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

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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):

In Appendix 7e, Settlement Statements, Kincardine & Mearns, Pages 722-723, Park:-

The allocated development site OP1 (Land to the West of Park Village Hall) should be removed from the local development plan.

Reason for change:

The reasons for removing Park development site OP1 from the plan are:-

- This development site has featured in the past 2 local plans, but has not been the subject of a planning application or development to date. The inability to develop the site, demonstrated over the previous 10 years by the developer, should eliminate the possibility of OP1 remaining in the next plan on the basis of 'use it or lose it'.
- The concept of 'use it or lose it' for development sites is essential for the Local Plan to deliver housing. Un-used allocations have the effect of blocking alternative local development, as they are often cited as a reason for refusal in unrelated planning applications. This has already occurred several times in the last 10 years in relation to OP1 in Park.
- The addition of 13 new houses to Park would double the size of the settlement. This does not appear to follow the policies of the Development Plan.
- The addition of 13 new houses to Park would fundamentally change the nature of Park settlement. This does not appear to follow the policies of the Development Plan.
- Park is closely located to Drumoak (walking distance) and the shop in Park serves the entire combined community. 13 new Houses in Park would have very little material affect on supporting the only shop for the combined settlement.
- Drumoak has provision for further new housing, and has good success in recent years delivering sympathetic housing development within the scale of the settlement.