

CONSULTATION STATEMENT – Revised Infrastructure Funding Statement 2021

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 five-week consultation on the revised draft IFS took place between Thursday 8th July 2021 and Friday 13th August 2021.

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 revised draft Regulation 123 List 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 six organisations/providers with a total of 68 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>Additions to the IFS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Masterplan identifying the extent and magnitude of works at Canal Street, Stourbridge – funding gap is £20,000. • Refurbish listed stable block at Delph Locks for use in the community – funding gap is £100,000 - £200,000. • Small scale improvements to aid accessibility for the geopark sites – no funding gap identified. <p>Amendments to existing projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Combine the works for regeneration corridor 14 and update the funding gap. • Move Henne Drive project to regeneration corridor 16. • Replace Coseley Tunnel project with a feasibility study and update the funding gap. <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. • Collaborative work regarding nature conservation and canal habitats enhancements. <p>Deletions of existing projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delph Locks works complete. 	<p>Request from Respondent accepted.</p> <p>Request from Respondent accepted.</p> <p>Request from Respondent not accepted.</p> <p>Request from Respondent accepted.</p> <p>Request from Respondent accepted.</p> <p>Request from Respondent accepted.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p>	<p>Project added to the IFS at a cost of £20,000.</p> <p>Project added to the IFS at a cost of £100,000 - £200,000.</p> <p>Project not added to the IFS as no funding gap identified.</p> <p>Project amended as requested.</p> <p>Project amended as requested.</p> <p>Project amended as requested.</p> <p>No change.</p> <p>No change.</p> <p>No change.</p> <p>Project deleted from IFS.</p>

Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council (David Holloway)	<p>David Holloway, on behalf of the Brierley Hill Plan Project Team requested –</p> <p>Retention of existing project and update funding gap:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pedestrian entrance gates / feature into Saltwells National Nature Reserve when being accessed from Pedmore Road – funding gap is £80,000. 	Noted.	Project funded gap amended.
Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council (Design & Delivery)	<p>Design & Delivery requested –</p> <p>Additions to the IFS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Covid-19 community pandemic memorial in two locations (Halesowen and Brierley Hill) – funding gap is £120,000. • Castle Hill Vision for the restoration of Dudley Castle, Zoo, woodland and connection to the town centre – funding gap is £20million. • Environment improvements include laneway development, streetscape improvements and tactical urbanism projects in local centres – funding gap is £500,000. • 10 walls murals programme providing environment improvement with contemporary public art – funding gap is £200,000. 	All requests from Respondent accepted.	<p>Project added to the IFS at a cost of £120,000.</p> <p>Project added to the IFS at a cost of £20million.</p> <p>Project added to the IFS at a cost of £500,000.</p> <p>Project added to the IFS at a cost of £200,000.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stourbridge pocket park, providing a new public open space/plaza and linking the bus station to the town centre – funding gap is £100,000. • Leasowes Vision to develop and deliver a restoration of The Leasowes – funding gap is £5million. • Wollaston Hall walled garden restoration and repair (final section) – funding gap is £170,000. <p>Retention of existing projects and update funding gap:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public realm upgrades and enhancements in Dudley High Street – funding gap is £1,448,165. • Public realm upgrades and enhancements in Halesowen Town Centre – funding gap is £12,679,918. • Public realm upgrades and enhancements in Stourbridge Town Centre – funding gap is £12,344,917. • Public realm upgrades and enhancements in Dudley Town Centre – funding gap is £2,811,835. • Public realm upgrades and enhancements in Cradley / Windmill Hill – funding gap is £570,000. • Public realm upgrades and enhancements in Lye – funding gap is £1,443,778. • Public realm upgrades and enhancements in Pensnett – funding gap is £1,443,778. • Public realm upgrades and enhancements in Quarry Bank – funding gap is £2,317,856. 	<p>Requests from Respondent noted as follows -</p> <p>Following further discussion with the Respondent, several locations (highlighted in yellow) were deleted from the IFS as work is being done to bring these forward under different funding programmes.</p> <p>The remaining local and district centre public realm works (highlighted in grey) have been amalgamated into one section with an approximate funding gap per location.</p>	<p>Project added to the IFS at a cost of £100,000.</p> <p>Project added to the IFS at a cost of £5million,</p> <p>Project added to the IFS at a cost of £170,000.</p> <p>Projects amended on the IFS and funding gaps updated accordingly.</p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Public realm upgrades and enhancements in Shell Corner – funding gap is £1,443,778.• Public realm upgrades and enhancements in Brierley Hill High Street – funding gap is £2,577,825.• Public realm upgrades and enhancements in Brierley Hill Northern Gateway, Link Space and Cottage Street – funding gap is £5,172,811.• Public realm upgrades and enhancements in Dudley Town Centre Inhedge Gardens – funding gap is £77,073.• Public realm upgrades and enhancements in Kingswinford – funding gap is £600,000.• Public realm upgrades and enhancements in Sedgley – funding gap is £600,000.• Public realm upgrades and enhancements in Amblecote – funding gap is £600,000.• Public realm upgrades and enhancements in Gornal Wood – funding gap is £600,000.• Public realm upgrades and enhancements in Hawne – funding gap is £600,000.• Public realm upgrades and enhancements in Netherton – funding gap is £600,000.• Public realm upgrades and enhancements in Oldswinford – funding gap is £600,000.• Public realm upgrades and enhancements in Roseville – funding gap is £600,000.• Public realm upgrades and enhancements in The Stag – funding gap is £600,000.• Public realm upgrades and enhancements in Upper Gornal – funding gap is £600,000.• Public realm upgrades and enhancements in Wollaston – funding gap is £600,000.		
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public realm upgrades and enhancements in Wordsley – funding gap is £600,000 • Public realm upgrades and enhancements in Wolverhampton Street – funding gap is £600,000. • Public realm upgrades and enhancements, to include tree planting in Lower High Street and Coventry Street, Stourbridge – funding gap is £70,000. • Public realm upgrades and enhancements in High Street and Market Street, Stourbridge – funding gap is £7,000,000. • Stour Bridge parapet enhancement with associated celebration of Monarchs Way – funding gap is £58,920. 		
England Hockey	<p>England Hockey requested –</p> <p>Addition to the IFS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provision for new hockey facilities at an existing sports centre – funding gap is £250,000 - £800,000. 	Request from Respondent not accepted.	Not added to the IFS as the project is in its infancy – a location has not been secured, and the funding gap and any match funding has not been fully established.
National Health Service (NHS)	<p>The NHS requested –</p> <p>Retention of existing projects and update funding gap:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional bed base at Russells Hall Hospital (RHH) – funding gap is £4million. • Additional CT & MRI scanning facilities at RHH – funding gap is £4million. • Additional day case facilities at RHH – funding gap is £1million. • Additional maternity facilities at RHH – funding gap is £2million. • Additional paediatrics facilities at RHH – funding gap is £2.5million. 	All requests from Respondent accepted.	<p>Funding gaps for each project amended accordingly.</p> <p>There were two remaining NHS projects on the IFS, it has been confirmed that these projects () have been completed using alternative funding methods and can be deleted from the IFS.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional pharmacy facilities at RHH – funding gap is £1million. • Additional theatre and RHH – funding gap is £5million. • Additional mortuary facilities at RHH – funding gap is £750,000. • Extension of out-patient facilities at RHH – funding gap is £3.5million. 		
<p>Transport for West Midlands (TfWM)</p>	<p>Transport for West Midlands have requested – Addition to the IFS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Black Country traffic signal maintenance – funding gap is £2million. • Dudley Town Centre Interchange public realm integration package to include improved active travel connectivity, pedestrian facilities, and wayfinding – funding gap is £8million. • Dudley Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) Coseley to Tipton, to include new cycle infrastructure, pedestrian facilities, carriageway surfacing and crossing improvements – funding gap is £1.95million. • Dudley Integrated Transport Block to support growth, carbon reduction, productivity and levelling up – funding gap is £40-£50million. • Walsall to Stourbridge rapid transit route, enhancing the region’s public transport options and encouraging sustainable travel – funding gap is £3million. • OZEV ORCS to include the implementation of approximately 200 public electric vehicle charging sockets across the Black Country – funding gap is £35,000. 	<p>All requests from Respondent accepted.</p>	<p>Project added to the IFS at a cost of £2million. Project added to the IFS at a cost of £8million.</p> <p>Project added to the IFS at a cost of £1.95million.</p> <p>Project added to the IFS at a cost of £40-£50million.</p> <p>Project added to the IFS at a cost of £3million.</p> <p>Project added to the IFS at a cost of £35,000.</p>

	<p>Retention of existing projects and update funding gap:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A456 multi-modal corridor (Halesowen) to include highway capacity, traffic signal, road safety and active travel infrastructure improvements – funding gap is £12million. • A461 multi-modal corridor to include highway capacity, traffic signal, road safety and active travel infrastructure improvements – funding gap is £20million. • A4123 Black Country multi-modal corridor to include improved options for active travel, journey time reliability, reduced congestion and nitrogen dioxide levels – funding gap is £20-£30million. • Black Country Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) to identify strategically important cycling and walking corridors across the Black Country – funding gap is £15million. • Dudley Interchange (bus station) – funding gap is £4.8million. • Wednesbury to Brierley Hill metro extension sustainable connectivity package – funding gap is £3million. 	<p>All requests from Respondent accepted.</p>	<p>All project funding gaps amended accordingly.</p>
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