

Appendix 2 – Summary of the relevant public consultation responses received and the county council’s statement.

Response to SEICP received	Staffordshire County Council’s statement
Six respondents agreed that housing developers should mitigate the impact of new housing on education infrastructure as per legislation	There is legislation and government guidance supporting develop contributions.
One respondent stated that the use of both CIL and S106 mechanisms for funding will not, as a whole, be able to fully fund education infrastructure provision.	Department for Education (DfE) guidance on securing developer contributions states: “Developer contributions for education are secured by means of conditions attached to planning permission, a planning obligation under Section 106 of The Town and Country Planning Act 1990, or the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL). CIL revenues are intended to help fund the supporting infrastructure needed to address the cumulative impact of development across a local authority area”.
One respondent stated that developers should be required to contribute to public transport routes.	Contributions may be sought from developers towards the provision of public transport by the County Council’s Highways Team.
<p>One respondent believed that segregating SEND children further based on their needs does not feel right</p> <p>and</p> <p>that if a s106 is being used, the overall cost should represent the average cost for all children, and we shouldn't be singling out children with SEND any differently as an inclusive council.</p>	<p>The latest DfE guidance (Securing developer contributions) states that the amount that should be requested for additional SEND places should be four times the amount requested for mainstream places due to the costs of adding these places (require more space/specialised equipment).</p> <p>Consistent with the county council’s <a href="#">SEND strategy</a>, our updated policy states that this contribution can be used in a mainstream setting as well as a special school as SCC sees as appropriate. SCC has previously requested no contributions towards SEND places from developers, even though new development will generate additional pupils requiring SEND provision and the special schools in Staffordshire are full to capacity.</p>

<p>One respondent stated that the use of s106 can have a negative impact on developments with increasing private estate management fees in addition to council tax payments which the parent is responsible for in the long term. Granted builders profits should cover this expenditure, but the council should consider the wider implications in its use of s106.</p>	<p>Section 106 contributions are requested for all types of provision required in the immediate area where necessary including (but not restricted to) education, green space, libraries, doctors, parks, highways, refuse. If a developer wants to build additional houses to increase the people living in an area, the wider impact of this on community facilities needs to be mitigated against and so a contribution is required. The DfE advises that  “the amount of money that you seek to secure through developer contributions for education provision should reflect the cost of providing school places, linked to the policy requirements in an up-to-date emerging or adopted plan that has been informed by viability assessment”.</p>
<p>One respondent stated that the only point to raise is regarding developments on the border. The SEICP states that you will work closely with neighbouring authorities to ensure forward planning of future education infrastructure and whether it was worth strengthening this in terms of the approach that will be taken to work closer with neighbouring authorities?</p>	<p>The impact of every development is assessed individually, and discussions will continue to be undertaken with neighbouring authorities as appropriate.</p>
<p>One respondent stated that SCC will need to provide clear information on what projects the proposed CIL monies are to contribute towards in line within the relevant governance procedures and legislation.</p>	<p>The policy has been updated in line with the most recent legislation and guidance. In accordance with the Community Infrastructure Levy Regulations any authority that receives a contribution from development through the levy or section 106 planning obligations must prepare an infrastructure funding statement, including county councils.</p> <p>County councils should publish an infrastructure funding statement where they receive a contribution entered into during the reported year.</p>
<p>One respondent stated that there is a need to ensure developers assist with meeting the needs of the community</p>	<p>The revised policy will enable a contribution towards home to school transport to be sought.</p>

they create by making a financial contribution to the provision. They will often pick areas of land that maximise their profits, but these areas may be some distance away from an educational establishment.