

West Oxfordshire District Council Infrastructure Funding Statement (IFS) 2021/2022

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I. Introduction

- I.I. In order to support planned growth, developers are often asked to make contributions towards new or improved infrastructure (schools, roads etc.). These developer contributions can take a number of different forms but most typically include Section 106 (\$106) legal agreements and the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL).
- 1.2. Section 106 agreements often relate to direct provision e.g. a developer agreeing to provide say 40% affordable housing as part of a residential scheme but can also take the form of a financial contribution e.g. where the developer makes a payment towards improving community facilities nearby.
- 1.3. The Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) applies where local authorities have adopted a CIL Charging Schedule and is essentially a fixed financial contribution based on the size of development proposed. Unlike \$106 agreements, money received through CIL is not tied to a particular development and can be spent more flexibly on new and enhanced infrastructure across the District.
- 1.4. To ensure greater transparency on the receipt and use of developer contributions, in accordance with the CIL Regulations (2019) as amended¹, local authorities are now required to produce an Infrastructure Funding Statement (IFS) by 31st December each year (or more often if a local authority chooses to do so).
- 1.5. The main purpose of the IFS is to 'look back' over the previous financial year² in terms of Section 106 agreements and CIL monies agreed, received, allocated and spent.
- 1.6. The IFS must also 'look forward' setting out, where possible, estimated future income from developer contributions along with the Council's future infrastructure spending priorities.
- 1.7. There is no single format for preparing an IFS but, as a minimum, it must include the following information:
 - A report relating to the previous financial year on section 106 planning obligations;
 - A report relating to the previous financial year on the Community Infrastructure Levy (where CIL is in place); and

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¹ Regulation 121A

² For this report from the 1st April 2021 – 31st March 2022.

- A report on the infrastructure projects or types of infrastructure that the Council intends to fund wholly or partly through CIL.
- 1.8. This West Oxfordshire IFS for 2021/22 is structured as follows:
 - Section I (this section) provides a brief overview of what an IFS is and the legal requirements for preparing one;
 - Section 2 provides an overview of identified infrastructure needs and anticipated costs in West Oxfordshire;
 - Section 3 provides a summary of developer contributions relating to Section 106 (\$106) Legal Agreements allocated, collected and spent by the District Council in 2021/22;
 - Section 4 provides an update on the implementation of CIL in West Oxfordshire; and
 - Section 5 provides an overview of the Council's future spending priorities for \$106 planning obligations and CIL.
- 1.9. This IFS should also be read in conjunction with Oxfordshire County Council's IFS which is available to view separately at https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/.

2. Infrastructure needs in West Oxfordshire

West Oxfordshire Infrastructure Delivery Plan

- 2.1. The main source of information on infrastructure needs in West Oxfordshire is the District Council's Infrastructure Delivery Plan (IDP) 2016.
- 2.2. The IDP identifies the infrastructure that is needed to support housing and employment growth in West Oxfordshire during the Local Plan period 2011 2031.
- 2.3. It considers infrastructure needs under three broad categories.
 - **Physical infrastructure** (including transport, water, energy, waste and recycling, minerals and telecommunications);
 - **Social infrastructure** (including education, leisure and sport, health, public safety, community and culture, social care and criminal justice); and
 - **Green infrastructure** (including informal and formal green space, public rights of way, Local Wildlife Sites, Conservation Target Areas etc.)
- 2.4. The IDP includes a schedule of infrastructure projects based on these three main categories. For each project, the schedule provides details of the anticipated costs (where known) expected delivery partners, any funding which has already been secured and how any shortfall is expected to be funded (e.g. \$106, CIL).
- 2.5. A number of key projects identified in the IDP have now been completed including Phase 2 of Carterton Leisure Centre, a pedestrian crossing on Bridge Street in Witney and improvements to the Downs Road/A40 junction at Witney.
- 2.6. Others such as the new Eynsham Park and Ride are currently in the process of coming forwards whilst some projects such as the West End Link Road in Witney are expected to come forward in the later period of the Local Plan. The IDP (2016) will be updated as part of the review of the West Oxfordshire Local Plan.

Eynsham Area Infrastructure Delivery Plan (July 2020)

- 2.7. The West Oxfordshire Local Plan 2031 identifies the provision of around 3,200 new homes to the north and west of Eynsham, the former comprising a new garden village of around 2,200 homes and the latter, a sustainable urban extension of around 1,000 homes (237 of which are already completed/underway).
- 2.8. Delivery of the garden village (now referred to as Salt Cross) is being led by an Area Action Plan (AAP) and West Eynsham through a developer-led masterplan.

- 2.9. An Eynsham Area IDP (Stage I Draft Report, May 2019 and Updated Draft Report, July 2020) has been prepared, forming part of the evidence base for the Salt Cross AAP and helping to inform discussions on future infrastructure provision at West Eynsham.
 - Woodstock Community and Infrastructure Delivery Plan (2019)
- 2.10. In February 2019 the Blenheim Estate and Woodstock Town Council commissioned Community First Oxfordshire (CFO) to consult the community about the current and future infrastructure needs of Woodstock.
- 2.11. Following extensive consultation during 2019, the findings of the CFO work were launched at community events held in November 2019. Their report can be viewed <u>online</u> including a series of supporting appendices.
- 2.12. The report will be taken into account in future discussions on potential planning obligations associated with the two allocated sites at Woodstock (Hill Rise and Banbury Road) and will also be taken into account in the review of the West Oxfordshire IDP (2016).

3. Section 106 Planning Obligations

- 3.1. Planning obligations (generally referred to as Section 106 agreements) are legal obligations entered into in order to mitigate the impacts of a development proposal and make it acceptable in planning terms.
- 3.2. Most often, this will be via a planning agreement under Section 106 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 known as a Section 106 or \$106 agreement and will involve both the person with an interest in the land and the Council. It can also be achieved via a unilateral undertaking without the Council's involvement.
- 3.3. Planning obligations should only be used where it is not possible to address the unacceptable impact of development through a planning condition or by the use of other statutory controls. They are legally binding and enforceable if planning permission is granted and they are tied to the land.
- 3.4. Importantly, planning obligations must meet three legal tests. In particular they must be:
 - a) Necessary to make the development acceptable in planning terms;
 - b) Directly related to the development; and
 - c) Fairly and reasonably related in scale and kind to the development.
- 3.5. The District Council has been negotiating, securing and entering into \$106 agreements for many years and has used this process to successfully deliver a raft of benefits to West Oxfordshire residents including new affordable housing, highway improvements, pedestrian and cycling routes, leisure and sports facilities, culture and art, primary health care provision and so on.
- 3.6. Set out below is an overview of \$106 contributions which have been secured (i.e. formally agreed), collected, spent and allocated during 2021/22.
 - Section 106 contributions secured (formally agreed) in 2021/22
- 3.7. A total of £1,265,635 in financial contributions to West Oxfordshire District Council was secured through Section 106 agreements entered into during 2021/22. This sum is broken down in Table 1, which sets out the location of each development and the type of provision/contribution made.
- 3.8. It is expected that these contributions will come forward in a phased manner and it is important to note that the majority of the contributions will be index-linked and therefore this total should not be taken to be an exact sum that will be received by the District Council.

3.9. There are also several non-monetary obligations which have been entered into through \$106 agreements signed in 2021/22, including on-site affordable housing provision. These are categorised and listed by location in Table 2 and Table 3.

Table I – Section 106 funds secured through \$106 agreements entered into in 2021/22

Reference	Location	Туре	Amount (£)
20/00140/FUL	Unit 2-3 Stanton Harcourt Road, Eynsham	Public Transport	7,942.00
20/00140/FUL	Unit 2-3 Stanton Harcourt Road, Eynsham	Travel Plan	1,426.00
20/02422/FUL	Land East of Swinbrook Road, Carterton	Biodiversity	106,260.00
20/02422/FUL	Land East of Swinbrook Road, Carterton	Healthcare	63,072.00
20/02422/FUL	Land East of Swinbrook Road, Carterton	Public Art	9,870.00
20/02422/FUL	Land East of Swinbrook Road, Carterton	Play and Recreation	34,214.40
20/02422/FUL	Land East of Swinbrook Road, Carterton	Sport and Leisure	81,648.00
20/02452/FUL	Land At Downs Road, Curbridge, Witney	Community Facilities	5,000.00
20/02452/FUL	Land At Downs Road, Curbridge, Witney	Play	15,542.00
20/02452/FUL	Land At Downs Road, Curbridge, Witney	Sport	34,466.00
21/00228/FUL	Land South of Milestone Road, Carterton	Biodiversity	208,560.00
21/00228/FUL	Land South of Milestone Road, Carterton	Biodiversity Monitoring	11,250.00
21/00228/FUL	Land South of Milestone Road, Carterton	Police	22,964.00
21/00228/FUL	Land South of Milestone Road, Carterton	Public Open Space	71,916.00*
21/00228/FUL	Land South of Milestone Road, Carterton	Sports	362,800.00
21/01285/FUL	Phase 3B Land at West Witney, Downs Road, Witney	Community Facilities	198,000.00
21/02248/FUL	Gateway House, Windrush Industrial Park, Witney	Public Transport	25,000.00
21/02364/FUL	Land at Downs Road, Curbridge, Witney	Monitoring Fee	120.00
21/02364/FUL	Land at Downs Road, Curbridge, Witney	Cycling	5,584.60
			1,265,635.00

^{*}maintenance payment only on transfer of public open space and Local Equipped Area for Play to Carterton Town Council

Table 2 - Affordable housing required from \$106 planning obligations signed in 2021/22

Reference	Location	Total Units
20/02422/FUL	Land East of Swinbrook Road, Carterton	25
20/02452/FUL	Land at Downs Road, Curbridge, Witney	7
21/00228/FUL	8/FUL Land South of Milestone Road, Carterton	
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Table 3 - Non-monetary contributions from \$106 planning obligations signed in 2021/22

Reference	Location	Туре
15/01999/OUT	Land East of Nethercote Road, Tackley	Local Equipped Area for Play (LEAP)

Section 106 contributions collected in 2021/22

- 3.10. A total of £3,555,410.73 was collected by the Council through Section 106 planning obligations in 2021/22.
- 3.11. Of this total, the majority was collected towards sports, recreation and play facilities (£2,506,702.73) and affordable housing (£560,512.94).
- 3.12. A full breakdown of the contributions collected is provided in Table 4 below.

Table 4 – Section 106 funds collected in 2021/22

Reference	Location	Contribution for	Received (£)
12/0084/P/OP	Land at West Witney, Downs Road, Curbridge	Affordable Housing	144,060.86
12/0084/P/OP	Land at West Witney, Downs Road, Curbridge	Corn Exchange	35,043.48
12/0084/P/OP	Land at West Witney, Downs Road, Curbridge	Off Site Play	221,820.59
12/0084/P/OP	Land at West Witney, Downs Road, Curbridge	Public Art	35,043.48
12/0084/P/OP	Land at West Witney, Downs Road, Curbridge	West Witney Recreation Ground	87,607.20
12/0084/P/OP	Land at West Witney, Downs Road, Curbridge	Witney Town Centre	87,607.20
13/1494/P/OP	Land East of Saxel Close, Aston	Community Facilities ³	21,607.00
13/1494/P/OP	Land East of Saxel Close, Aston	Dredging	9,625.00
13/1494/P/OP	Land East of Saxel Close, Aston	Parish Council	25,328.00
13/1494/P/OP	Land East of Saxel Close, Aston	Play Facilities	13,477.00
13/1494/P/OP	Land East of Saxel Close, Aston	Thames Valley Police	14,944.00
13/1494/P/OP	Land East of Saxel Close, Aston	Village Hall	10,131.00
14/0091/P/OP	Land East of Monahan Way, Carterton	Cemetery	25,559.85
14/0091/P/OP	Land East of Monahan Way, Carterton	Elderbank Hall	63,899.61
14/0091/P/OP	Land East of Monahan Way, Carterton	Town Centre	63,899.61
14/1215/P/OP	Land North of Burford Road, Witney	Sports and Recreation Facilities	98,319.58
14/1234/P/OP	Land South of Witney Road, Long Hanborough	Sport/Recreation	117,051.11
15/00166/OUT	Land West of Shilton Road, Burford	Leisure Centre	90,919.14

³ Agreement refers to sports and recreation facilities

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15/00166/OUT	Land West of Shilton Road, Burford	Local Leisure	12,835.45
15/00567/FUL	Land North of Little Lees, Charlbury	Public Art	2,382.72
15/01184/FUL	Land at Newland Street, Eynsham	Affordable Housing	65,000.00
15/01563/FUL	Land North of Ditchley Road, Charlbury	Affordable Housing	78,859.78
15/01934/OUT	Land South of New Yatt Road, North Leigh	Public Art	10,308.00
15/01934/OUT	Land South of New Yatt Road, North Leigh	Sports and Recreation Facilities	112,064.23
15/01999/OUT	Land East of Nethercote Road, Tackley	Off Site Sports	107,919.03
15/01999/OUT	Land East of Nethercote Road, Tackley	Public Art	9,295.54
15/03128/OUT	Land South of High Street, Milton under Wychwood	Play and Recreation	30,033.94
15/03128/OUT	Land South of High Street, Milton under Wychwood	Sports and Recreation	39,947.35
15/03148/OUT	Land West of Thornbury Road, Eynsham	Play Facilities	142,488.00
15/03148/OUT	Land West of Thornbury Road, Eynsham	Sport and Recreation Facilities	201,364.00
16/00667/OUT	Land at Tanners Lane, Burford	Affordable Housing	148,878.96
16/01450/OUT	Land at Downs Road, Curbridge, Witney	Parish Council	34,201.95
16/01450/OUT	Land at Downs Road, Curbridge, Witney	Spectator Stand/Football	22,801.30
16/01450/OUT	Land at Downs Road, Curbridge, Witney	Sport and Recreation	464,511.68
16/01902/OUT	Land North of New Yatt Road, North Leigh	Community Facilities ⁴	56,290.00
16/01902/OUT	16/01902/OUT Land North of New Yatt Road, North Leigh		42,321.00
16/02851/OUT	Land South of Milton Road, Shipton under Wychwood	Play Facilities	23,898.00
16/02851/OUT	Land South of Milton Road, Shipton under Wychwood	Sport and Recreation	27,840.00
16/03416/OUT	Land South of Banbury Road, Chipping Norton	Public Art	13,642.00
16/03416/OUT	Land South of Banbury Road, Chipping Norton	Sport and Recreation	56,196.93
16/03761/OUT	Land West of Quarhill Close, Over Norton	Play Facilities	20,863.97
16/04234/OUT	Land North and West and East of Belclose Cottage, Witney Road, North Leigh	Community Facilities ⁵	57,800.03
16/04234/OUT	Land North and West and East of Belclose Cottage, Witney Road, North Leigh	Public Art	6,300.00
16/04250/FUL	Glebe Farm, Weald, Bampton	Affordable Housing	72,490.10
17/00426/OUT	Land South of Oxford Road, Enstone	Play and Recreation	33,614.18
17/00426/OUT	Land South of Oxford Road, Enstone	Public Art	6,944.04
17/00426/OUT	Land South of Oxford Road, Enstone	Sport and Recreation	41,607.80
17/01758/FUL	Cotswolds Hotel and Spa, Southcombe, Chipping Norton	Highway Signage	1,162.27
17/01859/OUT	Land West of Minster Lovell, South of Burford Road, Minster Lovell	Burial Ground	20,244.65
17/01859/OUT	Land West of Minster Lovell, South of Burford Road, Minster Lovell	Community Facilities ⁶	151,835.00
17/01859/OUT	Land West of Minster Lovell, South of Burford Road, Minster Lovell	Ripley Avenue Play Area	35,190.26

 ⁴ Agreement refers to sports and recreation facilities
 ⁵ Agreement refers to a Multi-Use Games Area
 ⁶ Agreement refers to the provision/improvement of sports facilities and/or community facilities

17/01859/OUT	Land West of Minster Lovell, South of Burford Road, Minster Lovell	Public Art	8,077.61
1//01859/001		St Kenelms Hall Play Area	5,061.16
17/01859/OUT	Land West of Minster Lovell, South of Burford Road, Minster Lovell	Wash Meadow	4,555.05
18/00731/FUL Land West of North Farm, Woodstock Road, Stonesfield		Affordable Housing	51,223.24
18/01611/FUL Land at Former Stanton Harcourt Airfield, Main Road, Stanton Harcourt		Play and Recreation	41,085.35
18/01611/FUL	Land at Former Stanton Harcourt Airfield, Main Road, Stanton Harcourt	Sport and Recreation	114,233.34
18/02597/FUL Garden Centre, Park Road, North Leigh		Play	5,431.26
18/02597/FUL	Garden Centre, Park Road, North Leigh	Sports and Recreation	8,667.85
			3,555,410.73

Section 106 funds spent in 2021/22

- 3.13. A total of £444,927.69 of funds collected from \$106 planning obligations was spent in 2021/22.
- 3.14. The Council did not spend any funds collected from \$106 planning obligations on repaying borrowed money.
- 3.15. The Council did not spend any funds collected from \$106 planning obligations on monitoring the delivery of planning obligations.

Table 5 – Section 106 funds spent in 2021/22*

Reference		Contribution for	Recipient	Amount (£)
07/1970/P/FP	New Leys Farm House, Curbridge Road, Witney	Public Art (Temporary)	St Mary's Church, Witney	2,106.00
13/1752/P/FP	Land at Swinbrook Road, Carterton	Public Art (Temporary)	West Oxfordshire District Council (Community Albums)	3,809.10
13/1752/P/FP	Land at Swinbrook Road, Carterton	Public Art (Temporary)	West Oxfordshire District Council (Carterton Family Centre)	3,100.00
14/0091/P/OP	Land East of Monahan Way, Carterton	Maintenance of Public Rights of Way	Oxfordshire County Council	36,834.00
14/01884/FUL	Land South and East of Walterbush Road, Chipping Norton	Public Art (Temporary)	West Oxfordshire District Council (St Mary's Church, Chipping Norton)	3,247.45
14/01884/FUL	Land South and East of Walterbush Road, Chipping Norton	Public Art (Temporary)	West Oxfordshire District Council (Chipping Norton Theatre)	543.84
15/00320/OUT	Park Farm, Standlake Road, Northmoor	Play Facilities	Northmoor Parish Council	1,724.00
15/00567/FUL	Land North of Little Lees, Charlbury	Public Art (Temporary)	Charlbury Art Society	2,382.72

15/01934/OUT	Land South of New Yatt Road, North Leigh	Sports and Recreation Facilities	North Leigh Parish Council	23,565.64
15/03128/OUT	Land South of High Street, Milton under Wychwood	Play and Recreation	Milton under Wychwood Parish Council	52,943.08
15/03128/OUT	Land South of High Street, Milton under Wychwood	Sports and Recreation	Milton under Wychwood Parish Council	16,044.60
16/00758/OUT	Land North of Standlake Road, Ducklington	Play and Recreation Areas	Ducklington Parish Council	20,560.00
16/01902/OUT	Land North of New Yatt Road, North Leigh	Play Facilities	North Leigh Parish Council	42,321.00
16/02851/OUT	Land South of Milton Road, Shipton under Wychwood	Sport and Recreation	Shipton under Wychwood Parish Council	55,680.00
16/02851/OUT	Land South of Milton Road, Shipton under Wychwood	Play Facilities	Shipton under Wychwood Parish Council	47,796.00
16/04230/FUL	Land at London Road and Trinity Road, Chipping Norton	Public Art (Temporary)	Chipping Norton Theatre	3,190.00
16/04244/FUL	Land South of London Road, Chipping Norton	Villager Community Bus	Villager Bus Services Ltd	9,000.00
18/01611/FUL	Land at Former Stanton Harcourt Airfield, Main Road, Stanton Harcourt	Play and Recreation	Stanton Harcourt Parish Council	30,118.00
18/02597/FUL	Garden Centre, Park Road, North Leigh	Play and Recreation	North Leigh Parish Council	10,962.26
STC032		Maintenance of Open Spaces	West Oxfordshire District Council	79,000.00
				444,927.69

^{*}West Oxfordshire District Council has passed on the contributions and the responsibility for the actual spend is normally with the recipient of the \$106 monies.

Section 106 money received by the Council but not spent in 2021/22

- 3.16. The CIL Regulations require local authorities to report on the total amount of money under any planning obligations that was received before the reported year but which has not been allocated by the authority, and the total amount of money under any planning obligations that was allocated but not spent during the reported year.
- 3.17. A total of £2,501,226.84 received under planning obligations was allocated for funding infrastructure but not spent during 2021/22.

Table 6 - Allocated Section 106 funds

Reference	Allocated to	Amount (£)
07/0696/P/FP	Temporary public art activities by Stanton Harcourt Primary School	535.00
07/1970/P/FP	Temporary public art programme at Windrush Place, Witney	788.24
12/0084/P/OP	Public art and a temporary public art programme led by West Oxfordshire District Council	138,783.48
13/0345/P/FP	Ralegh Crescent Play Area	75,000.00
13/0345/P/FP	Public art programme at Witney Community Hospital	2,603.27
13/1752/P/FP	Temporary public art and interpretation in Carterton provided by West Oxfordshire District Council	40,370.90
13/1752/P/FP	Toilets at Kilkenny Lane Country Park	11,133.00
14/0091/P/OP	Public art features and programme in village and Brize Meadow by Brize Norton Parish Council	30,694.98
14/01884/FUL Temporary public art programmes for youth and community in Chipping Norton delivered by various organisations		31,889.71
14/01884/FUL	Chipping Norton Leisure Centre	21,367.01
14/1215/P/OP	West Witney Sports Ground	356,669.58
16/00758/OUT	Public art features as part of sensory garden by Ducklington Parish Council	2,639.00
16/01450/OUT	3G Football Pitch	941,335.54
16/04230/FUL	Chipping Norton Leisure Centre	18,422.21
18/01517/FUL	Kilkenny Lane Country Park trees	20,399.00
CGU008	Marriott's Walk Play Area	6,334.50
Various	Weavers Fold Affordable Housing Scheme	261,000.00
Various	Heylo Affordable Housing Scheme	361,875.00
Various	Car park at Kilkenny Lane Country Park	179,386.42
		2,501,226.84

- 3.18. A total of £5,402,232.64 has been received through planning obligations before 1st April 2021, and has not yet been allocated by the District Council.
- 3.19. A breakdown per category is set out in Table 7 below. As and when decisions are made to allocate these various \$106 contributions, this will be set out in future iterations of the IFS as per the information in Table 6 above.

Table 7 - Non-allocated Section 106 funds

Contribution for	Available (£)
Affordable Housing	1,975,269.08
Car Parking	251,563.77
Cemeteries	30,232.00
Community Facilities	126,084.87
Cycling	6,000.00
Education	10,147.00
Flood and Water Management	20,155.00
Green Infrastructure	483,383.20
Libraries	2,900.00
Public Art	158,495.85
Road Works/Improvements	17,647.00
Sports, Play and Leisure	1,604,940.87
Town Centre Improvements	624,251.00
Waste/Recycling	91,163.00
	5,402,232.64

3.20. The District Council held a total of £1,411,105.59 in commuted sums for maintenance on 1st April 2022.

Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)

- 3.21. CIL is a charge which can be levied by local authorities on new development in their area to help fund supporting infrastructure. Whereas \$106 planning obligations are specific to particular developments, CIL is a more general financial contribution, the receipts from which can be spent on new and enhanced infrastructure across the whole District. CIL can however only be charged where there is an approved CIL Charging Schedule in place.
- 3.22. The Council consulted on a draft CIL charging schedule in July 2020 but it was not progressed to examination and has therefore not been adopted. In May 2022, a decision was taken to update the supporting viability evidence to help inform the most appropriate way forward. That process is currently ongoing.
- 3.23. Further information on CIL including a copy of the July 2020 draft charging schedule and the consultation responses received are available on the Council's website⁷.

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⁷ https://www.westoxon.gov.uk/planning-and-building/community-infrastructure-levy/community-infrastructure-levy-examination/

4. Infrastructure Funding Gap and Future Spending Priorities

- 4.1. The District Council has prepared an <u>Infrastructure Funding Gap Analysis</u> which sets out an assessment of the likely infrastructure funding gap that exists in West Oxfordshire to meet identified needs⁸.
- 4.2. The analysis identifies a total infrastructure funding gap of between £192.2m and £198m when taking account of expected costs and known sources of funding. However, this is considered to be a conservative estimate with the actual funding gap likely to be much higher.
- 4.3. This emphasises the importance of maximising available developer funding.
- 4.4. Future infrastructure spending priorities in West Oxfordshire will be influenced by a number of factors including the West Oxfordshire Infrastructure Delivery Plan (2016) and any subsequent update. Regard will also be had to any locally specific evidence of infrastructure needs such as the Eynsham Area IDP and Woodstock Community and Infrastructure Delivery Plan (2019).
- 4.5. In considering infrastructure priorities emerging from these studies the Council will have regard to relevant changes in circumstance (e.g. projects since having been completed, or additional/alternative sources of funding having been identified etc.) as well as the respective degree of importance of each infrastructure item in supporting planned growth.
- 4.6. Future funding will be drawn from a variety of sources including Section 106 legal agreements (planning obligations), CIL and other potential sources of funding where applicable and available (e.g. from Central Government).
- 4.7. Further information on the District Council's future spending priorities is set out in the revised draft Developer Contributions Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) which was published for <u>consultation</u> in October 2022.
- 4.8. The revised draft SPD provides information on what contributions will be sought from new development in West Oxfordshire and from what source i.e. Section 106 and/or CIL.

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⁸ i.e. The shortfall in funding available to meet identified infrastructure requirements when the total cost (where known) is set against known or likely available funding.