

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.*



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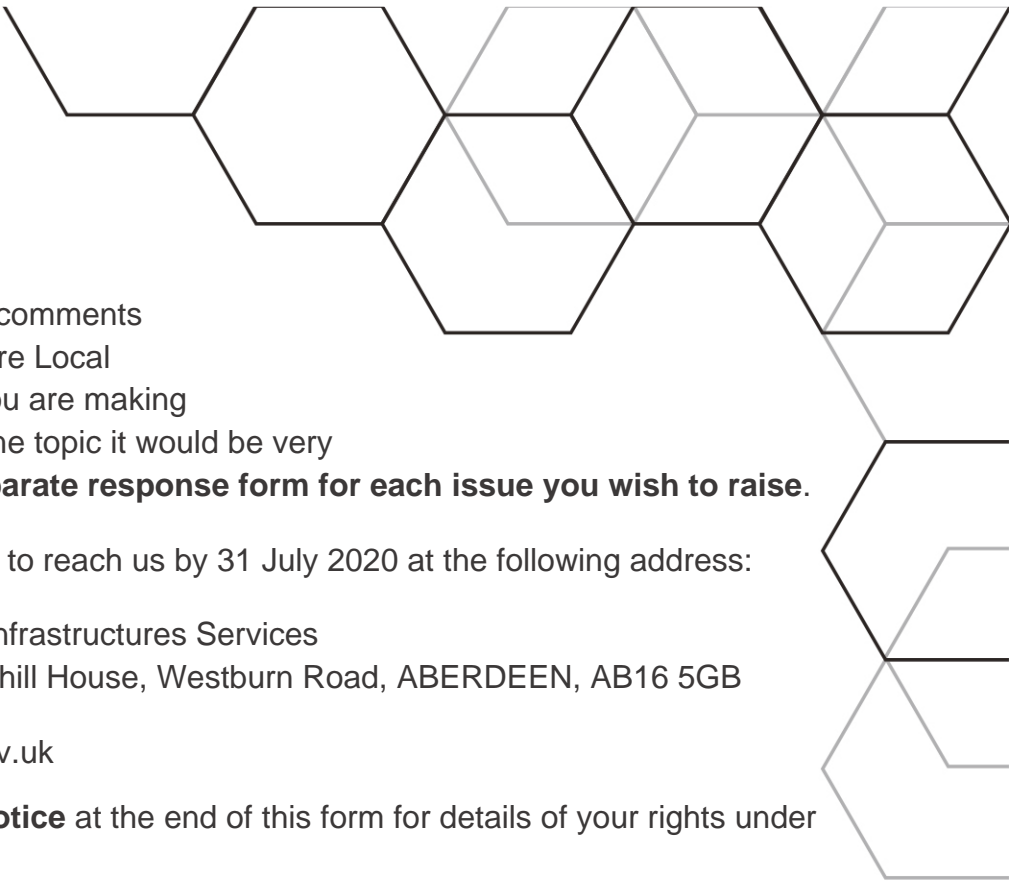
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Please use this form to make comments on the Proposed Aberdeenshire Local Development Plan 2020. If you are making comments about more than one topic it would be very helpful if you could fill in a **separate response form for each issue you wish to 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 No

Are you responding on behalf of another person? Yes No

If yes who are you representing?

N/A

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):

Policy E2

The following wording is recommended to improve clarity whilst maintaining the policy intent:

“E2.1 We will refuse development that causes unacceptable effects through its scale, location or design on key characteristics, natural landscape elements, features or the composition or quality of the landscape character as defined in the Landscape Character Assessments⁷ produced by Scottish Natural Heritage. These impacts can be either alone or cumulatively with other recent developments.

E2.2 Boundaries and qualifying criteria for Special Landscape Areas are identified in Appendix 13, Aberdeenshire Special Landscape Areas. Developments located within, or affecting, Special Landscape Areas will only be permitted if adverse effects of the development on the qualifying interests are outweighed by social, environmental or economic benefits of at least local importance.

E2.3 The Council may require a Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment (LVIA) to inform consideration of the landscape and visual effects arising from a proposed development.”

Reason for change:

It is submitted that the inclusion of the word historic in the first sentence of E2.1 should be omitted as it risks identified effects on heritage automatically also being treated as effects on landscape. It is submitted that impact on the historic landscape should be dealt with in the HE Policies.

It is submitted that the phrase 'should not otherwise significantly erode' is not a clear policy test and should be deleted from this policy.

With respect to landscape character, apart from the reference to 'characteristics' included in the third sentence there is no obvious distinction between the first sentence and the third of E2.1 given that the landscape character as defined in the SNH LCAs is the only clear description of the "*key natural landscape elements, features or the composition or quality of the landscape character*". It is submitted that the third sentence of E2.1 is not required.

The final sentence of E2.1 is unclear and requires revision. It is submitted that this sentence should be deleted and be better covered by E2.2 with the rest of the SLA policy.

Paragraph E2.2 describes the acceptability threshold, it is submitted that this could be worded more briefly for clarity. The requirement that adverse effects be 'clearly outweighed' by benefits is excessive – it should be sufficient that they are outweighed.

The final sentence, of E2.2 which deals with LVIA is considered to be non-sequitur and as drafted, carries no policy effect. It should either be amended to become E2.3 - noting that the Council may require LVIA for developments anticipated to have landscape and visual effects, or it should be omitted.

PRIVACY NOTICE

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN PUBLIC COMMENT

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The Data Protection Officer can be contacted at Town House, 34 Low Street, Banff, AB45 1AY.

Email: dataprotection@aberdeenshire.gov.uk

Your information is being collected to use for the following purposes:

- To provide public comment on the Aberdeenshire Local Development Plan. The data on the form will be used to inform Scottish Ministers and individual(s) appointed to examine the Proposed Local Development Plan 2020. It will inform the content of the Aberdeenshire Local Development Plan 2021.

Your information is:

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It is a Statutory Obligation under Section 18 of the Town and Country (Scotland) Act 1997, as amended, for Aberdeenshire Council to prepare and publish a Proposed Local Development plan on which representations must be made to the planning authority within a prescribed period of time. Failure to provide details requested in the 'Your Details' section of this form will result in Aberdeenshire Council being unable to accept your representation.

Your information will be shared with the following recipients or categories of recipient:

Members of the public are being given this final opportunity to comment on the Proposed Aberdeenshire Local Development Plan. The reasons for any changes that the Council receives will be analysed and reported to Scottish Ministers. They will then appoint a person to conduct a public examination of the Proposed Plan, focusing particularly on the unresolved issues raised and the changes sought.

Your name and respondent identification number (provided to you by Aberdeenshire Council on receipt of your

submission) will be published alongside a copy of your completed response on the Proposed Local Development Plan website (contact details and information that is deemed commercially sensitive will not be made available to the public).

In accordance with Regulation 22 of the Town and Country (Development Planning) (Scotland) Regulations 2008 where the appointed person determines that further representations should be made or further information should be provided by any person in connection with the examination of the Proposed Plan the appointed person may by notice request that person to make such further representations or to provide such further information.

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Not applicable.

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 - (ii) Performance of a Contract;
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