



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.

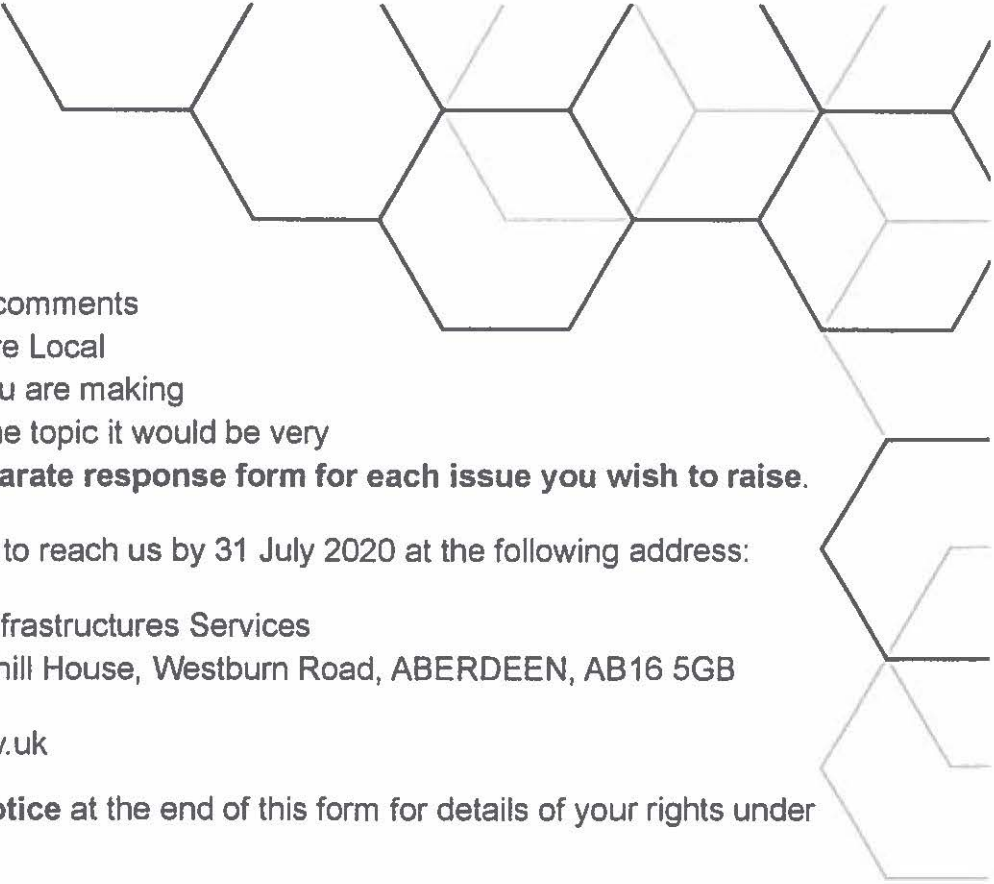
This is the only remaining opportunity to comment on the Proposed Plan. The reasons for any requested changes will be analysed and reported to Scottish Ministers. They will then appoint a person known as a Reporter to conduct a public examination of the Proposed Plan, focusing particularly on any unresolved 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.*



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 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?

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):

Delete the reference to the OP2 site in New Pitsligo in its entirety from Table : 3 Housing allocations in the RHMA and from the New Pitsligo settlement statement (Pages 340 - 343 of the LDP)

Reason for change:

This allocation entered the housing land audit in 1995 with a capacity of 10 houses. In the following quarter of a century this site has attracted absolutely no developer interest or any planning application.

It is obviously included in the long term constrained site schedule and has previously been deleted from the housing land audit because of its failure to deliver housing.

Contrary to the New Pitsligo settlement statement the OP2 allocation has a capacity of 10 houses and not 20 in the current adopted local development plan and the 2019 housing land audit.

The neighbouring OP1 site entered the audit in 1991 and similarly has attracted no developer interest or any planning application.

A third allocation in the current LDP for 10 houses also entered the housing land audit in 1995 and has not been carried forward into the emerging LDP because it also failed to attract any developer interest or any planning application.

Whatever else is clear from the protracted failure of any allocation in this settlement to deliver housing over the past 25 - 30 years is that demand for small scale development sites is non-existent. The promotion of a site with an increased capacity of 90 houses in such circumstances is wholly inappropriate and unjustifiable.

In one settlement three sites have been in the audit for between 25 and 30 years and not a single house has been delivered. There can be absolutely no basis or justification that might satisfy SPP to include this allocation in yet another LDP.