Dear Sir/Madam,

Sustrans welcomes the opportunity to comment on the London Borough of Barking and Dagenham’s proposals for the Community Infrastructure Levy. We call for the funds raised by the CIL to be spent on improving the urban realm and improving provision for pedestrians and cyclists throughout Barking and Dagenham. As part of this strategy, we urge that accessibility to high quality, safe routes is improved and new cycle parking is installed. All efforts should be made to implement schemes that reduce reliance on car use while promoting walking and cycling. This will address local traffic issues such as congestion. Investing in these schemes will contribute to Barking and Dagenham’s sustainable development goals by facilitating many more local cycling journeys which collectively have a positive impact on the environment and public health. Enhancement projects will help to promote walking and cycling for short trips in and around the Borough.

Yours faithfully,

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