

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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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

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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 6- Housing Land Allocations

The overall allocations in Appendix 6 should be reviewed and revised substantially downward to take into account the enormous change in strategic requirement since the publication of the 2014 Strategic Development Plan- the document on which the LDP 2021 is based.

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 majority of the content of the LDP 2020 is concerned with provision of housing. The amount of housing forecast to be required is based on the Strategic Development Plan 2014, (SDP2014) which in turn is based on the Housing Needs Assessment 2011, (HNA2011) which in turn is largely based on statistics from the period 2000-2009.

We consider that given the enormous changes in the underlying economy of Aberdeenshire and Aberdeen city that have taken place over the past 2-3 years, the basis of the LDP is now obsolete, and that housing requirements should not be set for the period 2021-2032 until a proper revision is undertaken based on valid and current data.

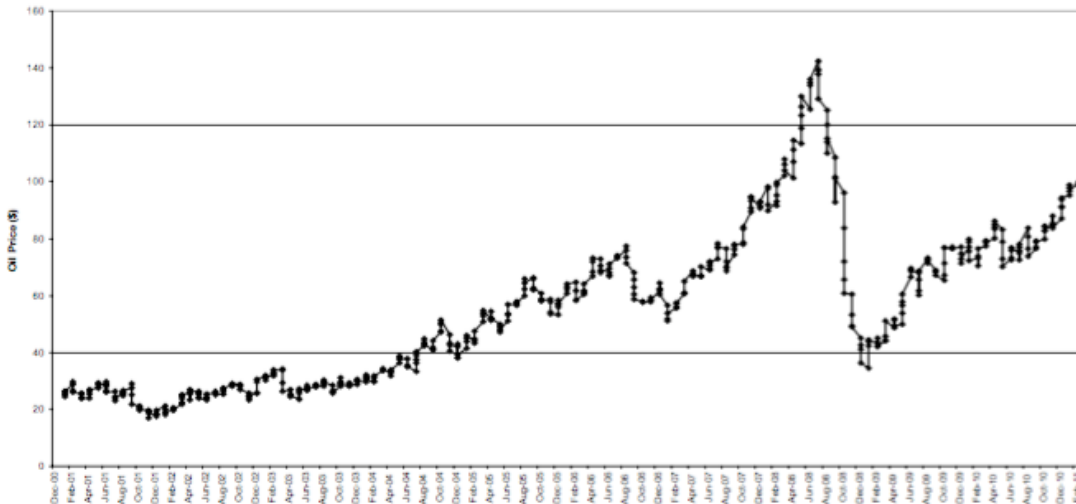
Thus the numbers in Appendix 6, the Housing Land Allocations, as distributed across the various settlements in Appendix 7, are now inappropriate and will result in oversupply of housing. This will damage the local housing market, (many properties remain unsold for years already) and will result in:

- damage to habitats,
- reduced biodiversity,
- loss of agricultural land,
- disruption of communities
- etc.

With the Aberdeenshire economy being substantially dependent on the fortunes of the oil & gas industry, it is most pertinent to compare the trend seen in the below chart, as used in HNA11, of the Brent oil price, which showed an upward recovery curve after the 2009 price shock. This (unsurprisingly) contributed to the optimistic activity and housing needs growth forecast in the HNA2011 and then SDP2014.

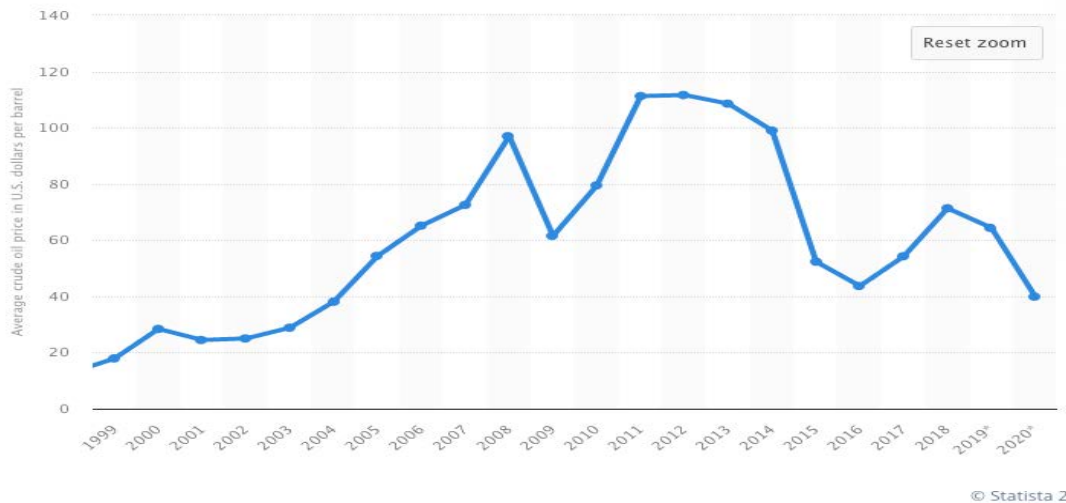
See below:

Figure 2.6: Brent Crude Oil Price (January 2001 – February 2011)



Source: US energy Information Administration (www.eia.doe.gov)

However, if we now look at the actual oil price since the HNA2011 publication, we see this situation.



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This correlates with the overall decline in O&G related activity, employment etc through the period since 2011, with the modest price and activity recovery in 2018, and steady decline since. This does not include the covid-19 related negative price period in spring 2020, but price is unlikely to get to \$70 plus again according to forecasts, and O&G majors have suspended many oilfield developments.

This trend is likely to continue as the overall investment appetite for O&G has turned negative. Renewable energy is increasingly attracting the most significant future investment, as a proper response to the climate emergency (as recognised by the Scottish government) is beginning to take place. Although Aberdeen City and Shire is benefitting slightly from the offshore renewables growth, it is very unlikely to replace the number and types of jobs and economic activity generated by O&G in the region since the 1980s; Scottish renewables work is mostly based in the Central Belt.

We are making these comments in the context of changes in the regional, national and global economy, and 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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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

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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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