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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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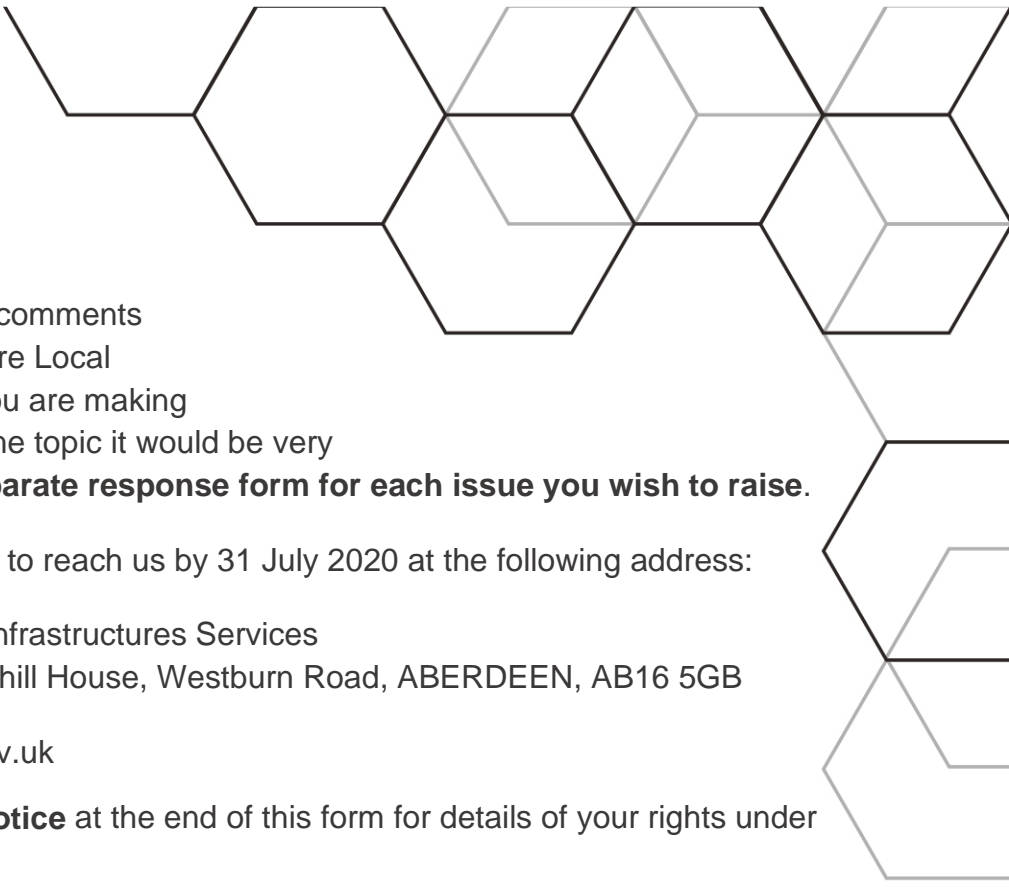
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Please use this form to make comments on the Proposed Aberdeenshire Local Development Plan 2020. If you are making comments about more than one topic it would be very helpful if you could fill in a **separate response form for each issue you wish to 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:	Gypsy/Traveller Liaison Officer
First Name:	Di
Surname:	Faithfull
Date:	29 th July 2020
Postal Address:	[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?

The Gypsy/Traveller community

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):

SECTION 8 SHAPING HOMES AND HOUSING

Reason for change:

*Other models of housing provision, such as self-build or co-housing (where intentional communities are provided for, created, and run by their residents) are also promoted – Does this include the provision of accommodation suitable for Gypsy/Travellers, in particular privately run sites which would be 'provided for, created, and run by their residents'? If so, then this should be identified and promoted in the plan to manage expectations of the local community when a Traveller submits a planning application for a private site and planners should be more accommodating, supportive and sympathetic to such applications, rather than putting obstacles in the way of the applicants. This would contribute to *the balance and mix of uses, and the type and affordability of housing.**

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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.

Email: dataprotection@aberdeenshire.gov.uk

Your information is being collected to use for the following purposes:

- 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.

Your information is:

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Your information will be shared with the following recipients or categories of recipient:

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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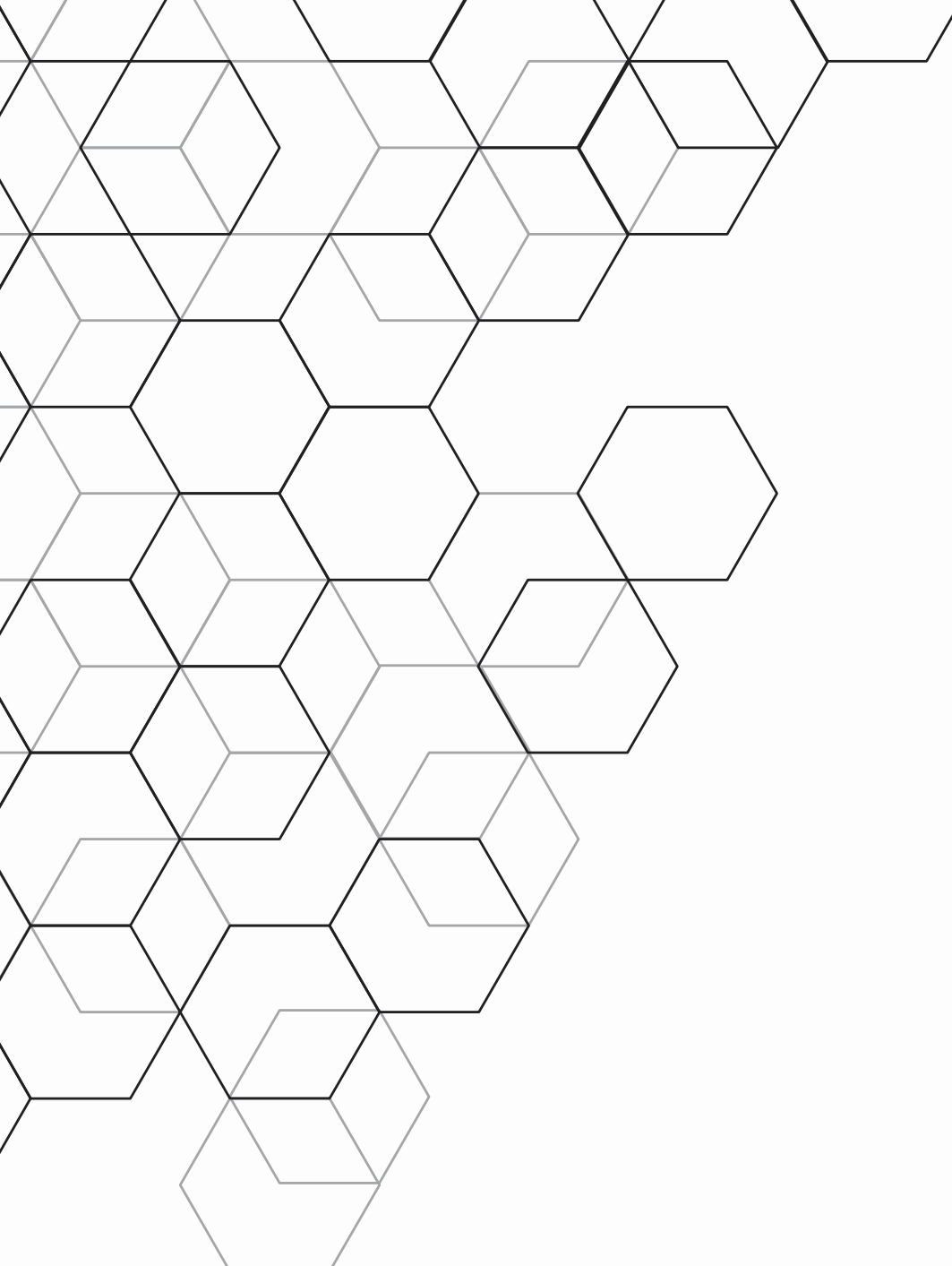
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 - (i) Consent; or
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HOUSING ISSUES 2040 FOR G/Ts

Whilst recently helping G/T families the main issues are as follows:

Getting **rented accommodation** is nigh impossible:

- Require utility bill and/or council tax bill
- Require a bank statement to show earnings – G/Ts self-employed with erratic income especially over winter months when outdoor jobs not as available and some want a bank reference
- Need a reference from previous landlord – only references they can get are from Traveller sites some from commercial sites
- Once the landlord knows they are Travellers then there is always some excuse, i.e. given to someone else, had problems with Travellers in the past. I have tried unsuccessfully on one family's behalf for 4 rented properties without success
- Double whammy if they are in receipt of benefits
- Not eligible for a lot of properties as they usually have pets, i.e. dogs
- Cost of rented property is far more expensive than what they will receive in benefits
- Believe council properties cheaper but also nigh impossible to get
- Some G/Ts prefer to live out in the country areas with no neighbours as have had discrimination in the past from neighbours, i.e. property vandalised such as cars, vans with graffiti sprayed or written on them once neighbours know they are G/T

Getting **council accommodation** is also very difficult:

- Need to have lived in the area for a certain amount of time
- Need to have family who have lived in the area for a certain amount of time
- Highly unlikely to get accommodation unless they have high medical points
- Difficult to get emergency accommodation unless they go homeless. Some have tried the homeless hostel in Peterhead and have had to leave and come to Aikey Brae to stay in their caravans. I believe there should be an option for G/Ts to have caravan accommodation or stay somewhere like Aikey with rent paid if they need to go homeless.
- Affects mental health of G/Ts being in a house and quite a few who have council accommodation go back out on the road and get accommodation taken back off them as they are on the road “shifting” for too long
- Require larger properties due to larger size of families and a lot of councils do not have properties large enough and G/Ts have to apply to housing associations and live in cramped conditions whilst waiting for something to become available
- Whilst out on the road they are paying rent on both places, i.e. house and caravan site
- Again, issue of number of pets especially dogs and frightened they will be evicted if dogs bark too much, and this is why some prefer to be on country properties with no neighbours

Most G/Ts I have spoken to even if they are happy with the houses they are living in, would prefer to be on their own land with other family members. Not large sites. Larger sites mean possible issues with other G/Ts.

Barriers for this option:

- Cost of land
- Suitability of land, i.e. drainage, etc.
- Prohibitive cost of accessing services such as water, electric, etc and having to deal with these companies as some G/Ts have issues with literacy
- Have to get an agent who is happy to work with G/Ts
- Planning permission - local councils seem to make G/Ts jump through hoops, i.e. build large fences around their sites as if they are something which should be hidden away when they want to enjoy the country views
- Neighbours always try to block planning permission and put in a lot of complaints, not always true or valid ones believing it will lower the price of their houses/land
- Waste a lot of money going back and fore to court over disputes
- Difficulty in getting a loan to buy land and afford to get a family site although families try to pool resources to buy land as mentioned before being self-employed makes it difficult
- It is a very stressful time for the whole family

The main issue is there are not enough sites for G/Ts to live in all year round as commercial ones close over winter.

Possible solutions:

- Local councils to buy plots of land and supply services such as water, electric, etc. with the aid of planning department and G/Ts pay rent on this land so council recoups money spent on land in the same way as council housing in partnership with G/Ts
- Provide incentives as with new houses for buying land
- Use land not currently being used by the local councils to turn into more sites or buildings no longer used, which could be knocked down on land with services which could be developed into a site, old schools, etc.

There have been plenty of questionnaires and surveys and G/Ts just want to see some action not more consultation. There are not nearly enough sites provided by the local authorities and the Government's extra 2 million which translates into approx. £170,000 for Aberdeenshire will not provide much but maybe able to buy some suitable plots of land in conjunction with planning service and supply utility services which may help some G/Ts. Local councils have to think outside of the box for G/Ts if they really want to improve health, education, etc. for G/Ts as per the G/T Action Plan 2019.