Dear Sir/Madam

**LB Havering – Preliminary Draft Charging Schedule**

Thank you for consulting Historic England Preliminary Draft Charging Schedule for the Borough’s Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL).

As the Government’s statutory adviser, Historic England is keen to ensure that conservation and enhancement of the historic environment is fully taken into account at all stages and levels of the planning process although we note that there is a limited relationship between CIL and designated heritage assets as regulations are currently set out.

Nevertheless, we would recommend that the Council bear in mind the viability of development projects reusing historic buildings or heritage-led regeneration proposals in developing the draft charging schedule, and look to ensure their eligibility for relief in such circumstances. We would also encourage the involvement of the Council’s own historic environment expertise in the process if this has not already been the case, as such staff are often best placed to advise on relevant heritage issues.

Please note that this advice is based on the information that has been provided to us and does not affect our obligation to advise on, and potentially object to any specific development proposal which may subsequently arise from these documents, and which may have adverse effects on the environment.

I trust these comments are helpful. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require any further information or clarification.

Yours sincerely