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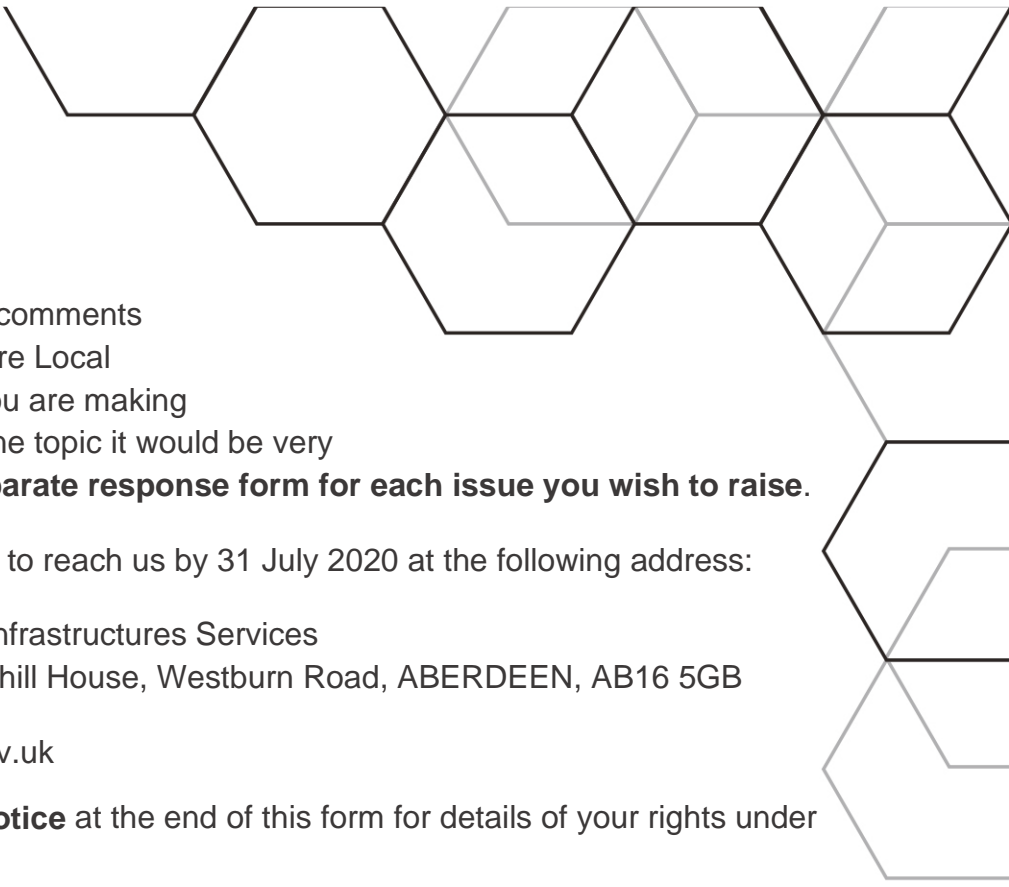
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Please use this form to make comments on the Proposed Aberdeenshire Local Development Plan 2020. If you are making comments about more than one topic it would be very helpful if you could fill in a **separate response form for each issue you wish to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

Policy H5 Gypsy/Travellers

Reason for change:

Section	Comment
H5.1 Specific Gypsy/Travellers sites have been identified in the Settlement Statements to meet an identified need and to provide certainty to both Gypsy/Travellers, and the settled community.	There have been no new sites identified in the Local Development Plan and those sites which have been identified have not yet been developed, despite the identified need for a mix of provision through various research. (Grampian Gypsy/Traveller Accommodation Needs Assessment 2017) It is also my understanding the sites would not necessarily be permanent and one has been identified as one which would physically move location as building progressed on a particular site. This does not appear to be a satisfactory solution to accommodation needs, consistency and stability for the Gypsy/Traveller community
H5.2 We will generally approve permanent sites, transit sites or stopping places for Gypsy/ Travellers on sites allocated for that purpose in the Plan, or on unallocated sites where there is a proven need subject to other policies. Developers of private Gypsy/Travellers sites for their own use do not have to prove a specific need for their proposals but the proposals will still need to meet the remaining policy tests.	It has not been straightforward to gain planning approval for any sites to date. Travellers appear to have to 'jump through hoops' to get approval for sites and do not often get the support of Councillors, even though they do meet the requirements relating to water and waste disposal etc. The provision of Travellers sites, in a mix, would contribute to ' <i>the balance and mix of uses, and the type and affordability of housing.</i> ', with affordable and appropriate housing accommodation for Travellers.
H5.3 Proposals must also provide a secure environment and essential services (in the case of transit sites or stopping places: water connection, refuse facilities and portable toilets), and allow reasonable access to employment, education and other community infrastructure, and the main road network.	It would be helpful if facilities on sites could be of a higher specification, particularly in the light of the pandemic and health and safety considerations. There are concerns about shared access to water. Higher specification facilities may make transit and stopover sites more attractive to Gypsy/Travellers and reduce the number of unauthorised encampments and contribute positively to the

	health, well-being and education outcomes of Gypsy/Travellers.
<p>Garioch Settlements</p> <p>OP14: Land Northeast of Thainstone Roundabout (A halting site for gypsy/travellers and/or employment land) – Previously safeguarded for business uses (BUS6) in the LDP 2017.</p>	<p>Although this will contribute to meeting long-term need, it is unlikely to meet need in the short to medium term. There remains a need for more immediate provision. (Grampian Gypsy/Traveller Accommodation Needs Assessment 2017) commended this approach to meeting need but recommended that this approach should be strengthened. There is no definite timescale for the provision of the site.</p>
<p>Formartine Settlements</p> <p>OP1 Land at Blackdog (600 homes, 4ha employment land and 7ha strategic reserve)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The site is being carried forward from the LDP 2017 • There is an approved masterplan on the site • Planning permission exists on the site <p>Balmacassie</p> <p>OP4: Balmacassie (29ha employment land)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Previously allocated as OP4 and safeguarded for strategic reserve land (SR1) in the LDP 2017. 	<p>Is the provision of a Gypsy/Traveller site still included in the LDP as there is no specific mention of it? Does the site being carried forward from the LDP 2017 cover the provision of a Gypsy/Traveller site? If it is no longer to be provided in any shape or form, on what basis has this decision been taken?</p> <p>Is the provision of a Gypsy/Traveller site still included in the LDP as there is no specific reference made? As it was '<i>previously allocated as OP4 and safeguarded for strategic reserve land (SR1) in the LDP 2017</i>' does this mean the provision of a site remains in the LDP? There are no timescales for the provision of Gypsy/Traveller site. Does it depend on the development of the area/land?</p>
<p>Kincardine and Mearns Settlements</p> <p>Chapleton</p> <p>OP1: Chapleton (4045 homes, 11.5 ha employment land and 11 ha strategic reserve)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A halting site for Gypsy/Travellers should be provided within the employment land 	<p>Although this will contribute to meeting long-term need, it is unlikely to meet need in the short to medium term. There remains a need for more immediate provision. (Grampian Gypsy/Traveller Accommodation Needs Assessment 2017) commended this approach to meeting need but recommended that this approach should be strengthened. There are no timescales for the provision of Gypsy/Traveller site. Does it depend on the development of the area/land?</p>

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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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It is a Statutory Obligation under Section 18 of the Town and Country (Scotland) Act 1997, as amended, for Aberdeenshire Council to prepare and publish a Proposed Local Development plan on which representations must be made to the planning authority within a prescribed period of time. Failure to provide details requested in the 'Your Details' section of this form will result in Aberdeenshire Council being unable to accept your representation.

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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Not applicable.

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