
nor a person of influence, but as someone who longs for peace.

Jesus calls us to peace. I pray that those in power may listen before more innocent lives are lost.

**John F O'Donnell,
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Waverley has lost our respect

We have no confidence in the leadership or Executive Committee of Waverley Borough Council regarding the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL).

Some councillors have made a series of misleading and inaccurate claims in public forums and on social media, including claiming the discretionary review includes householder and agent error –and yet refusing to clarify what the actual remedy would be in such cases.

In January, the full council voted to adopt discretionary reviews in line with West Berkshire's model. The executive has refused to implement that decision, claiming it would have been "unlawful" for full council to direct the executive in this way.

The executive claims its restrictive approach is the only legal route – despite ignoring an equally valid legal opinion stating that Waverley has all the powers it needs to follow West Berkshire's model.

This is not about changing the law – it is about Waverley choos-

ing not to apply CIL against homeowners in this way where there is error in submitting the correct paperwork on time.

The executive's chosen policy for discretionary reviews is unnecessarily narrow, limiting refunds only to proven council error, and is therefore not in line with West Berkshire.

Currently there is no motivation for anyone to apply unless they believe there to be council error.

We call on full council to take back control of the executive's delegated powers concerning CIL, which we believe are seriously damaging the reputation of Waverley Borough Council and eroding public trust in leadership.

As our elected representatives, we urge you to act now to restore the review process agreed in January, to be inline with West Berkshire; ensure true independence in appointments of those reviewing discretionary homeowner CIL reviews; and apply CIL regulations with fairness, proportionality, and in line with government guidance.

Only by doing so can you begin to regain the respect of residents. We may represent only a small percentage of the electorate, but our voices are being heard and we are winning the hearts and minds of the wider community.

We, the Waverley victims of CIL, fighting against the CIL injustice, have no allegiance to any political party.

Names and addresses supplied
