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Dear Ms Ripley and Mr Todd,

ROTHER DISTRICT COUNCIL – COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY (CIL)

I write to update you on your Expression of Interest for funding of the Streetlight Replacement Project.

I am sorry to inform you that following their meeting on 9 December 2022 the Strategic CIL Allocations Panel have decided not to invite this project to submit a full funding application. The project will remain on the Priority List of infrastructure provision, which will be regularly reviewed by the Panel, should the Panel wish to invite an application at a later date.

As way of background information, Strategic CIL, which is retained by Rother District Council, can be used to fund a range of infrastructure priorities. This could include, for example transportation, schools, hospitals, flood defences and other forms of infrastructure requirements. The infrastructure priorities and projects which receive funding will be informed by RDC's Infrastructure Delivery Plan (IDP) which was published in March 2019, questionnaire responses of infrastructure providers and town and parish councils, contributions from RDC's Climate Change Steering Group and Expressions of Interest.

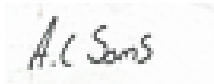
The Strategic Community Infrastructure Levy Allocations Panel has been formed to consider which infrastructure projects will be invited to apply for and potentially receive Strategic CIL funding. In doing this they will review the Priority List of infrastructure provision which is comprised of items which are identified via the methods above.

The Panel were sympathetic to your expression of interest and they felt that this project would be beneficial to the local community. However, they also noted that there has not been CIL generating development within the area, meaning that match-funding could not be provided, and that the project is not required in response to new housing development. The Panel did welcome the energy efficiency measures but ultimately felt that the project was too localised to qualify for strategic CIL funding. The Panel agreed to keep the project on the Priority List of infrastructure provision, and this project can be reconsidered at a later date should development come forward in the area. The Panel also discussed the possibility of the project forming a wider scheme to improve the energy efficiency of streetlights across

the district, but until such a scheme is developed and seeks funding the project will remain on the list for future consideration.

If you wish to provide any additional information towards this project or should the project no longer require funding, then please do contact me and I will ensure the Panel have the most up-to-date information.

Yours sincerely

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Aaron Sams

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