

CONSULTATION STATEMENT – Revised Infrastructure Funding Statement 2023

In connection with the preparation of the Infrastructure Funding Statement (IFS), this Consultation Statement demonstrates with whom the Council consulted and how they engaged with local people and other interested parties on the revised draft IFS.

The statement contains the following information:

- A summary of the individuals and organisations with whom the Council consulted
- How those organisations and individuals were consulted
- Details of any one to one meetings with organisations and individuals
- A summary of the issues raised, and
- How those issues have been addressed in the amended IFS for approval

A six-week consultation on the revised draft IFS took place between 22nd August 2023 and 3rd October 2023.

The following consultees were either sent a letter or email including a notification letter which provided a link to the Council's website to view the consultation documents and the relevant submission form. Submission forms were invited for projects to remain on the IFS and for any new projects to be considered for inclusion on the IFS.

Statutory, Duty to Co-operate and other organisations/developers on Consultee database by email or letter	Approximately 350
Dudley Councillors by email or letter	72

In addition to being published on the Council's website, paper copies of the most recent Infrastructure Funding Statement were distributed to the main reception at the Dudley Council Plus (259 Castle Street, Dudley).

In addition to the external consultation process, the notification letter and submission form was also circulated to relevant internal Council Staff inviting submissions relating to their particular areas of work and infrastructure provision.

The Council were in receipt of submission forms from a total of four organisations/providers with a total of 9 projects put forward for consideration. A detailed summary of the projects, key issues raised, and the Council's responses is provided below.

Detailed summary of projects and comments made on the revised draft Infrastructure Funding Statement and the Council's responses

Organisation / Individual	Summary of Response	Council Response	Proposed amendments to IFS
Canal and River Trust	<p>Canal and River Trust requested –</p> <p>Retention of project on the IFS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refurbishment to listed stable block at Delph Locks – funding gap is £100,000 - £200,000. <p>Clarifications of existing projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collaborative work regarding the NCN Route 54 improvements. • Collaborative work regarding connectivity between the new metro route and towpath network. 	<p>Request from Respondent accepted.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p>	<p>No change.</p> <p>No change.</p> <p>No change.</p>
Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council (Peter Reed)	<p>Ian Hunt requested –</p> <p>Amendment of project on the IFS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provision for a new 120m footpath / cycleway (4m in width) connecting Lowndes Road with Wollaston Recreation Ground – funding gap is £84,334. 	<p>Request from Respondent accepted.</p>	<p>Project funding gap amended.</p>
Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council (Placemaking)	<p>Placemaking requested –</p> <p>Addition of projects on the IFS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lye War Memorial improvements – funding gap is £150,000. • Dudley Town Centre Wayfinding – funding gap is £100,000. • Foster Street public realm improvements – funding gap is £122,250. • Fountain Square, Ryemarket public realm improvements – funding gap is £120,000. • Shell Corner public realm improvements – funding gap is £105,000. 	<p>All requests from Respondent accepted.</p>	<p>All projects added to IFS with identified funding gaps.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Talbot Street, Ryemarket public realm improvements – funding gap is £150,000. 		
Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council (Street and Green Care)	<p>Street and Green Care requested –</p> <p>Retention of projects on the IFS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Creation of a 26-space care park for Kinver Street open space – funding gap is £98,259. 	Request from Respondent accepted.	No change.