# PROPOSED ABERDEENSHIRE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2020 **RESPONSE FORM**

As part of the production of the Local Development Plan, a 'Main Issues Report' was published in January 2019. The responses from these consultations have helped to inform the content of the Proposed Local Development Plan ("the Proposed Plan").

The Aberdeenshire Local Development Plan will direct decision-making on land-use planning issues and planning applications in Aberdeenshire for the 10-year period from 2021 to 2031. The Proposed Plan was agreed by Aberdeenshire Council in March 2020 as the settled view of the Council. However, the Proposed Plan will be subjected to an independent examination and is now open for public comment.

# This is your opportunity to tell us if anything should be changed in the Proposed Plan, and why.

When writing a response to the Proposed Plan it is important to specifically state the modification(s) that you would wish to see to the Plan.

This is the only remaining opportunity to comment on the Proposed Plan. The reasons for any requested changes will be analysed and reported to Scottish Ministers. They will then appoint a person known as a Reporter to conduct a public examination of the Proposed Plan, focusing particularly on any unresolved issues and the changes sought.

Ministers expect representations (or responses) to be concise (no more than 2000 words) and accompanied by limited supporting documents. It is important to ensure that all of the information that you wish to be considered is submitted during this consultation period as there is no further opportunity to provide information, unless specifically asked.

Please email comments to ldp@aberdeenshire.gov.uk or send this form to reach us by 17 July 2020.

We recommend that you keep a copy of your representation for your own records.



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If you wish to contact one of the area planning offices, please call 01467 534333 and ask for the relevant planning office or email planning@aberdeenshire.gov.uk.

Please use this form to make comments on the Proposed Aberdeenshire Local Development Plan 2020. If you are making comments about more than one topic it would be very helpful if you could fill in a separate response form for each issue you wish to raise.

Please email or send the form to reach us by 17 July 2020 at the following address:

Post: Planning Policy Team, Infrastructures Services Aberdeenshire Council, Woodhill House, Westburn Road, ABERDEEN, AB16 5GB

Email: ldp@aberdeenshire.gov.uk

Please refer to our **Privacy Notice** at the end of this form for details of your rights under the Data Protection Act.

#### YOUR DETAILS

Title:	
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Are you happy to receive future correspondence only by email? Yes X No

Are you responding on behalf of another person? Yes X  $\square$  No  $\square$ 

If yes who are you representing? John Stuart Murrial Ltd

□ Tick the box if you would like to subscribe to the Aberdeenshire LDP eNewsletter:

An acknowledgement will be sent to this address soon after the close of consultation.

# YOUR COMMENTS

Please provide us with your comments below. We will summarise comments and in our analysis will consider every point that is made. Once we have done this we will write back to you with Aberdeenshire Council's views on the submissions made. We will publish your name as the author of the comment, but will not make your address public.

**Modification that you wish to see** (please make specific reference to the section of the Proposed Plan you wish to see modified if possible, for example Section 9, paragraph E1.1):

Site GR015 – South of Insch Railway Station, Insch

Reason for change:

Our client has been very concerned to see the above-mentioned site go from Reserved, but not preferred for immediate development, in the Main Issues Report, to being removed completely in the Proposed Aberdeenshire Local Development Plan.

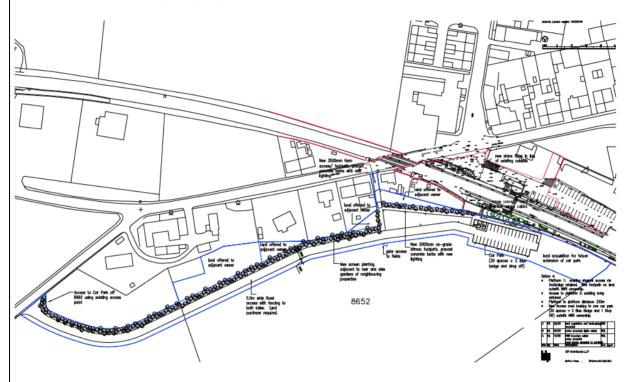
The bid made envisaged an allocation which would see the natural growth of Insch in a southerly direction and would provide approximately 60 units as two phases: Phase 1 on the lower slope (providing 35 units) working up slope to Phase 2 (providing 25 units) with a 25% proportion delivered as affordable housing on site. The bid further included an area of employment land and a much needed new car park for Insch railway station providing disabled access to the southerly platform. It is our understanding that Network Rail fully supported the proposed car park which would have enhanced the existing railway station facilities making it more attractive to users, thereby enhancing the sustainable transport linkages. The indicative plan indicated a very carefully considered layout which included substantial areas of green space including an area for community allotments, a defensible boundary to the south of the settlement and importantly linkages to North Road, the railway station and village facilities.

The site had been identified as far back as the Main Issues Report 2013. It was noted that the site was "well *located, adjacent to the train station. Part of the site is prime agricultural land; however there are no significant constraints...... However it is considered that this site could be considered more favourably if there was mixed element incorporating employment or business".* 

The bid sought to address these concerns and was presented as a mixed-use site. An important part of the delivery of this site allows for the long-awaited improvements to Insch Railway station as Insch is considered one of the least accessible stations in Scotland

Nestrans have submitted an "Initial Appraisal: case for Change" to Transport Scotland to undertake further work on accessibility issues at Insch station, following a study undertaken last year which engaged with several stakeholders, including a public consultation event.

The formation of new car park south of Platform 1 was identified as an option to improving access and a draft layout proposed – see below.



By way of background, the bid is made by **Construction** (John Stuart Murrial Ltd), who are keen to ensure that the proposal bring some significant community benefit and delivering a number of community aspirations. The site directly adjacent to the settlement boundary and benefits from a sustainable location, which can be enhanced through footpath links from the site to the railway station, thereby encouraging people to travel by train. The site sits adjacent to the core of the village with the railway station immediately to its north boundary. The bid included the delivery of additional car parking for Insch Railway Station, which is noted as one of the Planning Objectives for the village, notably *"to improve accessibility at Insch Railway Station"*, this allocation can help to deliver disabled access to the southern platform. The site owners are aware of small local business who may be interested in the Employment allocation of this site. Further, they are keen to promote volunteer and community interests, such as the establishment of a farm shop/coffee shop or to make business space available to the voluntary sector.

For the reasons given above, we ask that consideration be given to bringing forward the delivery of this site with its potential for vital community infrastructure, into the next Plan period.

## PRIVACY NOTICE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN PUBLIC COMMENT

The Data Controller of the information being collected is Aberdeenshire Council.

The Data Protection Officer can be contacted at Town House, 34 Low Street, Banff, AB45 1AY.

Email: dataprotection@aberdeenshire.gov.uk

Your information is being collected to use for the following purposes:

 To provide public comment on the Aberdeenshire Local Development Plan. The data on the form will be used to inform Scottish Ministers and individual(s) appointed to examine the Proposed Local Development Plan 2020. It will inform the content of the Aberdeenshire Local Development Plan 2021.

#### Your information is:

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It is a Statutory Obligation under Section 18 of the Town and Country (Scotland) Act 1997, as amended, for Aberdeenshire Council to prepare and publish a Proposed Local Development plan on which representations must be made to the planning authority within a prescribed period of time. Failure to provide details requested in the 'Your Details' section of this form will result in Aberdeenshire Council being unable to accept your representation.

Your information will be shared with the following recipients or categories of recipient:

Members of the public are being given this final opportunity to comment on the Proposed Aberdeenshire Local Development Plan. The reasons for any changes that the Council receives will be analysed and reported to Scottish Ministers. They will then appoint a person to conduct a public examination of the Proposed Plan, focusing particularly on the unresolved issues raised and the changes sought.

Your name and respondent identification number (provided to you by Aberdeenshire Council on receipt of your

submission) will be published alongside a copy of your completed response on the Proposed Local Development Plan website (contact details and information that is deemed commercially sensitive will not be made available to the public).

In accordance with Regulation 22 of the Town and Country (Development Planning) (Scotland) Regulations 2008 where the appointed person determines that further representations should be made or further information should be provided by any person in connection with the examination of the Proposed Plan the appointed person may by notice request that person to make such further representations or to provide such further information.

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Not applicable.

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Aberdeenshire Council will only keep your personal data for as long as is needed. Aberdeenshire Council will retain your response and personal data for a retention period of 5 years from the date upon which it was collected. After 5 years Aberdeenshire Council will review whether it is necessary to continue to retain your information for a longer period. A redacted copy of your submission will be retained for 5 years beyond the life of the Local Development Plan 2021, possibly until 2037.

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  - (ii) Performance of a Contract;
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