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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

Title:	Mr
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Date:	31st July 2020
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Postcode:	
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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 of the OP2 allocation in Fetterangus from contributing to meeting the strategic requirements in Table 3 : Housing allocations in the RHMA of Appendix 6. Identify an alternative and new 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.

Reason for change:

This allocation entered the audit in 2014 and was constrained on grounds of ownership in the 2019 housing land audit. The allocation has attracted no developer or any planning application since its entry into the audit.

The recruitment of constrained sites from the established supply and the repackaging of same as effective new allocations indicates a complete disregard for the provisions of SPP. There is no basis upon which the Planning Authority can express confidence that this allocation can or will deliver housing in the period between 2020 and 2032 given that the site has already failed to deliver housing in the relevant plan period of the Aberdeenshire LDP : 2012.

The OP3 allocation which may be more readily serviced because of its closer proximity to the VWVTP is more than adequate in scale and capacity to meet demand in this small rural settlement for the whole of the plan period. In such circumstances the OP2 allocation is likely to remain ownership constrained with the addition of a marketability constraint.