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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.



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: Idp@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.

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 OP3 allocation in Rosehearty from Table 3: Housing Allocations in the Rural HMA and from the settlement statement on page 267 of the plan.

Reason for change:

SPP requires that the Planning Authority must be able to have confidence that all allocations are either effective or capable of becoming effective within the relevant plan period.

There must be an evidential basis to underpin the requirement of SPP. If, for example, a site was constrained due to absence of waste water treatment plant capacity but Scottish Water had made a funding commitment to increase the capacity of the plan within the plan period those circumstances would underpin the confidence necessary to satisfy SPP.

In the case of the proposed OP3 allocation the date of entry in the 2019 audit is given as 1990. This is incorrect. In the 2004 Housing Land Audit the OP3 allocation formed part of site reference B/RH/R/003 which straddled both sides of Cairnhill Road. This site has a planning history which stretches back to the 22nd June 1978 when an outline consent for 6 houses was granted. That consent expired but development did commence in 1999 and continued until 2012. Development was entirely located to the west of Cairnhill Road leaving the OP3 undeveloped.

The proposed OP3 allocation has been an identifiable residential development site for more than 40 years and despite obvious development activity on the western part of the site no interest has been shown in bringing forward houses on the eastern part of the site. Bearing in mind that the Planning Authority has moved to delete allocations which entered the audit in 2013 (in Aberchirder for example) there is no justification for retaining this site in the emerging LDP.