

28 May 2026

Mrs RH Ward
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Email:

Dear Sir/Madam

Municipal Response on Comments Received Draft Budget 2026-2027

Thank you for your submission and for taking the time to highlight the need for safer pedestrian and non-motorised access routes in and around Villiersdorp.

Your concerns regarding the safety of pedestrians, cyclists, school children and persons with mobility challenges are noted and appreciated. The Municipality recognises the importance of safe and accessible infrastructure, particularly in areas where residents rely on walking and other non-motorised forms of transport to access essential services.

As outlined in the 2026/2027 Draft Budget, the Municipality is currently operating within a constrained financial environment, with a strong focus on restoring financial sustainability while continuing to deliver essential services. Although the capital budget has been limited to ensure affordability, inputs such as yours are important in guiding future planning and prioritisation.

Your proposal regarding the development of dedicated pedestrian pathways, including your suggestions on design and local labour involvement, has been recorded and will be considered as part of ongoing infrastructure planning processes and future budget cycles.

The Municipality recently concluded a round of public participation engagements during April 2026 and there will be additional opportunities for residents to provide further inputs. We encourage you to continue participating in these processes to ensure that your concerns remain part of the broader community discussion.

We thank you once again for your constructive input and your continued interest in the development and safety of Villiersdorp.

All public inputs were considered and discussed at a Council Workshop that took place on 14 May 2026. The matters raised was further deliberated on at the Budget Steering Committee meeting on 18 May 2026.

The final budget, together with consideration of all comments received, will be tabled at the Council meeting on 28 May 2026 for final approval.

This response serves as the municipality's formal reply on the matter. We thank you for your engagement.

Yours in Service Delivery,

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Mr. GW Hermanus
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