

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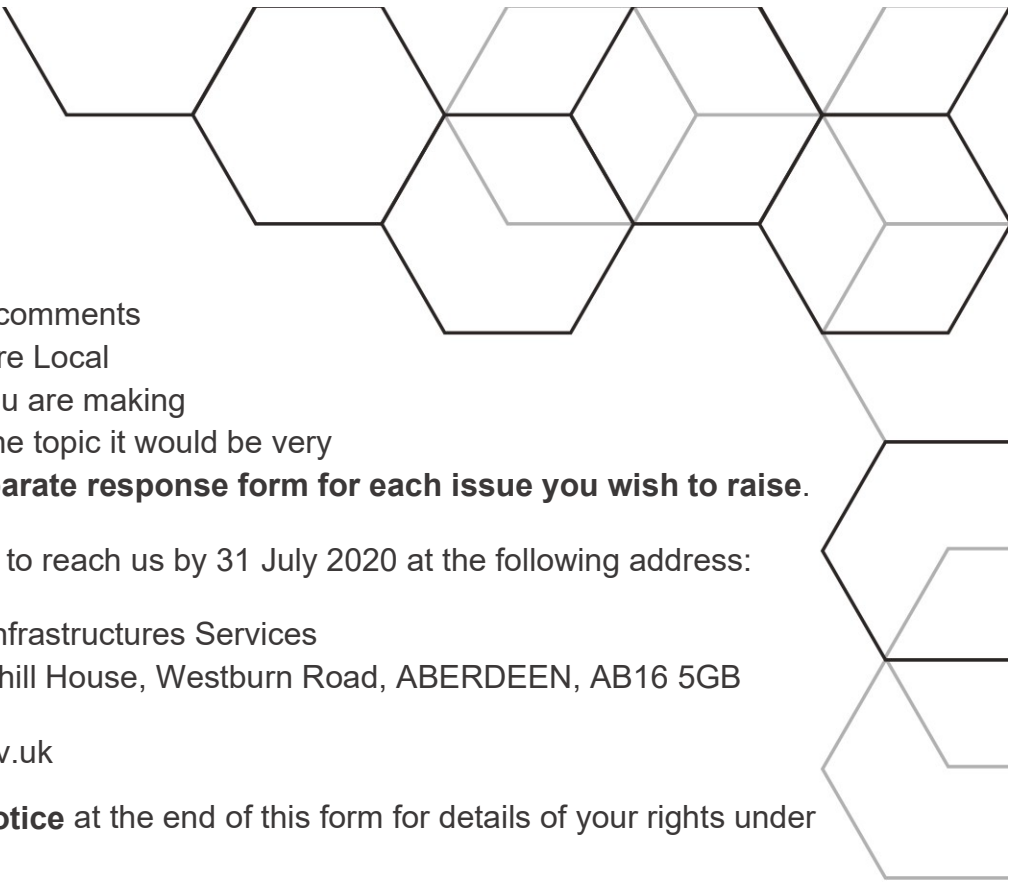
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Please use this form to make comments on the Proposed Aberdeenshire Local Development Plan 2020. If you are making comments about more than one topic it would be very helpful if you could fill in a **separate response form for each issue you wish to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

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Are you responding on behalf of another person? Yes No

If yes who are you representing?

Echt & Skene Community Council

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 7 Shaping Development in the Countryside

Modifications and Reasons for change:

Modification 1:

In paragraph R1.1 replace the first sentence with: "*Opportunities for development will be restricted in the green belt and coastal zone to small-scale development which reflects the special nature of these areas.*"

Reason: Without this change it could be inferred that small-scale development is restricted to the types set out in R1.2 but larger scale development is not. We don't believe this is, or should be, the intent.

Modification 2:

In paragraph R1.2 insert the word "*small-*" in front of "*scale*" in the fourth bullet point.

Reason: Without this addition it's unclear what scale of development would be deemed suitable. Inclusion of this word would be consistent with the intent of Policy R1.1.

Modification 3:

In paragraph R2.6 insert the words "*of brownfield sites*" immediately after "*small-scale development*" and delete the word "*brownfield*" from the last line so that the paragraph reads:

"*R2.6 We will permit small-scale development of brownfield sites that involves the conversion or replacement of redundant or derelict non-domestic building(s) or the redevelopment of vacant land.*"

Reason: Without this change the paragraph could be used out of context to justify redevelopment of modern farm buildings or other non-domestic buildings that are specifically excluded from the definition of *brownfield* in the glossary.

Modification 4:

At the end of paragraph R2.7 add the following sentence: "*Employment proposals for larger brownfield sites should be promoted through allocation of an opportunity site in the Local Development Plan.*"

Reason: The common theme which runs through the whole of Section 7 is that development in rural areas should be small-scale. To ensure necessary infrastructure is put in place for employment uses of larger brownfield sites, and to allow a full consultation process takes place involving communities and neighbours, the development of such sites should be proposed via the LDP bid process. With the proposed modification to R2.7, there will be consistency between the treatment of larger scale employment proposals in the countryside, and larger housing developments (as set out in paragraph R2.9).

Modification 5:

In paragraph R2.19 insert a full stop after the word “*supported*”, delete the remainder of this paragraph and insert a new paragraph R2.20 so that they read:

“R2.19 In remote rural areas outwith settlements, small-scale employment proposals will be supported.”

R2.20 Employment proposals in both accessible and remote rural areas outwith settlements should be in keeping with the surroundings and should demonstrate that no other suitable site is available. The development must be located on a site that is safe to access via different modes of transport and proposals should demonstrate how the site could be accessed via footway/cycle infrastructure and/or public transport.”

Reason: The requirements for employment sites to be in keeping with surroundings, demonstrate there are no other suitable sites and be accessible by foot, bicycle and/or public transport should apply in all rural areas outwith settlements.

Glossary

Modification and Reason for change:

In the definition of “*Brownfield Development/Land/Sites*” delete the word “*being*” in the 9th line.

Reason: The meaning of brownfield could be misconstrued at present with the potential for a developer to argue that a disused agricultural hardstanding is not subject to the exclusion. This change will clarify that land used for storage purposes is not considered brownfield, whether or not it is still in use.

Appendix 7D Settlement Statements Garioch

Modifications and Reasons for change:

Site OP1 in Echt:

We don't support the inclusion of any allocated housing sites in Echt in the 2021 Local Development Plan.

Since 2012, 58 new homes have been built in Echt increasing the total number by 55% to 162. Adding a further 25 homes would mean an increase of 80% in the space of ten years. This is a very considerable increase for a small village in a short space of time and we feel the community should be allowed time to fully integrate before adding any more new households.

The education department forecast in 2017 that Echt Primary School would be over capacity in the early 2020's, but there is no space to increase the school's capacity on its current site to cater for an increase in pupil numbers from new housing in the village.

In addition, Echt is poorly served by public transport with only one scheduled service each way on weekday mornings and evenings, and none at weekends.

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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.

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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.

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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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