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Dear Sir/Madam

Municipal Response on Comments Received Draft Budget 2026-2027

Thank you for your submission regarding the Draft Budget 2026/2027 as well as for the balanced manner in which your comments and recommendations were presented.

The Municipality appreciates the acknowledgement of the progress being made towards financial stabilisation and improved service delivery under difficult circumstances. We also value the practical and forward-looking nature of your proposals, particularly where they relate to long-term economic sustainability, tourism development and investment confidence in Villiersdorp.

Your comments regarding gap housing are especially noted. The Municipality recognises the increasing pressure faced by residents who fall outside the qualifying criteria for subsidised housing, yet remain unable to access conventional property ownership opportunities. The importance of retaining economically active residents within local communities, while also strengthening the municipal revenue base, is well understood. Your observations regarding the role future developments could play in addressing this segment of the market will be taken into consideration in broader spatial and planning discussions.

The emphasis you place on maintaining core infrastructure and ensuring reliable service delivery aligns with the Municipality's own understanding that roads, stormwater systems, public spaces and basic municipal services remain central to economic growth, tourism and investor confidence. Within the current phase of the Financial Recovery Plan, the Municipality's immediate focus remains on restoring financial sustainability and protecting essential services, while gradually addressing infrastructure backlogs and operational constraints.

We also acknowledge your concerns relating to land use management, illegal occupation and the importance of proactive planning to support orderly and sustainable development. These are matters that require careful long-term management across the municipal area.

Your comments regarding tourism infrastructure, particularly the preservation and revitalisation of important areas such as Dagbreek and Dennehof Oord, have been shared with the relevant departments for further discussion. The Municipality recognises the role that tourism, heritage assets and public spaces play in supporting local economic activity, employment opportunities and the overall image of the region. Similarly, your recommendations concerning town entrances, public amenities, signage and the upkeep of prominent buildings speak directly to the broader goal we have of creating attractive and investment-friendly towns.

The Municipality further notes your emphasis on supporting local businesses, tourism initiatives and economic activity as part of long-term financial sustainability. These are important considerations as the Municipality continues working towards improved operational efficiency and a more enabling environment for investment and growth.

Thank you once again for your positive and constructive engagement during the public participation process. Your submission has been formally recorded.

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

The final budget, together with consideration of all comments received, was 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 appreciate your continued interest in the development of Villiersdorp.

Yours in Service Delivery,

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