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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 <u>ldp@aberdeenshire.gov.uk</u> 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.

### YOUR DETAILS

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Are you happy to receive future correspondence only by email? Yes x No

Are you responding on behalf of another person? Yes X No

If yes who are you representing?

Various developers and landowners

Tick the box if you would like to subscribe to the Aberdeenshire LDP eNewsletter: x

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 contribution towards meeting the strategic allowances from the OP3 allocation in New Deer (Table 3 : Housing allocation in the Rural HMA, Appendix 6). Identify an alternative and effective allocation in the Local Growth Area of the Rural HMA or, if marketability constraints preclude the identification of such an allocation, in the Local Growth Area of the adjacent Aberdeen HMA where marketability constraints are not prevalent.

#### **Reason for change:**

This allocation came into the audit with a capacity of 40 houses in 2012 and is marketability constrained in the 2019 housing land audit. The site has not attracted and developer interest and no planning applications have been lodged to suggest that development may reasonably be anticipated.

It is one of three allocations proposed for New Deer. The OP1 allocation entered the audit in 2012. The OP2 allocation entered the audit in 2011. Since 1st January 2011 only a single house has been delivered from these two allocations with a combined capacity of 42 homes.

The OP1 site has a planning consent for 35 houses and there is evidence of a commitment to deliver housing on that site with further completions on the OP2 site between 2020 and 2026.

Given the historic lack of development on existing allocations over a protracted period it is considered likely that the OP1 and OP2 sites will meet demand in the settlement throughout the plan period leaving the OP3 site marketability constrained and unable to contribute 30 houses towards meeting the strategic allowance.

In the absence of any basis to support the confidence that this site can and will deliver housing in the relevant plan period necessary to satisfy SPP it should not contribute to meeting the strategic allowances.