



West Swindon Parish Council

**Community Infrastructure
Levy Policy
2025**

Adopted May 2024

Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Policy

1. Purpose

This policy sets out how West Swindon Parish Council will manage and allocate funds received through the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL), in line with the Community Infrastructure Levy Regulations 2010 (as amended).

CIL funds are provided by Swindon Borough Council from local development within the parish area to help support the infrastructure, facilities, and services needed as a result of growth.

2. Use of CIL Funds

Under Regulation 59C, the Parish Council must use CIL funds to support the development of the local area by funding:

- ❖ The provision, improvement, replacement, operation, or maintenance of infrastructure; or
- ❖ Anything else that addresses the demands development places on the parish.

Examples include:

- Enhancements to parks and open spaces
- Improvements to community buildings or play areas
- Walking, cycling, and transport links
- Environmental or safety improvements

CIL funds cannot be used for general running costs or routine maintenance of the Parish Council.

3. Decision-Making and Transparency

The Parish Council will identify priorities for CIL funding through its strategic plan, and review of local needs. All decisions about CIL spending will be made at public Parish Council meetings through the annual budget setting process. Residents can access information on CIL via the website www.westswindon-pc.gov.uk.

An annual CIL report will be published by 31 December each year on the Parish Council website, showing:

- Total CIL received
- Total CIL spent

- A list of funded projects and their costs
- Any unspent or retained funds

4. Community Requests for CIL Funding

Community groups and organisations within the parish may request the use of unspent CIL funds for eligible local projects.

Requests can be made:

- At any time by emailing the Parish Clerk at office@westswindon-pc.gov.uk or
- During the bi-annual Parish Council grant funding rounds.

All requests will be reviewed against the legal spending criteria and the Parish Council's priorities before approval.

5. Review

This policy will be reviewed annually or sooner if required to reflect changes in legislation or local circumstances.

CIL expenditure to date 2024-25:

CIL Allocated and Received	Amount	How it was spent
Total receipts from 2016/17	£373.68	Play improvements
Total receipts from 2017/18	£4010.15	Play improvements
Total receipts from 2018/19	£6690.17	Play improvements
Total receipts from 2019/20	£16639.01	Play improvements
Total receipts from 2020/21	£23,864.03	Wheels Pump Track
Total receipts from 2021/22	£0	
Total receipts from 2022/23	£11582.29	The Chesters Play Area
Total receipts from 2023/24	£5140.00	Subway mural programme
Total receipts from 2024/25	£307.29	Subway mural programme
Total	£68,570.62	
Amount of CIL unspent	£0	