

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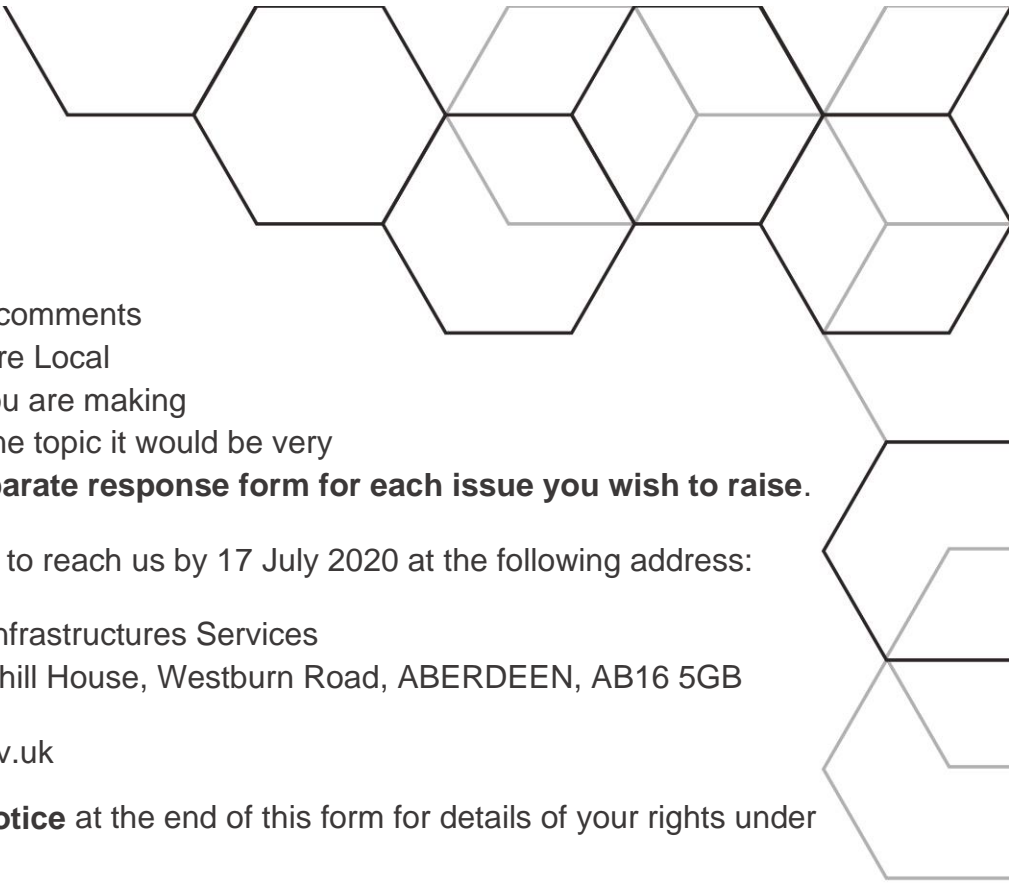
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Please use this form to make comments on the Proposed Aberdeenshire Local Development Plan 2020. If you are making comments about more than one topic it would be very helpful if you could fill in **a separate response form for each issue you wish to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

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
First Name:	John
Surname:	Mayhew
Date:	31 July 2020
Postal Address:	The Association for the Protection of Rural Scotland [REDACTED]
Postcode:	[REDACTED]
Telephone Number:	[REDACTED]
Email:	[REDACTED]

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?

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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):

Section 5 p19 para 5.14	Remove reference to Potterton
Section 7 p31 para R1.1	Add more positive wording promoting benefits of Green Belts
Section 8 p44 map	Remove Potterton housing land allocation
Appendix 4 p115	Add more positive wording promoting benefits of Green Belts
Appendix 4 p119 Map 3	Reinstate current Green Belt boundaries around Potterton and consider widening Green Belt to the north
Appendix 6 p169 Table 2	Remove Potterton sites OP1 and OP2
Appendix 7C p476	Delete references to sites OP1 and OP2
Appendix 7C pp478-479	Delete entirely

Reason for change:

The Association for the Protection of Rural Scotland – APRS Green Belts Alliance

APRS has long called for stronger protection for Scotland's Green Belts, which provide significant social and environmental benefits for people in our towns, cities and villages. We have recently established the APRS Green Belts Alliance to bring together community groups from across Scotland for mutual support and to promote the value of Green Belts.

Benefits of Green Belts

Green Belts are important nationally important resources which protect and enhance the landscape setting of towns and cities and prevent them from merging, direct growth to appropriate locations and provide access to open space. They often include other important designations to protect landscape, nature, informal outdoor recreation and cultural heritage. In addition to these planning roles, Green Belts provide many important benefits to people's quality of life and well-being. They contribute to tackling the climate emergency, through storing carbon in soils and woods. They contain significant areas of prime agricultural land, important for home-grown food production, and of semi-natural woodland, valuable for carbon storage. They can provide havens for wildlife, so can help to tackle the nature crisis. Green Belts have great potential to do even more to tackle the climate emergency and the nature crisis and to promote home-grown food, outdoor education and recreation.

Public Support for Green Belts

The purposes and benefits of Green Belts are widely understood and supported by the general public. In a poll of Scottish residents carried out for APRS by [REDACTED] in June 2017, 74.6% of those who expressed an opinion agreed that "All Green Belt land in Scotland should have stronger protection from building development". During the coronavirus pandemic many people have realised how much they value their local green

spaces for the mental and physical health benefits derived from walking and cycling. All green spaces provide these benefits, but Green Belts are particularly important for this as they provide access to local countryside for urban populations, especially for disadvantaged communities with little other access to open space.

Positive Framing of Green Belts

For all these reasons, the LDP should introduce much more positive wording in Section 7 and Appendix 4, promoting the multiple benefits of the Green Belt rather than framing it predominantly in terms of negative restrictions. It should also consider widening the Green Belt in key locations to provide more robust protection from development.

Potterton

In particular the proposed OP1 and OP2 housing sites at Potterton should be removed and the land concerned should be retained as Green Belt. These sites are excessively large in relation to the size of the existing village, so would have a significant adverse affect on its current rural character. The sites would be accessed by narrow rural roads which would be unable to cope with the associated increase in traffic. They are prone to flooding – the LDP itself admits that surface water affects large parts of the sites – and there is insufficient capacity at the local waste water treatment works.

It is possible that these sites may have come about due to the erroneous way in which Appendix 6 Table 2 implies that Potterton lies within the Aberdeen – Peterhead Strategic Growth Area, whereas Appendix 7C p476 makes it entirely clear that Potterton is outwith the SGA.

The Green Belt looks perilously narrow in the Potterton area; it does not even fully encircle the village. Rather than reducing the Green Belt's effectiveness still further by allocating large sites for housing, the LDP should therefore seriously consider strengthening it instead by extending it to the north towards Belhelvie.

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Your name and respondent identification number (provided to you by Aberdeenshire Council on receipt of your

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