

4th September 2025

Lucy Davison
Case Officer
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Dear Lucy,

Subject: S106 Funding Request- Application Ref R25/0565 - Land South East of Rugby Road, Clifton Upon Dunsmore,

I write in response to the notification of consultation for the above referenced planning application.

I wish to raise the importance of ensuring that this development makes appropriate and proportionate infrastructure contributions to support policing services, delivered by Warwickshire Police.

Impact of development on Warwickshire Police

Policing Services in Warwickshire are funded from central government grants and council tax, (often referred to as the precept). The PCC is notified of the central funding available each year through the police funding settlement based on a historical funding formula allocation.

Increases in local population and the number of households do not lead directly to an increase in central government grant as, and like many other public sector organisations, the PCC has seen a real terms reduction in central grant funding over recent years, which has necessitated changes to the delivery of policing in Warwickshire and considerable savings to be identified.

The proposed allocation of up to 160 new homes will result in a further increase in the demand placed on local policing services. Experience from similar areas has shown that population growth leads directly to:

- Increased emergency and non-emergency calls for service
- A greater need for visible neighbourhood policing
- Rising pressure on safeguarding, investigative and public protection teams

Warwickshire Police will require additional capital investment to maintain safe and effective policing in the face of these pressures. These include:

- New provision, or growth of, existing police accommodation
- Additional officer recruitment and equipment
- Additional vehicles

- Investment in mobile and digital technologies

Securing modest S106 contributions means that policing services should not be diminished, and the same level of service can be provided to residents of new developments as it is to existing residents and without compromising frontline services.

Legal and planning precedent for Police Contributions

There is well established precedent for securing developer contributions toward policing infrastructure via planning obligations within Rugby Borough Council.

Specifically, Planning Inspectors have upheld such contributions as both necessary and proportionate under the NPPF and Regulation 122(2) of the Community Infrastructure Levy regulations 2010.

Relevant, local appeal decisions include:

Rugby Borough Council – Appeal Reference APP/E3715/W/21/3268629

Land North of Coventry Road, Long Lawford, CV23 9BT - In this decision, the Inspector accepted Warwickshire Police's request for a financial contribution, noting that *"Contributions would also go towards the staffing, equipment, premises and vehicle requirements of Warwickshire Police and improvements to the library facilities at Rugby Library. The contributions would address the impacts of the occupiers relying on these services. Both contributions are based on established methodologies within the borough and reflect the number of new occupiers. They meet the tests for planning obligations."*

Rugby Borough Council – Appeal Reference APP/E3715/W/16/3147448

Land at Ashlawn Road West, Rugby, Warwickshire, CV22 5RZ - In this decision the Inspector acknowledged the request for contributions from Warwickshire Police (WP) stating that *"WP have provided documents to demonstrate CIL compliance. I have not received any evidence to demonstrate that the planning obligations would contravene any of the above Regulations."*

Request for S106 obligation

I respectfully request **£45,957.63** in contributions to mitigate the additional impacts this development directly has upon Warwickshire Police, because the existing infrastructure does not have the capacity to meet this need, and because, like some other services, WP do not have the funding ability to respond to growth whenever and wherever proposed.

This police contribution request considers the amount and type of development proposed and compares this with existing policing demand and crime information for the area in which it will be situated. The existing deployment of police assets to the area is identified and applied to forecast the impact of the proposed development. The funding and capacity position of WP is defined. NPPF and local policy supporting a policing contribution are identified. WP commit to managing the contribution.

Finally, the contribution is itemised below with individual methodologies applied to identify the infrastructure necessitated by the development.

Recruitment and equipping of officers and staff	£10,426.97
Police Vehicles	£3,577.18
Office Accommodation	£31,953.48
Total	£45,957.63

Thank you for considering this submission. I would be pleased to provide further information, and references should this be helpful in your process.

I look forward to hearing from you,

Yours sincerely,



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