

Dear Sir/Madam

Staffordshire Education Infrastructure Contributions Policy (SEICP) public consultation

Staffordshire County Council is consulting on its revised policy to seek financial contributions for the necessary education infrastructure to mitigate new housing development.

Revisions to the [National Planning Policy Framework](#) (NPPF) and new guidance from the Department for Education on "[Securing developer contributions for education](#)" has provided the opportunity to review and update our existing policy document.

The Staffordshire Education Infrastructure Contributions Policy document sets out the proposed approach that the county council would take to identify the impact of new residential development on education infrastructure and the necessary mitigation to make developments acceptable in planning terms. It would provide the basis for determining education contributions to provide the necessary additional education infrastructure.

The policy proposal now includes the provision of contributions towards Special Education Needs and Disabilities (SEND) school places and home to school transport provision.

The County Council is seeking views from stakeholders and interested parties on the SEICP through a 6-week public consultation process, which starts on **Monday 12th October 2020 and finishes on Monday 23rd November 2020.**

In particular, we are seeking views on the following key aspects:

- Mainstream education provision
- Home to school transport provision
- Special education needs and disabilities provision

For further information on the consultation, please visit the County Council website [here](#).

To view the proposed policy and to submit comments, visit the consultation portal page [here](#).



A summary of the representations received during the consultation period and a copy of the final policy proposal will be presented to Cabinet on 17th February 2021 to make the final decision on implementation.

If approved, the SEICP would apply to any planning application submitted from the 1st March 2021.

Yours faithfully

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