

## Appendix Two - Consultation Statement- Revised Infrastructure Funding Statement 2025

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
- How those issues have been addressed in the amended IFS for approval

A six-week consultation on the revised draft IFS took place between 22<sup>nd</sup> August and 3<sup>rd</sup> October. An additional consultation took place to those who requested correspondence by post, from 7<sup>th</sup> November to 19<sup>th</sup> December.

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 300
Dudley Councillors by email or letter	72

In addition to the external consultation process, the notification letter and submission form was also circulated to delivery services within the Council inviting submissions relating to their areas of work and infrastructure provision.

The Council were in receipt of submission forms from a total of six organisations/providers with a total of 16 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**

<b>Project No</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Project Brief</b>	<b>Total Requested</b>	<b>Owner</b>	<b>New or Carried Forward</b>	<b>Council Comment</b>
<b>1</b>	New Ward Base Barrow Hill	Replacement of the Pavilion building with a purpose built wards base and education.	£550,000	Mark Williams – Neighbourhood Services	New	Added to infrastructure project list
<b>2</b>	The Leasowes Green Gateway	Construction of a new visitor centre at The Leasowes, featuring a café, children's play area, exhibition & educational facilities.	£1,000,000	Mark Williams – Neighbourhood Services	Carried Forward	Added to infrastructure project list
<b>3</b>	Wrens Nest Refurbishment	Refurbishment of existing wardens base, currently comprises of a pair of caretakers houses purchased from Stourbridge College.	£700,000	Mark Williams Neighbourhood Services	Carried Forward	Added to infrastructure project list
<b>4</b>	Brown Tourism Signs	Installation of standard-compliant brown tourism signs to direct visits to Stourbridge Glass Quarter.	£12,021	Alexander Goodger Stourbridge Glass Museum	New	Added to infrastructure project list

<b>5</b>	Stourbridge Canal Foot/Cycle Path	A new foot/cycle path over the Stourbridge Canal	£280,000 (Estimated)	David Jacobs (Transport and Highway Services)	Carried Forward	Added to infrastructure project list
<b>6</b>	Sedgley Hall Park Farm	Improvements to Sedgley Hall Park Farm Area	£110,000	Daniel Fildes Neighbourhood Services	Carried Forward	Added to infrastructure project list
<b>7</b>	Spring Meadow Play Area	Improvements to Spring Meadow Play Area, Netherton	£115,000 +VAT	Daniel Fildes Neighbourhood Services	Carried Forward	Added to infrastructure project list
<b>8</b>	Central Clinic	Dudley Town Centre proposed new NHS Health & Wellbeing Centre	£6,500,000	Stephen Howells NHS Black Country	New	Added to infrastructure project list
<b>9</b>	Canal Path Improvement	Improvement to a stretch of the canal network running from just after Bumblehole Nature Reserve to Peartree Lane	£1,204,000	Tracy Humphreys Canal and River Trust	Carried Forward	Added to infrastructure project list
<b>10</b>	Street Furniture	Installation of street furniture in Key Locations in the Dudley Town Centre	£27,986.13	Jayne Pilkington Adiba Farrah Placemaking	New	Added to infrastructure project list

<b>11</b>	Policing Infrastructure	To support the net increase in households – charge per housing completion last year	£100,381	John Baggot Tyler Parks (on behalf of the Police and Crime Commissioner for the West Midlands PCCWM)).	New	Not taken forward. This contribution does not meet the assessment criteria to qualify for the infrastructure project list. The specific infrastructure project was not detailed in the submission.
<b>12</b>	Round Oak Interpretation Panel	Provide further information about the Round Oak steelworks, in the form of an interpretation panel.	£5,000	Jayne Pilkington Placemaking	Carried Forward	Added to infrastructure project list
<b>13</b>	Lye War Memorial	Improvements made to the hard and soft landscaping setting of Lye War Memorial	£150,000	Jayne Pilkington Placemaking	Carried Forward	Added to infrastructure project list
<b>14</b>	Leasowes Interpretation Project	Improve interpretation signage in the Leasowes to compliment the implementation of the Green Gateway.	£40,000	David Chaffey The Friends of the Leasowes.	New	Added to infrastructure project list
<b>15</b>	Sedgley Hall Park Farm	Improvements to Sedgley Hall Park Farm	£90,000	Julia Morris Neighbourhood Services	Carried Forward	Added to infrastructure project list

<b>16</b>	Sedgley Beacon	Series of targeted repairs and landscape improvements to the Sedgley Beacon - Grade II Listed Sandstone Tower on the Council's Heritage at Risk register.	£120,000	Jayne Pilkington Placemaking	New	Added to infrastructure project list
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