## 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 <u>ldp@aberdeenshire.gov.uk</u> 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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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 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

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:            | Mr                         |
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| 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):

Policy PR1.6 related to open space might suggest that any development at Harlaw Park, Inverurie, would only be in exceptional circumstances and would be in the development of essential community infrastructure. This wording would significantly impact on the potential for Inverurie Loco Works FC to complete improvements of the existing facilities or development of any part of Harlaw Park for the future benefit of the club. The words exceptional and essential community infrastructure should be removed from the wording in relation to open space. PR1.6 also refers to important areas of open space. Harlaw Park is surrounded by a fence, on two sides by two sites of business and industrial premises and by two busy roads and should not be considered an Open Space.

#### Reason for change:

Harlaw Park is a community owned private football ground with associated facilities located behind secure fencing to which the public have no general access.

In the current 2017 Local Development Plan Harlaw Road and Harlaw Park are allocated for a mixed-use development, I understand the Council however have given little opportunity for this to happen. Aberdeenshire Council I understand have delayed and deferred any other development opportunity for over two years whist they considered the relocation of their new headquarters building to this site. Indeed, it is only recently that the existing Health Centre has become vacant and derelict so the overall masterplan can begin to develop. It is therefore premature for Aberdeenshire Council to consider a significant departure to their current Local Development Plan and reallocate the site.

In addition to the comments on Policy PR1.6 above, it also refers to the decisions having been made based on the Open Space Audit. This audit has not been made available to the public, nor to the Councillors when arriving at the zoning and allocations, and when the Local Development Team have been questioned on its availability they advise that is based on a 2010 open space audit which has been updated. This has not been made public and any 2010 audit does not take into account the large areas of land, in excess of 130 acres having been made available at Uryside Park.

The Open Space Audit confirms that Inverurie is '*well provided with sports areas relative to other types of open space*". This is 65% compared to the Aberdeenshire average of 13%, although this will change with the addition of Uryside Park. There is no need to include Harlaw Park as a protected area.

Appendix 10 of Standards for Open Space in relation to organised sports facilities recommend 1 adult football and rugby pitch or 1,000m2 of multi-use area per 1,000 – 5,000 head of population. There are 14 grass football pitches already in Inverurie, 1 No 3G pitch at Garioch Sports Centre and 1 No proposed for the new Inverurie Campus. As

such there are adequate facilities and provision for football pitches within the community significantly in excess of the Appendix 10 standards, and the protection of Harlaw Park is therefore not required.

It has been suggested via the Inverurie Community Council that Aberdeenshire Council has allocated it as a protected zone to ensure consistency of the policy across Aberdeenshire, However the 2017 Plan already had Turriff, Huntly and Fraserburgh as protected areas.

Other Highland League Clubs within Aberdeenshire. Banff ( Deveronvale FC ) does not have protected status in the 2020 Plan, nor does Pitmedden ( Formartine FC ). I would ask that the P19 protected status for Harlaw Park and the grounds be removed form the Local Development Plan and that the site be reverted to either white land or to retain their current Master Plan Developed Area.

Furthermore, the policy governing infill developments within settlements provides for sites which can contribute to housing and employment land requirements. Given the site is adjacent to the Town Centre, existing residential and employment uses, surely it would be more appropriate to retain the existing zoning to allow the site to fulfil its objective in terms of this policy.

Inverurie Loco Works FC have openly shared their aspirations to relocate to a larger facility. Their existing playing surface is one of the smallest playing surfaces in the Highland League, and with the boundaries constrained on all four sides there us little opportunity to expand this playing surface. Relocation must remain an option.

To allow relocation, the existing site would require to be developed.

### PRIVACY NOTICE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN PUBLIC COMMENT

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

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 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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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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