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Purbeck District Council Community Infrastructure Levy

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Dear Sir

As a Parish Council we responded on 23rd May 2013 to your consultation with regard to the proposed Community Infrastructure Levy. At the time we made clear our opposition to the proposals and indicated that we wished to make representations at the Public Examination of the Draft Charging Schedule.

We now understand that representation means that a member would have to attend for a whole day and we find that none of our Councillors can take time out from their other commitments to attend for the entire day.

However, as the Parish Council feels so strongly that the Levy, as currently proposed, is unfair, I am writing on their behalf to make further written representations.

The Council feels that the Levy would impact small builds and extensions disproportionately and this in turn will threaten the sustainability of our rural Parish. We have two major issues locally, firstly our ageing population and secondly the pressure on families because of a lack of affordable housing.

We find ageing residents need to extend and modify their homes to enable them to continue to live independently within the community. A high Levy charge would hinder this development.

With the lack of affordable homes in the area family homes are being extended to allow for multi generation occupancy. We believe an excessive Levy, compromising the affordability of development, will mean a further move away from the Parish, by younger people, in particular. We believe this will compound the issues we have of a predominately ageing population in our Parish.

For your information I have enclosed a copy of the Councils original submission on 23rd May 2013.

Yours faithfully

Lindsay Hole
Parish Council Clerk