

# 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)

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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?

Deeside Climate Action Network

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):

Appendix 7 f- Settlement Statements- Marr: Torphins, Banchory, Lumphanan, Aboyne, Tarland, Ballater

Need for commitments to improve provision for paths and cycleway networks to link settlements.

## Reason for change:

This response is submitted on behalf of Deeside Climate Action Network, a local action group supported by approx 50 local residents of Banchory and other communities on Deeside (Torphins, Aboyne, Tarland etc). Our website is <http://deesidecan.org.uk/>

The high level Purpose of the LDP features these specific statements

- *To take on the challenges of sustainable development and climate change*
- *To promote the creation of green-blue networks within and between settlements*
- *To make efficient use of the transport network, reduce the need to travel and promote walking, cycling...etc*

In the LDP Introduction and Policies section, 3.13, the statement is made:  
The LDP.... helps promote Aberdeenshire as 'an area that reduces the need to travel, reduces reliance on private cars and promotes safe and convenient active travel opportunities.'

However there is seemingly nowhere in the Plan a commitment to specifically improve such provision, unless as a part of new housing development.

Yet the Council's own Local Transport Strategy, dated 2012, has a Vision which states that it:

'will be innovative in its approach, exploring new technologies and processes to increase the carbon efficiencies of our journeys and support sustainable and active travel.'

And the Council's 'Walking and Cycling Action Plan', dated 2009, has Objectives that include:

- To improve the safety of walking and cycling in Aberdeenshire, and contribute to national road safety targets;
- To promote walking and cycling as alternative transport modes, particularly for short trips; and

- To encourage and facilitate walking and cycling as leisure and tourist activities to provide benefits to health and the local economy.

It is also significant that the rapid rise in the use of e-bikes since the formulation of these Strategies and Plans adds another and very important dimension to the need for improved provision for cycling. E-bikes are even more efficient than conventional cycles for personal transport (actually 1000 times more energy efficient). In addition, Aberdeenshire is a hilly region, and e-bikes enable many more people to use this form of transport to undertake many more journeys that may have been deemed impracticable before, for commuting, shopping and recreation.

The Scottish Government's statement in May 2019 re the Climate Emergency demonstrated the urgent need to reduce our collective carbon footprint, and indeed many specific commitments to improve the provision of e-bikes.

In Torphins, the Paths Group have undertaken significant work to seek to create proper walking/cycling paths, in particular between Torphins and Banchory. The Torphins Paths Group propose multi-use paths connecting from Torphins to the town of Banchory and to the village of Lumphanan. Proposed routes have been defined in a formal feasibility study. These routes offer a connection for active travel, health and wellbeing, and environmental appreciation.

The new Lumphanan Paths Group has plans to open up the connection to Tarland, thus making a new circular route possible from the Deeside Way in Banchory via Torphins, Lumphanan and Tarland to the Deeside Way in Aboyne.

Similar paths development initiatives exist in Banchory (Banchory Paths Association) Aboyne (Aboyne Paths and Tracks Group) and elsewhere in Deeside eg. the Outdoor Access Trust for Scotland (OATS).

We request that specific support is provided to enable these plans to be implemented during the period of the 2020 LDP.

The LDP is the main planning document that will govern Aberdeenshire's development over the next 5 years, and we urge the Council to add commitments to implement this vision into this 2020 LDP.

We are making these comments in the context of changes in legislative and strategic decisions made by the Scottish Government and Aberdeenshire Council **since the last Strategic Plan was approved and since the current LDP process was initiated.** In view of this, we therefore request that these aspects of the development be urgently re-considered.

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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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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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