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Theewaterskloof Local Municipality,

RE: Draft Budget

Following our recent attendance at the community meeting, we would like to request formal clarification on the following matters:

### Roads and Infrastructure

We have noted a lack of provision for permanent road repairs. Previous maintenance efforts involved filling potholes with rocks rather than sustainable solutions. We request a commitment to professional maintenance standards, including cutting out damaged sections and applying tar and road sealing. Private households and business ratepayers contribute a large portion in rates and taxes, and we do not see this working for us or resulting in improvements to road surfaces. The current road conditions are causing vehicle damage and significantly affecting ratepayers and businesses in industrial areas. We invite representatives to inspect these areas to assess the impact on those who contribute substantially to local revenue.

### Water Pipe Maintenance

Frequent pipe bursts result in significant water loss from aging infrastructure. Given that water is a scarce resource, we request information regarding the budget allocated for a systematic upgrade of these pipes to prevent further waste.

### Support for Pensioners

We would like to inquire about available tax rebates for pensioners. As the cost of living and rates increase while pensions remain stagnant, there is deep concern regarding the long-term affordability for residents to remain in their homes.

### The Destiny Project

We seek clarification on the projected impact of the Destiny Project on the broader Villiersdorp community. Specifically, we would like to know if this initiative will lead to an extension of the existing informal settlement and how this might affect residential and business property values, as well as future investment in the town.

We look forward to your response regarding these concerns.

Best regards,  
Mr & Mrs Lewis



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