



SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL

COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY

Exceptional Circumstances Relief Policy

July 2015

Sheffield City Council Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Charging Schedule

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1. This document gives notice that Sheffield City Council has determined to make relief for exceptional circumstances available, in accordance with Regulations 55 to 57 of the Community Infrastructure Levy Regulations 2010 (as amended).
2. Relief for exceptional circumstances will be available from 15 July 2015 until further notice.
3. Exceptional Circumstances Relief (ECR) will be offered where individual sites with specific and exceptional cost burdens would not be viable due to the payment of the CIL charge (See CIL Regulations 55 to 57). The Regulations state that the Council may grant relief from liability to pay CIL if it appears to the Council that there are exceptional circumstances which justify doing so and the Council consider it expedient to do so. Each case will be considered individually by the Council, which retains the discretion to make judgements about the viability of the scheme and whether the exceptional circumstances policy applies. Schemes can also be made viable by phasing payments (see CIL Guidance paragraph 56 and/or by use of the Council's Instalments Policy).
4. The Government and the Council expect that these exceptional circumstances will be rare, as the CIL rates set have been set at a level where most development can afford to pay the charge and include significant margins for flexibility.
5. More information is set out in the Government's CIL Guidance, paragraphs 129 to 134.