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For the attention of the Planning Policy Team at tplan@elmbridge.gov.uk

Dear Sir / Madam

**Re:** [**EBC 123 C I L areas of possible funding list**](http://www.elmbridge.gov.uk/documents/detail.htm?pk_document=24160)  **HRA response to the** [**consultation**](http://www.elmbridge.gov.uk/planning/apps/Draft123List.htm#sthash.UkRKBUbu.dpuf) **between 6 September and 4 October 2013. –**

Thank you for consulting on the council’s thoughts for what might be funded by the community infrastructure levy.

1. We agree with the broad borough-wide transport priorities outlined especially the road ‘speed management measures’ and the specific reference in the next section to ‘Burwood Road school safety measures’. We would strongly support any practical and effective measures to limit speeds in the village centre (you might wish to see our letter on this subject which you can access on our website from the following link: [HRA letter about speed and traffic in Hersham Oct 2012](http://www.hershamresidents.info/blog/wp-content/uploads/2013/07/HRA-letter-about-speed-and-traffic-in-Hersham-Oct-2012.doc)).

2. The mention of ‘cycle network improvements’ across the Borough under the title ‘transport’ would also be strongly supported by the HRA. In Hersham specifically we would like to see improved cycle lane / cycling safety arrangements along the Queens Road from the roundabout with Westcar Lane to the Sir Richards Bridge roundabout. The HRA has identified this particular route for attention at several of its committee meetings for the following reasons:-

* 1. On the grounds of safety
	2. As it is a well-used route for schoolchildren travelling to Cleves school
	3. Because it is the missing link in terms of safe cycling provision between Esher and Weybridge

3. At our last committee meeting we touched on an old issue of improvements needed to Hersham station – and members of the HRA would be pleased to note that your 123 list includes reference to ‘passenger access and information improvements to railway stations’. At previous meetings, the committee a suggestion was made that more cycle racks might be provided at Hersham station. A careful assessment of this might be undertaken and if there is a clear need – then perhaps this might also be added to the list of improvements projects for which CIL money might be used. Other improvements at Hersham station might be out of scope for the use of CIL money, but perhaps you could bear in mind that for quite a well-used station Hersham has few facilities compared to others i.e. a ticket office which is often shut, and no toilets or waiting room.

4. Under the title sport and recreational facilities the HRA has in the past discussed whether the new school developments at Rydens School could include a new (or relocated) running track facility which could be used by both the school and a local club. The costs of potentially creating such a community facility could perhaps also be considered for CIL funding.

5. The committee often discusses issues about footpaths and rights of way. Whilst we haven’t got any developed proposals to put forward for the moment, it is likely that we will in future, and I wonder whether these might fit under the recreation and open space categories.

As and when there are further developments on the CIL funding arrangements or the 123 list, we would very much like to be kept in the loop, and with that in mind I hope the HRA can be added to the list of CIL /123 list consultes.

Many thanks, and if you have any questions or queries about this please contact me.

Yours sincerely

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