

# 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.

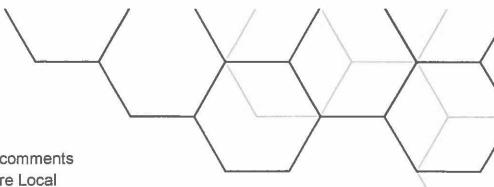
Ministers expect representations (or responses) to be concise (no more than 2000 words) and accompanied by limited supporting documents. It is important to ensure that all of the information that you wish to be considered is submitted during this consultation period as there is no further opportunity to provide information, unless specifically asked.

Please email comments to <a href="mailto:ldp@aberdeenshire.gov.uk">ldp@aberdeenshire.gov.uk</a> 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 the country of the co

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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

X

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 contribution of 30 houses to meeting the strategic allowances from the OP1 allocation in Whitehills (Table 3: Housing Allocations in the Rural HMA). Identify an alternative effective allocation in the Local Growth Area of the RHMA or, if marketability issues preclude identifying an alternative allocation, in the Local Growth Area of the Aberdeen HMA.

#### Reason for change:

The proposed OP1 allocation came into the housing land audit in 2013 with a capacity of 10 houses. It failed to deliver any housing during the relevant plan period.

By 2016 the capacity had been increased to 30 houses despite being marketability constrained and devoid of any developer interest.

The site is a badly located and highly visible 'backlands' development proposal which would be difficult to visually integrate with the existing settlement.

In the 8 years since the site entered the audit it has not attracted any developer interest and no planning application has been submitted to the Authority. To the south of this allocation a site for 15 houses was identified for development from the 1st January 2006. No interest was shown in that site and it was subsequently deleted from later LDPs.

The site, being marketability constrained in the 2019 audit, is not a competent candidate to contribute to meeting the strategic allowances and while it should remain as an allocation the allocation should not score against the strategic allowance because of its constrained status and the absence of any developer interest.