

# 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 31 July 2020\*.

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

*\*UPDATE 16 June 2020: Consultation period was extended from 17 July 2020 for a further two-week period.*



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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 31 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):

Reference LDP 20221 NN

Modifications to proposed development on sites OP1 and OP2 (FR140, FR141a and FR 141b) with additional future sites with reserved status FR037a and FR104

Green belt land, development is unwanted and unrequired.

## Reason for change:

Reasons for change of these proposals is to have no housing built on green belt sites around Potterton and Belhelvie:

Potterton is a village of approx.400 houses with a close knit local community wishing to keep the village as it is. This village and Belhelvie does not have suitable infrastructure to support an increased population, with the subsequent increase in traffic, etc.

These proposed sites are on Greenbelt designated land. This would cause disruption to the peace and tranquillity of the village, destroying countryside areas and displacing many species of wildlife frequently seen in this area. Although the report states there would not be a loss in open space and paths, there would be an impact if the plan is to build on these open spaces. The report is contradictory to these facts.

There is a need for affordable housing in Aberdeen and shire, housing in Potterton is already affordable but often remaining unsold due to the increase of new builds in areas such as Bridge of Don. There are currently around 4500 residential properties for sale in Aberdeen city and shire, why build more housing in the current economic climate when property isn't selling in the area. Give people the opportunity to sell existing homes rather than develop in established small villages that are a pleasure to reside in.

There are plenty of brown belt sites in Aberdeen city and shire which would be suitable to build further housing without spoiling Potterton or similar villages. Consider using sites that contain unused commercial buildings, there are a large number of these lying empty.

According to the assessment of bid sites there is insufficient water capacity at Balmedie WWTW which will necessitate a growth project. The development could have a long term negative impact on climatic factors due to increased traffic and therefore increased emissions. It is stated in the report that "what gets developed will become part of the landscape"; how can a development of hundreds of new houses replace an unspoilt landscape of fields, hedgerows and woodland? The building work will be highly disruptive to the local community as Potterton will become a building site for the next few years which will also disrupt local wildlife.

The public transport links to Potterton are quite poor with only 1 bus per hour and only 4 buses on a Sunday. At peak times the bus can be very busy, with the potential of a few hundred additional families in the village the transport links will not be sufficient at all.

If this development goes ahead there will be a cost to those who already own homes in the village. The surge in new homes being built has made it difficult to sell existing homes, particularly for owners of traditional older properties in this area.

I appreciate the time taken to read this and hope you appreciate that Potterton does not wish to be yet another new build housing estate but wishes to remain a small, friendly community surrounded by green belt land.

# 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](mailto: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:

Being collected by Aberdeenshire Council	X
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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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