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Dear Sir/Madam,

**Re: Rugby Borough Council Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Draft Charging Schedule Public Consultation Spring 2023**

Thank you for providing Historic England with an opportunity to comment on the review of the draft CIL Charging Schedule, which we understand has been revised following an additional Viability Assessment dated February 2023. We refer also to matters raised in our letter of 16 November 2022 (attached for reference), which responded to a consultation on your previous CIL draft Charging Schedule.

Further to our comments we note that the current draft CIL Charging Schedule fails to include reference to ways in which CIL, and S106 agreements, could be used to implement Local Plan policy and proposals relating to the conservation of the historic environment, heritage assets and their setting.

Historic buildings may offer opportunities for business or employment use; essentially infrastructure to support economic development. Investment in heritage assets (e.g. listed buildings at risk) and the wider historic character of a place (e.g. conservation areas at risk) may also serve to stimulate and support the tourism offer and attractiveness of a place to retain and attract economic development, which may be particularly important in supporting the viability of town centres. Conversely, vacant or underused heritage assets not only fail to make a full contribution to the economy of the area, but they also give rise to negative perceptions about an area and discourage inward investment.

We therefore suggest that the Council should consider whether any heritage-related projects within the Borough would be appropriate for CIL funding. The Local Plan's evidence base may demonstrate the specific opportunities for CIL to help deliver



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growth and in so doing meet the Plan's objectives for the historic environment and help satisfy national planning policy (NPPF paragraphs 8, 20 and 190).

We would also recommend that the document refers to potential discretionary payment relief in respect of heritage assets as highlighted in our previous letter of 16 November 2022.

In summary, we urge you to consider including additional references to the historic environment, heritage assets and their significance within the CIL charging schedule and would be happy to discuss any queries you may have.

We should like to stress that this opinion is based on the information provided by the Council in its consultation. To avoid any doubt, this does not affect our obligation to provide further advice and, potentially, object to specific proposals, which may subsequently arise where we consider that these would have an adverse effect upon the historic environment.

We hope that the above comments will assist, but if you have any queries about any of the matters raised, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

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