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RICHARD BENYON MP SECURES DEBATE IN PARLIAMENT CALLS FOR MINISTER NOT TO FORCE COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY UPON WELL RUN COUNCILS

This afternoon, Richard Benyon hosted a Westminster Hall debate on the Government's plan to replace current Section 106 regulations with a Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL). Richard raised concerns with Communities and Local Government Minister, Brandon Lewis, following discussions with West Berkshire Councillors and officials.

Following his debate, Richard said, "It seems nonsensical that the Government wishes to mandate well run Councils, like West Berks, to implement the Community Infrastructure Levy. The current system has proven its worth over the years, winning praise from the Audit Commission and costing nothing to the taxpayer."

He continued, "I am glad to have been able to put the case to the Minister and ask that he consider removing the implementation date of 6 April 2015. I will continue to follow this matter closely."

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