Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Regulations 2010 (as amended)

Infrastructure List 2026/27

Introduction

CIL is money we collect from developments to invest in infrastructure to help support the development of the borough.

Each year Newham Council is required to publish a list on our website of the types of projects we may fund with the CIL we collect from developments across the borough.

Councillors at a meeting of Newham Council's Cabinet agreed this Infrastructure list.

Purpose of the Infrastructure List

We want to be open about our plans for what we will or may wholly or partly fund via CIL this is to ensure that our residents, businesses and those who want to invest in the borough know what the Council intends to fund by CIL – but also what it is not proposing to invest in this year.

More work will happen on what the projects are and where in the borough the money will be spent.

Your councillors have identified that there is a need for investment across all of the borough – not just where the new homes are being built or where jobs are being created.

What are the Council's priorities for investment?

The law says that the strategic CIL cannot be spent on housing or affordable housing. Also, the Council cannot use the strategic CIL to fund employability or economic support programmes like Our Newham Work. These remain corporate priorities linked to the growth and development of the borough, but we cannot spend CIL on them.

The Building a Fairer Newham Corporate Plan and the Local Plan set Newham Council's strategic vision for how the borough will grow and develop. Alongside this Newham Council's Capital Strategy will set out the priorities for investment in Council infrastructure and the medium-term financial strategy and annual budget will consider service delivery.

The types of investment made will be subject to robust governance processes. This will ensure that the investment achieves corporate priorities whilst also fulfilling the Council's requirements in law and set out in government guidance.

The use of Community Infrastructure Levy funds for the next financial year will focus on projects or operations of the Newham Council.

For 2026/27 the themes of projects which the Council will or may wholly or partly fund via CIL are listed in the table below. The CIL infrastructure list remains unchanged from that which was agreed in 2023/24:

Provision, improvement, operation and maintenance of:
Town centres, local centres and employment uses; civic uses and community facilities
Public Realm – including walking and cycling initiatives which connect social and green infrastructure to our residents
Newham's parks, open spaces, green spaces
Play equipment; outdoor gym equipment in Newham's parks and housing areas
Newham's sports facilities
Newham's Education Facilities
Newham's Health & Social Care Facilities
Newham's Cultural Facilities
Newham's Carbon reduction initiatives and energy infrastructure e.g. District heating schemes
Newham's Flood Defence

The types of investment made will be subject to robust governance processes and ensure that the investment made achieves corporate priorities and fulfils the Council's requirements in law and set out in Government guidance[1].

Reporting on investment

The Council will produce a report and publish this on the website at least once a year confirming what we have spent CIL

[1] The Council has a duty to apply Strategic CIL towards infrastructure in accordance with Regulation 59.