

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 17 July 2020.

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



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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

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Are you happy to receive future correspondence only by email? Yes

Are you responding on behalf of another person? Yes

If yes who are you representing?

WESTHILL AND ELRICK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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):

Strategic Environmental Assessment of New Allocated sites and alternative Bid Sites-Garioch

Appendix 7D Garioch Settlement statements Westhill page 620 Protected lands - Green Belt

Appendix 04 Boundaries of the Green Belt map 4

Reason for change:

Strategic Environmental Assessment of New allocated Sites and Alternative Bid sites -Garioch

Westhill & Elrick Community Council (WECC) are satisfied with the three preferred allocated sites identified in the proposed LDP which represents the Council's 'settled view' of what should be adopted : OP1 Strawberry Field Road, OP2 Burnland and OP3 the former Blockworks site. WECC is also supportive of the sites that were not accepted for the LDP and as such would expect that the planning authority would also adopt this position. The inclusion of the 63 affordable homes at the former blockworks site (OP3) is welcomed as it is felt that there is an increasing need for low cost housing due to the north east changing demographics and economy of the area. It has also been mentioned at several of the WECC meetings that there is a lack of both sheltered housing and bungalows in Westhill.

WECC members are concerned that developers will appeal against their proposed sites not being included in the 'preferred sites' of the proposed LDP and will at some point put in further planning applications overruling the LDP particularly as its life span now has been extended to a 10 year period. WECC is also concerned that further large-scale developments will be forthcoming for planning approval particularly along the A944 corridor. This type of ribbon development would be a threat to the further coalescence between Westhill and Kingswells. Forward 4 states that ' This Plan will direct decision-making on all land-use issues and planning applications in Aberdeenshire and will be used for determining planning applications. Only in exceptional circumstances and with overriding material considerations, will we make decisions that do not follow the policies and land allocations in this Plan'

WECC members are aware that there is no guarantee that planning policies will be the deciding factor in every planning application, however as stated in Scottish Planning policy it is about '**the right development in the right place**'

Appendix 7d settlement statements-Garioch

In the Protected Land settlement statements there is no specific mention of the Green Belt although it is clearly shown on Page 624 that Westhill is surrounded by Green Belt to the east (also shown on Appendix 04 Green Belt map 4). The Green Belt allocation in the LDP fails to protect large areas of Westhill both to the west and the north. If the Green Belt were extended around Westhill it would make sure that any future developments would be directed to the most appropriate location and also protect Westhill, Kirkton of Skene, Garlogie and Wester Ord as distinct and discrete communities.

Under services and infrastructure p 622

- Development is required to upgrade footpaths and cycle pathways -this was an area that was identified in a recent road transport questionnaire that WECC completed for Aberdeenshire Council/Nestrans. There were numerous concerns over the poor condition of both the footpaths and cycle tracks around the area. WECC's ambition is to have a circular path network around Westhill and into the countryside, as well as good routes through it.
- There are concerns about the amount of traffic leaving the AWPR roundabout now going towards Westhill and the amount of traffic that will increase once the 20,000-seater Aberdeen Football Stadium/training grounds are completed at Kingsford which is less than a mile from Westhill's boundary with Aberdeen.
- WECC would like to see the establishment of a Community Action Plan to allow the future developments in Westhill to be community led rather than developer led.

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LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN PUBLIC COMMENT

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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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