

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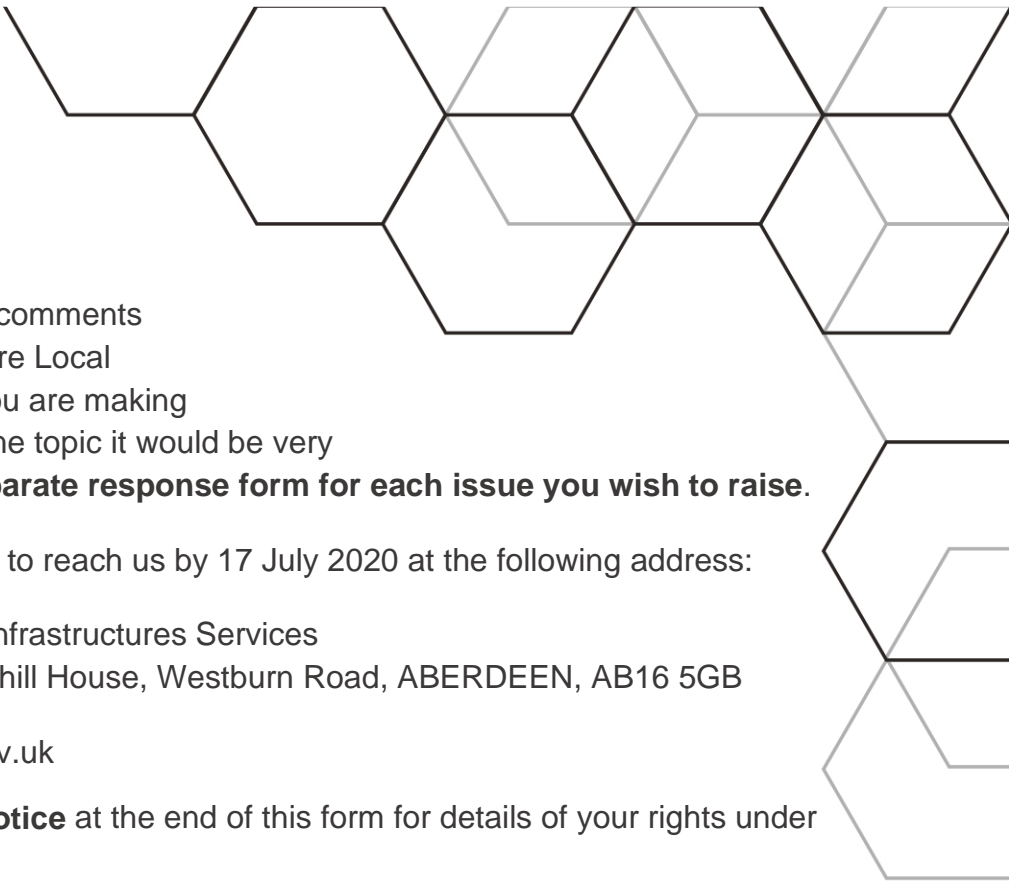
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Please use this form to make comments on the Proposed Aberdeenshire Local Development Plan 2020. If you are making comments about more than one topic it would be very helpful if you could fill in **a separate response form for each issue you wish to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

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

Are you responding on behalf of another person? Yes  No

If yes who are you representing?

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):

Page 6 to 9 of 108 – Blackburn.

All sections relating to: R1 – Reserved 'For allotments/community growth space.' Within Blackburn. In addition, OP1 development area.

Revert R1 location back to a 'protected area' as stated for others around the village: "To protect an area of open space as an important amenity for the settlement and forming part of the green-blue network."

## Reason for change:

Local impact, unsuitability of and potentially costly requirements for chosen location use, with a more suitable and cost-effective alternate location available.

This location was a protected area as laid out in the original development plan, as such has become a well-established and popular green space for not just those backing onto this area (MTM development) but also many from other areas within the village, forming part of the popular local loop for walkers over the hill and back around into the village. It was a consideration for many moving into this development that easy access to the green open space was part of the development, this proposal will negatively impact the access and access to open areas. The P1 location (playing fields opposite the school) has been rumoured to be closed off for public use, since the new school has been built this has become the school 'playing field' area. If that was to become the case and restrictions put in place these other public open spaces would become more important to the local community.

During the MTM development drainage had been put in place across the housing as well as this green area, as the development is on a hillside and sloped water run off was a concern that was addressed at the time of build. Any change here of the land may damage existing drainage that have been put in place to channel the runoff. The change to allotments also creates less absorption of any rain which could create additional excess run off which may need expensive drainage work to address, to avoid this runoff running down the slope and into the garden/houses of those backing onto this area.

Access to this area has to be a major concern, the existing road to the water tank further up the hill must be kept clear to allow 24 x 7 access, for maintenance vehicles with the access from Avern Park also kept clear.

Local streets do not have the capacity for an influx of too many additional vehicles, due to all houses having off street parking this restricts the available on street parking whilst keeping these driveways clear for access. Allotment uses would require vehicles due to

the proposed location, so any additional vehicles from the use of the allotments could create local parking and access issues not only for residents but emergency vehicles.

The steepness of the slope in R1 limits the sites potential for this proposed use. Lack of amenities, such as water and electricity, along with the additional drainage requirements and access requirements must make this an expensive location to convert to use for allotments, as well as the local impact make this location unsuitable for the proposed use when alternatives are available and should be re-considered.

Proposed alternative location OP1:

This location has the benefit of being more suitable, being much flatter and is a clean sheet. As such with consideration an area within this development could be created for allotments, with easy and clear access to facilities such as appropriate parking and with water/electricity and drainage being implemented as part of the overall development. The additional benefit of this would be at a much lower cost to the council as it can be planned into the development, or even part of the deal with the developers who are building at this location.

That being the case it can also be planned in such that it has minimal impact on the proposed new development and additionally without impacting any of the existing established housing developments and open spaces in Blackburn. These protected areas should have the backing and protection of the council for the benefit of the local residents and others as stated in this overall planning document for the whole area, this proposal impacts one of the more popular open areas within Blackburn. The change of use for R1 from a protected area also seems to go against the stated aims in other areas of this and other council documents in regard to open spaces access for the enjoyment of all.

Allotment users I'm sure would prefer a flatter location with the appropriate easy access and facilities, locating these within the OP1 means that these requirements can be better addressed at much lower costs with a well-designed facility for them to enjoy.

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## LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN PUBLIC COMMENT

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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.

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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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