impact of our emerging planning policies. Some sites may require more detailed site and scheme specific viability analysis when they come forward through the development management process. It is up to the applicant to demonstrate whether particular circumstances justify the need for a viability assessment at the application stage.
- 2.21 Southwark generally requires a viability assessment for any planning application for which the provision of affordable housing and affordable workspace is required, to ensure the maximum viable amount is provided. Within the New Southwark Plan the fast track approach has been introduced, whereby if an applicant is providing the required amount of affordable housing at a policy compliant tenure split they qualify for fast track route and a viability assessment is not required.
- 2.22 This paper sets out all of these requirements, including any additional requirements, which will need to be reflected in an updated Section 106 and Community Infrastructure Levy SPD.

#### 3. Current planning contributions

- 3.1 **Table 1** sets out the planning contributions and Section 106 requirements for developments within the New Southwark Plan and the Section 106 and Community Infrastructure Levy SPD (Section 106 and CIL SPD). There is a more detailed list within the Section 106 and CIL SPD.
- 3.2 **Table 2** sets out the Mayoral CIL2 and local CIL charges.
- 3.3 A number of these requirements have been subject to viability testing which is detailed in the table.
- 3.4 This is not an exhaustive list. Some of the requirements have set financial contributions, however, others are determined on a site by site basis depending on the impact the development will have. A number of these requirements are subject to viability which will be negotiated through the planning application process. Applicants are required to submit a financial viability assessment with their planning application (unless they are following the affordable housing fast track route Policy P1) which will be considered by a viability consultant on behalf of the council and also published for public scrutiny.
- 3.5 The table also sets out contributions that are required in certain developments by the New Southwark Plan that are not formally a requirement within an adopted plan or SPD. These will be introduced within an update to the Section 106 and CIL SPD.

Planning contributions and Section 106 requirement in Southwark

Table 1: planning contribution and Section 106 requirements in Southwark

New Southwark	Requirement	Further comments on viability or
Plan Policy		inclusion in a supplement planning
		document
Policy P1- social	35% affordable housing (tenure	Viability for this policy is justified within the
rented and	compliant). Subject to viability.	Viability Study 2017 (to be added again as a
intermediate		Core Document) and Viability Study 2019.
housing		Also see <u>Housing Background Paper</u> .
Policy P2 – new	Number of three bedrooms homes	Viability for this policy is justified within the
family homes	required.	<u>Viability Study 2019</u> .

Policy P4 – private	35% affordable housing (tenure	Viability for this policy is justified within the
rented schemes	compliant). Subject to viability.	Viability Study 2017 (to be added again as a
		Core Document) and Viability Study 2019.
Policy P5 – student	10% easily adaptable student rooms	Viability for this policy is justified within the
homes	for occupation by wheelchair users.	Viability Study 2017 (to be added again as a
	Direct lets - 35% affordable housing	Core Document) and Viability Study 2019.
	(tenure compliant) or payment in lieu	
	and 27% affordable student rooms.	
	Nomination schemes – affordable	
	student rooms and as much	
	affordable housing / payment in lieu	
	as viable.	
	Subject to viability.	
Policy P6 – housing	35% affordable housing (tenure	Determined on a case by case basis.
for older people	compliant) in accordance with Policy	
	P1 or specialist affordable	
	accommodation for older people	
	subject to need.	
	Cubinat to violeility	
	Subject to viability.	
Policy P7 –	New build major residential	Within the Section 106 and CIL SPD:
Policy P7 – wheelchair		Within the Section 106 and CIL SPD:  Any shortfall in the required provision of
	New build major residential	
wheelchair	New build major residential development must meet Building	Any shortfall in the required provision of
wheelchair accessible and	New build major residential development must meet Building Regulation M4(3) standard	Any shortfall in the required provision of onsite wheelchair housing will be charged at
wheelchair accessible and	New build major residential development must meet Building Regulation M4(3) standard (Wheelchair User Dwellings) in at	Any shortfall in the required provision of onsite wheelchair housing will be charged at £10,000 per habitable room unit (based on
wheelchair accessible and	New build major residential development must meet Building Regulation M4(3) standard (Wheelchair User Dwellings) in at least 10% of homes (as measured in	Any shortfall in the required provision of onsite wheelchair housing will be charged at £10,000 per habitable room unit (based on £30,000 for a two bed three habitable room
wheelchair accessible and	New build major residential development must meet Building Regulation M4(3) standard (Wheelchair User Dwellings) in at least 10% of homes (as measured in habitable rooms) and the remaining	Any shortfall in the required provision of onsite wheelchair housing will be charged at £10,000 per habitable room unit (based on £30,000 for a two bed three habitable room unit). The level of payment is based on the
wheelchair accessible and	New build major residential development must meet Building Regulation M4(3) standard (Wheelchair User Dwellings) in at least 10% of homes (as measured in habitable rooms) and the remaining 90% must meet Building Regulation	Any shortfall in the required provision of onsite wheelchair housing will be charged at £10,000 per habitable room unit (based on £30,000 for a two bed three habitable room unit). The level of payment is based on the average cost of adapting properties in
wheelchair accessible and	New build major residential development must meet Building Regulation M4(3) standard (Wheelchair User Dwellings) in at least 10% of homes (as measured in habitable rooms) and the remaining 90% must meet Building Regulation M4(2). Where those homes are	Any shortfall in the required provision of onsite wheelchair housing will be charged at £10,000 per habitable room unit (based on £30,000 for a two bed three habitable room unit). The level of payment is based on the average cost of adapting properties in Southwark over the last four years to make
wheelchair accessible and	New build major residential development must meet Building Regulation M4(3) standard (Wheelchair User Dwellings) in at least 10% of homes (as measured in habitable rooms) and the remaining 90% must meet Building Regulation M4(2). Where those homes are affordable wheelchair user homes	Any shortfall in the required provision of onsite wheelchair housing will be charged at £10,000 per habitable room unit (based on £30,000 for a two bed three habitable room unit). The level of payment is based on the average cost of adapting properties in Southwark over the last four years to make wheelchair equivalent alterations. These
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wheelchair accessible and	New build major residential development must meet Building Regulation M4(3) standard (Wheelchair User Dwellings) in at least 10% of homes (as measured in habitable rooms) and the remaining 90% must meet Building Regulation M4(2). Where those homes are affordable wheelchair user homes these meet Building Regulation M4(3b) standard (Wheelchair	Any shortfall in the required provision of onsite wheelchair housing will be charged at £10,000 per habitable room unit (based on £30,000 for a two bed three habitable room unit). The level of payment is based on the average cost of adapting properties in Southwark over the last four years to make wheelchair equivalent alterations. These changes include installing accessible kitchens, bathrooms, doors, levelled access and ramps. If the on-site units are not fully accessible, we need to be able to provide for this off site. The payments would be spent in partnership with Southwark

		people being housed in the community.
Policy P8 - houses	Affordable housing contributions in	Relates to Policy P1.
in multiple	accordance with Policy P1.	
occupation	Subject to viability.	
Policy P14 -	Private amenity space	Within the Section 106 and CIL SPD:
residential design	Communal amenity space	Any shortfall in the required amount of child
	Child play space	play space will be charged at £151 per
	In Old Kent Road opportunity area	square metre.
	provide 5 square metres of public	On-site requirements:
	open space per dwelling or payment	Houses: A minimum of 50square metre of
	in lieu of £205 per square metre as	outdoor private amenity space is required.
	per Section 106 and CIL SPD.	The garden should be at least 10m in length
		and should extend across the entire width of
		the dwelling.
		Flats: A minimum of 50square metre of
		communal amenity space per development.
		For units containing three or more
		bedrooms 10square metre of private
		amenity space must be provided.
		For units containing two or less bedrooms,
		10square metre of private amenity space
		should be provided.
		Balconies, terraces and roof gardens must
		be a minimum of 3square metre to count
		towards private amenity space.
		Any shortfall in the required provision of
		amenity space will be charged at £205 per
		square metre. £205 per square metre
		represents an average cost in Southwark for
		improving open space, taking into account
		all costs including fees and construction
		costs.
Policy P12 – design	Design requirements and secured by	Within the Section 106 and CIL SPD:
of places and	design principles.	We will calculate planning obligations based
Policy P15 –		on a list of items, for which costs are
designing out crime		regularly updated to reflect changes in build

	Γ	seets Dublic realm improvements that may
		costs. Public realm improvements that may
		be necessary to make development
		acceptable include, but are not limited to,
		the provision of:
		Site specific contributions for carriageway
		surfacing
		New or improved footways and/or hard or
		soft landscaping improvements
		Replacing paving or landscape material on
		existing public realm including carriageway
		and footways
		Street furniture, bins, bollards
		Street lighting
		Cycle stands
		Tree and landscape planting and
		biodiversity mitigation and improvement
		measures
		Signage
		Public art
		CCTV or other community safety
		measures
Policy P16 – tall	Provide a functional public space that	Determined on a case by case basis.
buildings	is appropriate to the height and size	
	of the proposed building; and	
	Provide a publically accessible space	
	at or near to the top of the building	
	and communal facilities for users and	
	residents where appropriate.	
Policy P22 -	Requirement is set out within the	Within the Section 106 and CIL SPD:
Archaeology	Section 106 and CIL SPD.	All developments within the archaeological
		priority zones (shown on the adopted
		policies map) requiring archaeological
		assessment and evaluation and/or
		excavations will be required to make a
		financial contribution towards our monitoring
		and supervisory role.
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		The contributions sought will be relative to
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		the scale of the development and based on
		the current cost of this service: £1,695 for
		under 100square metre of development;
		£3,389 for 101- 4,999square metre of
		development;
		£6,778 for 5,000 - 9,999square metre of
		development;
		£11,171 for 10,000 and more square metre
		of development.
		Consultation with Southwark's archaeology
		officer may result in a change to these costs
		in certain circumstances.
Policy P26 -	Where additional school places for	Within the Section 106 and CIL SPD:
education places	new residents are needed, new	Determined on a case by case basis -
	school places must be provided.	through funded through CIL.
Policy P27 – access	Employment and training	Within the Section 106 and CIL SPD:
to employment and	opportunities required or payment in	Jobs during construction
training	lieu.	One job lasting a minimum 26 weeks for an
		unemployed Southwark resident per
		500square metre GEA.
		One Southwark resident trained in pre or
		post employment short courses per
		500square metre GEA. One new
		apprenticeship start or inwork NVQ per
		2000square metre.
		Employment and training contribution
		(jobs during construction)
		Where the target number of sustained jobs,
		short courses or apprenticeships cannot be
		provided a contribution will be sought to be
		used by Southwark Council to provide
		equivalent opportunities in the local area to
		residents based on the following formula:
		Shortfall against target number of jobs
		lasting minimum 26 weeks for an
		135g

unemployed Southwark resident x £4,300 (the average cost of supporting an unemployed Southwark resident into sustained employment).

Shortfall against target number of Southwark residents trained in short courses x £150 (the approximate cost of a typical construction sector short course).

Shortfall against target number of apprenticeship starts x £1,500 (the approximate cost of a typical construction sector Level 2 qualification).

## General and end-user phase (skills, training and employment)

Skills and Employment Plan Targets For business use (B class) floorspace a target for the number of jobs lasting a minimum of 26 weeks for unemployed Southwark residents will be calculated at 10% of the estimated Full Time Employee (FTE) employment on site according to Homes and Community Agency (HCA) employment densities (see page 21) or an alternative measure agreed by the council. For retail use (A class) floorspace and hotels a target for the number of jobs lasting a minimum of weeks for unemployed Southwark residents will be calculated at 20% of the estimated FTE employment on site according to HCA employment densities or another measure agreed by the council. Employment and training contribution An employment and training contribution will be sought, to be set at the target number of jobs lasting a minimum of 26 weeks for

unemployed Southwark residents, as set out above, multiplied by £4,300 (the average cost of supporting an unemployed Southwark resident into sustained employment). This will be used by the council to support borough residents to access local jobs and facilitate the delivery of the skills and employment plan.

Policy P29 – office and business development In the Central Activities Zone, town centres, and opportunity areas and where specified in site allocations development must (inter alia):

1. Retain or increase the amount of employment floorspace on site (Gross Internal Area (GIA) of B class use or sui generis employment generating uses); and 2. Promote the successful integration of homes and employment space in physical layout and servicing in areas that will accommodate mixed use development.

In exceptional circumstances, the loss of employment floorspace may be accepted where the retention or uplift in employment floorspace on the site is not feasible. This must be demonstrated through by a marketing exercise for two years immediately prior to any planning application.

### Retention and increase in employment floorspace

The 2017 Viability Study looks at the viability of mixed use developments as the New Southwark Plan policy P29 requires all development to reprovide employment floorspace where a scheme is being redeveloped to include residential and other uses. A number of the site allocations require full reprovision of the employment use on site or 50% of the development to be provided as employment floorspace, whichever is greater, to maximise the provision.

The Study sets out that some schemes will be able to viably provide commercial floorspace in developments along with other policy requirements including affordable housing, however the degree to which this can be accommodated will differ from site to site and scheme to scheme.

As the policy provides flexibility and requires applicants to provide evidence where proposed schemes cannot provide replacement commercial floorspace, along with the flexibility offered by our affordable

housing policy, which is subject to viability, this provides suitable flexibility to ensure that appropriate development, providing a suitable mix of uses to support the identified needs comes forward.

The Office Background Paper also provides further iustification this of policy requirement. It sets out a number of examples of planning applications that have come forward proposing significant uplift in B1 floorspace, showing that the trend for office development in the borough is increasing. This trend helps to achieve the targets for significant future growth in office development and help to mitigate past losses in employment floorspace. This is typical of economic cycles and strengthened planning policy helps to secure the growth of employment floorspace in appropriate locations. These include Canada Water Masterplan (18/AP/1604), Vinegar Yard (19/AP/0404) Landmark and Court (19/AP/0830). Additional details are set out in the background paper.

Financial contribution towards training and jobs for local people where there is a loss of employment floorspace.

### Contributions for training and jobs Within the Section 106 and CIL SPD:

Loss of employment floorspace £4,300 (average cost for a Southwark unemployed resident to gain support and training to get access to a skilled job) multiplied by the following: 10% number of FTE jobs that may have been provided in equivalent amount of (net) lost floorspace in the existing employment use class, according to HCA employment densities or

		agreed alternative measure.
Policy P30 -	Development of 500square metres	Further information is set out in the Offices
affordable	GIA or more employment floorspace	Background Paper.
workspace	(B Class Use) to deliver at least 10%	Viability for this policy is justified within the
	of the proposed gross employment	<u>Viability Study 2019</u> . The policy requires a
	floorspace as affordable workspace	proportion of at least 10% of commercial
	on site as discount market rents or	floorspace to be provided as affordable
	payment in lieu.	workspace at discounted market rents. The
		Council expressed an interest in
		understanding the best approach to seeking
		payments in lieu of on-site Affordable
		Workspace and the calculator method
		outlined in the BNPPRE study is the
		recommended approach.
		The analysis sets out that viability of
		commercial schemes in the borough is an
		issue, but this is not owed to the Council's
		policies but wider market factors. It supports
		the policy and states that it will provide
		suitable flexibility. This flexibility will provide
		an appropriate and sustainable balance of
		uses.
		The Affordable Workspace Support -
		Evidence of Needs - Avison Young Study
		2019 provides further detailed evidence that
		supports Policy P30. It is based on 10% of
		the total space being delivered as affordable
		workspace, and focused on micro and small
		businesses. The study assesses 5 different
		typologies of deliver workspace which was
		then applied to the five study sub-areas:
		Southbank, Elephant and Castle, Canada
		Water, Camberwell and Peckham. These
		typologies were: Type 1 – Micro site mixed
		use office/light industrial and residential
		scheme; Type 2 – Medium office/light

		industrial scheme; Type 3 – Micro site light industrial and independent retail scheme; Type 4 – Large office scheme; and Type 5 –
		Large office/light industrial and residential
		scheme.
		The report recommends the discount on
		rent that is viable to ask for in each sub area
		for affordable workspace delivery based on
		viability evidence. The recommended
		discounts range from peppercorn rents to
		25% discount off market rent depending on
		location and type proposed.
Policy P40 – hotels	A minimum of 10% of the floorspace	
and other visitor	must be provided as ancillary	
accommodation	facilities in hotel developments that	
	incorporate a range of daytime uses	
	and offer employment opportunities.	
Policy P43 –	Major development must enable the	We are considering these and they are not
broadband and	delivery of fibre to the premises	required at present.
digital infrastructure	(FTTP) broadband or equivalent	
	technology for future occupants and	
	users of the proposed development,	
	with superfast speeds being the	
	minimum offered; provide FTTP, or	
	equivalent, connections to existing,	
	poorly serviced properties in the	
	vicinity of the development where	
D.F. D50 "	there is an identified need.	For the state of t
Policy P52 – cycling	Development must, inter alia;	For any planning application requiring
	Provide of cycle parking for building	contributions towards cycle hiring scheme,
	users and visitors.	this is determined by Transport for London
	Contribute towards the provision of	and is negotiated during the pre-application
	cycle hire schemes and docking	and planning application process.
	stations. Financial contributions will	
	be required from major	
	developments that are	

commensurate to the size and scale of the proposal. Provide a free two year cycle hire fob per dwelling where a docking station is within 400m of the proposed development. Policy P49 Delivery and servicing bond and Determined on a case by case basis highway impacts monitoring and P53 – car parking Within the Section 106 and CIL SPD: Development must, inter alia: Provide electric vehicle car charging For large major developments, additional points where on site parking is contributions to major infrastructure permitted. improvements not identified below may be Provide a minimum of three years sought to support the public transport free membership, per eligible adult network, such as a bus station or taxi rank. who is the primary occupier of the We will not use Section 106 planning development, to a car club if a car obligations to help fund the strategic club bay is located within 850m of transport projects set out in the Regulation the development; and/or contribute 123 list. towards the provision of new car club A number of highway improvements may be bays proportionate to the size and necessary to make а development scale of the development if it creates acceptable. We will calculate the Section 80 units or more. 106 planning obligation based on a list of site specific items for which the costs are regularly updated to reflect changes in build costs. We will also seek to secure nonfinancial planning obligations to address the impact of a development proposal. Non-financial planning obligations may include: Car club initiatives and local travel plan groups: providing on-site parking for car club use, providing marketing about the availability of the car club and free membership for a period of years for residents of the development.

		Electric vehicle charging bays: provision
		of electric charging points in line with
		current adopted policy. Travel plan:
		preparation, submission and subsequent
		monitoring to ensure compliance
		Construction logistics plans and delivery
		and servicing plans should be secured in
		line with the London Freight Plan and
		should be coordinated with travel plans.
		For most development, on-site works,
		improvements to the surrounding road(s),
		travel plans and CIL funding will be enough
		to address any harmful transport impacts.
		However larger developments may need to
		directly contribute to wider transport
		improvements where required to make the
		delivery of the site possible. In addition
		planning contributions to fund Crossrail will
		be calculated in line with the Mayor's
		requirements as set out in the 'Use of
		Planning Obligations in the funding of
		Crossrail, and the Mayoral Community
		Infrastructure Levy' Supplementary
		Planning Guidance (April 2013).
Policy P58 - green	Large-scale major development must	Links to Policy P14 – residential design. We
infrastructure	provide new publically accessible	have considered this and it is not required at
	open space and green links.	present. Old Kent Road is an exception as
		detailed above at Policy P14.
Policy P59 -	Development must contribute to new	Within Section 106 and CIL SPD.
biodiversity	gains in biodiversity.	We will calculate planning obligations based
	Any shortfall in net gains in	on a list of items, for which costs are
	biodiversity must be secured off site	regularly updated to reflect changes in build
	through planning obligations or as a	costs.
	financial contribution.	
Policy P60 – trees	Where trees are to be removed to	Within Section 106 and CIL SPD.
	facilitate development, they should	We will calculate planning obligations based
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	be replaced by new trees which	on a list of items, for which costs are
	result in no net loss of amenity,	regularly updated to reflect changes in build
	taking into account canopy cover as	costs.
	measured by steam girth; either:	
	Within the development whereby	
	valuation may be calculated using	
	the Capital Asset Value for Amenity	
-	Trees (CAVAT) methodology or other	
	assessment; or	
	If this is not possible, outside the	
	development. In this case a financial	
	contribution must be provided to	
i	improve borough tree planting	
	located according to the 'right tree	
	right place' principles. The financial	
	contribution will include ongoing	
	maintenance costs where trees are	
	planted in the public realm.	
Policy P64 –	Any shortfall in air quality standards	Within Section 106 and CIL SPD.
improving air quality	on site must be secured off site	Determined on a case by case basis where
1	through planning obligations or as a	there are identified direct impacts from
	financial contribution.	development.
Policy P69 – energy	Major development must reduce	Within Section 106 and CIL SPD.
	carbon dioxide emissions on site by:	10 or more residential units or residential
	100% on 2013 Building Regulations	schemes providing 1000square metres or
	Part L standards for residential	more of floorspace (GIA) (whichever is the
	development; and	smaller) and including live work units.
	A minimum of 40% on site reduction	Development providing a net increase of
	on 2013 Building Regulations Part L	1,000square metres or more of non-
	and zero carbon (100%) for non-	residential floorspace (GIA). Where
	residential developments.	development schemes propose mixed use
	Any shortfall against carbon	floorspace the combined total of this
	emissions reduction requirements	floorspace will be counted.
	must be secured off site through	This charge will be monitored and if
I	planning obligations or as a financial	appropriate updated in line with changes in

		The chartfall is CO2 reduction will be
		The shortfall in CO2 reduction will be charged at £1,800 per tonne of carbon
		dioxide.
		£1,800 represents £60 per tonne calculated
		over 30 years.
		This is being considered by the Council at
		present and there will be an amendment for
		consultation in the autumn.
Policy IP3 -	We will ensure that any potential	Detailed within the Section 106 and CIL
community	adverse impact that makes a	SPD.
infrastructure levy	proposed development unacceptable	
(CIL) and Section	will be offset by using Section 106	
106 planning	legal agreements that requires the	
obligations	developer to either a) offset the	
	impact or b) pay the council a	
	financial contribution to enable the	
	council to offset the impact. The	
	council will secure money from the	
	community infrastructure levy (CIL)	
	to fund the essential infrastructure	
	identified by the council in our	
	Regulation 123 list.	
Other Section 106 p	lanning contributions	
Section 106		Within Section 106 and CIL SPD:
administration fee		An administration charge of 2% will be
		applied, which excludes all legal costs
		associated with the preparation of an actual
		section 106 agreement.
Affordable housing	Payment for affordable housing	This needs to be updated within the Section
monitoring fee	monitoring.	106 and CIL SPD. This money will be used
		to fund the affordable housing monitoring
		project that is on-going. This also goes
		towards the updating of London
		Development Database which requires
		monthly updates to the Greater London
		Authority.
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		Payment: £132.35 per affordable dwelling.
		Developments have been forthcoming in
		providing this.
Later and a Martin		Determination to the state of t
Integrated Water		Determined on a case by case basis where
Management		there are identified direct impacts from
Strategy Payment OKRAAP		development.
CMP charges for	We have considered this and it is not	We have considered this and it is not
highways	required at present.	required at present.
London Living Wage	We have considered this and it is not	We have considered this and it is not
	required at present.	required at present.
TfL bus contribution		For any planning application that requires
(links to Policy P49		bus contributions, this is determined by
above)		Transport for London and is negotiated
		during the pre-application and planning
		application process.
Old Kent Road		As set out in the Addendum to the Section
highways		106 and CIL SPD 2015 relating to the Old
contributions (links		Kent Road opportunity Area, across the
to Policy P53		opportunity area Section 106 planning
above)		obligations will be sought where necessary
		to mitigate the impact of development, in
		line with the approach set out in the adopted
		Section 106 Planning Obligations and CIL
		SPD (2015). This will include the need to
		mitigate the impact of development on transport capacity, including through
		transport capacity, including through improvements to surface public transport
		and facilities for people walking and cycling,
		prior to the delivery of the Bakerloo Line
		extension which is projected to be around
		2030.

#### CIL requirements in Southwark (Mayoral and local)

 Table 2: Community Infrastructure Levy requirements

Mayoral and Southw	ark CIL charge	S		
Mayoral Community Levy		MCIL1 applies to CIL lia permission on or after 1 Apr London to fund the deliver Southwark, the Mayoral CIL indexation.  The MCIL2 rates apply to al April 2019 and may also permissions granted before the For developments in Southward square meter plus indexation.	vark, the Mayoral CIL2 rate is £60 per ion. There is a separate charge for des the northern part of the borough for these are:  are metre are metre	
		Further information can be	found in the MCIL Charging Schedule don can be found at Figure 2 within the	
Southwark CIL Char 2017	ging Schedule	The charges were updated in the 2015 CIL rates. The 2017 CIL charging schedule was tested in the Old Kent Road Opportunity Area Viability Study (April 2016).		
Development type	Zone *		CIL Rate £ per square metre	
Office	Zone 1		£76	
	Zones 2-3		£0	
Hotel	Zone 1		£272	
	Zones 2-3		£136	
Residential	Zone 1		£435	
	Zone 2		£218	
	Zone 3		£54	

Student housing – direct let**	Zones 1-3	£109
Student housing – nominations***	Zones 1-3	£0
All retail(A1-A5 & sui generis akin to retail)****	Zones 1-3	£136
Town centre car parking*****	Zones 1-3	£0
Industrial and warehousing	Zones 1-3	03
Public libraries	Zones 1-3	£0
Health	Zones 1-3	£0
Education	Zones 1-3	£0
All other uses	Zones 1-3	£0

<sup>\*</sup>zones are mapped within the CIL Charging Schedule (December 2017)

3.6 The CIL payment is non-negotiable. Further guidance on CIL and CIL exemptions is set out within the Southwark CIL Charging Schedule 2017.

<sup>\*\*</sup>direct let student housing schemes – market rent levels

<sup>\*\*\*</sup>nomination student housing schemes – rental levels set below an average of £168 per week and secured through a Section 106 planning obligation

<sup>\*\*\*\*</sup>Sui generis akin to retail includes petrol filling stations; shops selling and/or displaying motor vehicles; retail warehouse clubs

<sup>\*\*\*\*\*</sup>Town centre car parking which is made available to all visitors to the town centre

## 4. Schemes providing compliant Section 106 planning contributions and CIL

- 4.1 **Table 3** provides details of schemes that have met the requirements for Section 106 planning contributions and the community infrastructure levy payments for Mayoral CIL and local CIL. These schemes have also been developed and completed. This shows that these requirements are deliverable.
- 4.2 There are also a number of other schemes that have recently been approved with these Section 106 and CIL contributions agreed within the Section 106 agreement. However, as they have been approved more recently they have not been started or completed. These are set out at **Table 4**.

# Section 106 and CIL agreed within completed schemes

Table 3: Completed mixed use schemes and associated Section 106 planning contributions and CIL

Schemes that ha	ave been com	Schemes that have been completed and Section 106 agreements delivered	
Scheme	Section	Description of development	Section 106 agreement (this is not an exhaustive list)
reference –	106		
address	Agreement		
	Signed		
	Date		
09/AP/1098 -	17	Demolition of existing buildings and erection of	Admin costs
Bermondsey	September	a mixed use development comprising two 5-	50% affordable housing by unit
Spa Site G, 80-	2009	storey buildings to provide for 856 square	Wheelchair accessible affordable housing units
118 Spa Road,		metres of commercial floorspace (use classes	Archaeology contribution
London, SE16		A1-A5) at ground floor level, and 48 residential   Car club scheme for 12 months	Car club scheme for 12 months
3QT		units (12 x 1 bed, 9 x 2 bed 3 person, 19 x 2	Education contribution
		bed 4 person and 8 x 3 bed) above, cycle and	Health contribution
		car parking, amenity space and ancillary plant	Public open space, children's play space equipment and sports
		and equipment.	development contribution
			Public realm improvements contribution
			Site specific transport contribution
			Strategic transport contribution
			Traffic Management Order contribution
			WPC management contribution

			Workplace co-ordinator contribution
10/AP/2849 –	13 January	Redevelopment of the former public house site	Admin costs
Melbway	2011	with a part five and part six storey building to	37% affordable housing by unit
House, 18		provide 19 residential flats (14 x 2 bed, 4 x 3	Communities facilities contribution
Meadow Row,		bed and 1 x 4 bed) with communal rooftop	Car club
SE1 6BF		amenity space and internal refuse and cycle	Construction workplace co-ordinator contribution
		storage.	Disabled car space contribution
			Education contribution
			Health contribution
			Public open space, children's play equipment and sports' development
			contribution
			Public realm improvement contribution
			Site specific transport contribution
			Strategic transport contribution
			Traffic Management Order contribution
12/AP/2444 –	27	Demolition of existing buildings and erection of	CIL
272-274	November	two buildings, one at 286-304 Camberwell	Admin costs
Camberwell	2012	Road (blocks A & B) ranging in height from	36% affordable housing by unit
Road and		four to seven storeys comprising 616 square	Archaeology contribution
Medlar Street		metres of commercial floorspace (Use Classes	Construction workplace co-ordinator and employment contribution
and 286-304		A1 shops, A2 financial/professional services,	Construction workplace co-ordinator management contribution
Camberwell		B1 business and/or D1 non-residential	Communities facilities contribution
Road, SE5		institutions) and 57 residential units (26 $\times$ 1	Education contribution
		-	

	bed, 26 x 2 bed and 5 x 3 bed) plus 5 disabled	Health contribution
	car parking spaces, the other at 272-274	Non-discounted education contribution
	Camberwell Road and Medlar Street (blocks C	Public open space, children's play equipment and sports' development
	& D) ranging in height from three to four	contribution
	storeys and comprising 62 square metres of	Public realm improvements contribution
	commercial floorspace (Use Classes A1, A2,	Site specific transport contribution
	B1 and/or D1) and nine residential units (3 x 3	Strategic transport contribution
	bed and 6 x 4 bed), and with balconies,	Traffic Management Order contribution
	terraces, gardens and / or communal amenity	Wheelchair accessible affordable housing units
	space and roof garden, bicycle spaces,	Three year car club membership
	refuse/recycling storage and access. (Total	
	678 square metres of commercial floorspace	
	(Use Classes A1, A2, B1 and/or D1) and 66	
	residential units (26 x 1 bed, 26 x 2 bed, 8 x 3	
	bed and 6 x 4 bed))	
14/AP/4905 - 30 March	March The erection of a part four, part five and part	Admin costs
525-539 Old 2015	six storey building to provide 43 residential	37% affordable housing by unit - 50% intermediate and 50% social
Kent Road, SE1	flats (8 x one-bed, 26 x two-bed and 9 x three-	rented
5EW	bed), with associated car parking, cycle and	Archaeology contribution
	refuse store and amenity space.	3 years car club membership
		Construction workplace co-ordinator and employment contribution
		Construction workplace co-ordinator management contribution
		Community facility contribution

Education contribution
Health contribution
Public open space, children's play equipment and sports development
contribution
Public realm contribution
Site specific transport contribution
Strategic transport contribution
Wheelchair accessible affordable housing

# Section 106 and CIL agreed within approved schemes

Table 4: Approved mixed use schemes and associated Section 106 planning contributions and CIL

	list)								
t development has not yet been completed	Section 106 agreement (this is not an exhaustive list)					CIL	Admin costs	40.5% affordable housing by habitable room	Affordable housing monitoring contribution
Schemes that have been approved and Section 106 agreements signed but development has not yet been completed	Description of development					Full planning permission is sought for	demolition of existing buildings and structures Admin costs	on the site, and redevelopment consisting of 40.5% affordable housing by habitable room	three buildings at maximum heights of 17 Affordable housing monitoring contribution
ıve been appı	Section	106	Agreement	Signed	Date	e June	2019		
Schemes that ha	Scheme	reference –	address			18/AP/0897 –	Land bounded	by Old Kent	Road, Ruby

Triangle and	storeys (including mezzanine) ( +64.735m	Affordable workspace (£8 per sqft + 50p sqft service charge, 1 year
Sandgate	AOD), 48 Storeys (+170.830m AOD) and 40	rent
Street, London,	storeys (including mezzanine) (+144.750m	free and secured for 30 years)
SE15	AOD), plus single storey basement under part	Carbon Green Fund contribution
	of the site. Development would provide 1,152	Archaeology contribution
	residential dwellings (Class C3), retail,	Bicycle provision
	business and community spaces (Classes A1,	Bus contribution
	A2, A3, A4, B1(a),(b),(c) and D1), public	Car club scheme
	sports hall and gym (Class D2), public and	Communal amenity space and shortfall contribution
	private open space, formation of new	Construction industry employment and training shortfall contribution
	accesses and alterations to existing accesses,	Default employment in the end use contribution
	energy centre, associated car and cycle	Delivery and service cash deposit
	parking and other associated works.	Delivery and service monitoring fee
	(REVISED DESCRIPTION)	Loss of employment floor space contribution
		Public open space, children's play and sports facilities contribution
		Public realm works
		Wheelchair dwellings
		Wheelchair parking spaces
19/AP/2198 – 31 October	ber Partial demolition, retention and refurbishment	CIL
Suffolk House 2019	of the existing buildings onsite and extensions	Admin
127-129 Great	to the existing building of between 1 and 4	Affordable workspace (£36.55 per square foot, 50p per square foot
Suffolk Street	storeys to provide a total of 7,301 square	service charge and secured for 30 years)
and 131 Great	metres of gross internal commercial space	Archaeology

Suffolk Street,	et,	(Use Class B1a) and associated alterations.	Construction industry employment and training shortfall contribution
London			Default employment in the end use contribution
			Employment in the end use contribution
17/AP/1646	- 30	Demolition of the existing buildings to facilitate	CIL
634-636 O	Old November	the redevelopment of the site to create 42x Admin	Admin
Kent Roa	Road. 2017	residential units and 272 square metres (GIA) 35% affordable housing by habitable room	35% affordable housing by habitable room
London, SE15		of flexible commercial floorspace (Class Agreed carbon targets	Agreed carbon targets
		A1/A2/A3/B1) in a new building of between Archaeology contribution	Archaeology contribution
		three and six storeys in height, together with	Car club scheme
		disabled car parking, cycle parking,	cycle parking, Carbon Green Fund contribution
		landscaping, plant, and associated works.	Children's play space contribution
			Loss of employment floorspace contribution
			NOx offsetting contribution
			Particulate offsetting contribution