

Commuted Sum Policy

1. This policy aims to improve understanding of commuted sums secured by Oxfordshire County Council.
2. This document relates to Oxfordshire County Council's Policy of commuted sums only.
3. This policy does not include the commuted sum calculation or rates.
4. Oxfordshire County Council will secure future maintenance for highway assets introduced or altered by developer works.
5. The requirement for commuted sums will be assessed for each site prior to the drafting of Section 278 and Section 38 Agreements.

Policy: CSP1

Section 278 and Section 38 of the Highways Act 1980 enables a highway authority to seek commuted sums from developers. Oxfordshire County Council will apply a consistent approach to securing commuted sums for future maintenance for all Section 278's and Section 38's within Oxfordshire.

Policy: CSP2

Oxfordshire County Council will aim to improve developers understanding of commuted sums including when they are applied, why and when they are paid, by this policy and associated procedure document.

Policy: CSP3

Oxfordshire County Council will require developers to pay a commuted sum towards maintenance of highway assets that would not be required save for the development.

Service Aims

1. Create transparency of commuted sum process and improve developers understanding.
2. Consistently secure commuted sums for all Section 278's and Section 38's within Oxfordshire.
3. To secure adequate money from developers to maintain new or altered highway assets.
4. Request betterment or whole life extension to highway assets, if it is the interest of future maintenance.

Reference & Supporting Documents

- Commuted Sum Procedure
- Street Design Guide
- Highways Act 1980 - section 278 (3) and section 38 (6)
- The Bridge Management Code - section 4.8.9

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