

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 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

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YOUR DETAILS

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Are you responding on behalf of another person? Yes No

If yes who are you representing?

Sandra Sim (Joint Response)

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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):

Complete removal of OP5, Oldmeldrum from the Aberdeenshire Local Development Plan Appendix 7c, Page 467

Reason for change:

- Until Sites OP1, OP2 & OP3 are developed and the impact of those increases in housing and people to Oldmeldrum's key facilities, traffic, public services and general welfare of community are captured and reviewed, no further developments should be considered nor approved, especially Site OP5.
- Adding the 146 homes in OP5 to the 199 homes already approved in OP1, OP2 and OP3 would lead to the erosion of the countryside landscapes and wildlife aspects of the Oldmeldrum village. Adding the 146 homes from OP5 on top of those from OP1, OP2 and OP3 would add approximately 1000 new residents to the village and would overwhelm all services. Removing OP5 in its entirety and only allowing OP1, OP2 and OP3 to be developed with allow the town to grow at a reasonable pace to further support local services and facilities, yet not suddenly overwhelming services, while still preserving the countryside settlement feel and charm.
- Development of OP5 would unnecessarily expand the town boundary to include unnecessary housing within the village on highly beneficial and fully useable green field/agricultural land. OP5 should be preserved as green field/agricultural land to both allow the fields' owner to raise/produce livestock as well as allow local wildlife to thrive to allow the countryside settlement feel and charm to remain. If the current owner does not wish to continue raise/produce livestock, then the current owner should sell to someone who does so this green field/agricultural land can remain.
- Development of OP5 would cause a significant increase in vehicle traffic and foot traffic. Currently only 7 residences use the Newbarns road to access the A947 and getting in and out of the Newbarns road is highly difficult at times as is. Adding another 146 homes, approximately 300 vehicles would create chaos on Newbarns road and A947 access on and off, especially during peak hours of traffic. This also holds true with access from Park Lane. Even if only half of OP5 was developed, there would be still be increased access difficulties while substantially adding unacceptable risks. There are extreme safety concerns that come with this increase in numbers especially due to the need to cross the A947 for services and children for school. Considering the two main factors with the high number increases in vehicle and foot traffic, OP5 inclusion substantially increases the

risk for vehicle accidents and pedestrian collisions/fatalities, which make this site unacceptable for development.

- OP5 cannot be supported unless significant changes are made to the roadways (A947, Park Lane, Newbarns) with new lights and crosswalks and new road markings would be required on Park Lane the public part of Newbarns to eliminate roadside parking near to/approaching the A947. Roundabouts or mini-roundabouts will not suffice.

- Permanent police and fire rescue presence would be required in Oldmeldrum with any increase in housing within Oldmeldrum; not on-call/stand-by services or services based out of Inverurie. Additionally, Meldrum Academy would need to be expanded to accommodate new students. We are of the understanding that none of these can be done at this time or anytime in the near future, nor do we see these being funded in the near future, OP5 should be removed from consideration. Expansion of the Academy, public services and private commercial businesses all need to be in place prior to considering any developments added in the 2020 Development Plan.

- No proof has been provided to all the current residents of Oldmeldrum that there is a demand for more housing within the town beyond what was already approved prior to the Proposed Local Development Plan.

- No proof has been provided to all the current residents of Oldmeldrum that there is a demand for more retail beyond what currently exists.

- We did not have our home at 8 Newbarns built so we could look on to the side or back of other houses. Neither were the houses of 6 & 7 Newbarns. These houses were built after a very long and difficult effort to get included in the local plan and was primarily accepted as it squared off the town boundary and had no real impact on green field as the owner was not using that part of the field for anything. That being said, when the area for 6, 7 & 8 Newbarns was adopted, it was stated by committee that there would be 'no further development in the green field area on that side of Oldmeldrum'. While we realize that time has moved on and there have been changes within the Planning & Development offices, we fully expect that the statements made from the period of the 6, 7 & 8 Newbarns adoption be honoured, and that no development will take place on OP5.

- Red Squirrels have been seen on OP5 and as they are considered endangered in parts of the UK, development on these sites would damage natural habitats for the Red Squirrel and other beneficial wildlife. Development of OP5 would also damage the surrounding countryside's natural habitats for the indigenous wildlife and therefore destroy one of the distinctive features of this part of the village. Therefore, we do not see how OP5 can be included or developed.

In conclusion, we see no reason which justifies the inclusion of OP5 in the Proposed Aberdeenshire Local Development Plan and recommend that site OP5 be removed in its entirety.

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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).

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