

# PROPOSED ABERDEENSHIRE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2020 RESPONSE FORM

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:

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# YOUR COMMENTS

PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS FORM REPLACES THE VERSION THAT I PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED, WHICH WAS AN DRAFT VERSION

**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):

**To drop the plan** for 11 dwelling houses in a field in Findon ('OP1')

**Reason for change:**

I suppose Aberdeenshire Council might assume that any arguments against this development might be simply a NIMBY response from local resident. But this is to ignore the reality that:

(a) local residents can still be objective, and furthermore are likely to be highly aware of the local circumstances.

(b) the proposed develop appears to be odds with the Council's stated objectives in the *Strategic Development Plan*. The objectives are excellent but, because of that, they should carefully applied. Yet the proposed development appears to ignore the Plan's objectives.

The proposed development of 11 houses in Findon is concerning, for several reasons. My responses to relevant parts of the *Proposed Aberdeenshire Local Development Plan 2020* are listed below.

SECTION 3

"3.4. The Framework obliges us to plan our communities to be pleasant places to live... We must protect and enhance [abundant natural resources]".

"3.13 This Local Development Plan help to promote Aberdeenshire as: An area where natural and cultural heritage are protected and enhanced"

But there is no obvious or logical way in which the proposed development could achieve these objectives. Indeed, the Plan appears to ignore them. Instead, it is likely that the existing village would be a less pleasant place to live for many, and that natural resources would be degraded. It is clear that the proposed development, on a *green field* site, cannot meet these objectives.

SECTON 4

"4.2 To promote substantiable mixed communities" in which any development is 'sympathetic to the needs of the community'. But it is difficult to see how this can be achieved in a small village that already has a complete and settled community. Those of us who live here chose this village specifically for its tranquillity and lack of amenities (no shops, no streetlighting, no mains gas; not on bus route). These unique characteristics would be irrevocably disturbed if the proposed development proceeded.

"4.4 To protect and improve assets and resources". But this proposal is to build, with accompanying infrastructure, on a *green field* site, and adjacent to an SSSI area that is a biologically critical example of coastal heathland. Several of the local houses are a legacy of the historical *Finnan haddie* local trade. It is impossible to conclude that the development would 'improve the natural and built environment'.

"4.5 To increase and diversify the economy". But in this small, settled community, consisting of many retired people, we are not aware of any wish to 'encourage

development'. In fact, in discussions with many others in this rural community I am certain that any further development would be most unwelcome.

"4.7 To... reduce the need to travel and promote walking, cycling, and public transport. But the proposed development would inevitably result in substantially increased traffic, presumably supported by a widening and straightening of roads and by the installation of street lighting. All of this would have a devastating effect on quiet roads within the village and its immediate environment. It is likely that many of those villagers who currently enjoy walking and cycling in their environment will be deterred from doing so in the future, if the development goes ahead.

#### SECTION 5

"5.10 We are aware of the need to promote the use of previously developed [brownfield] land... wherever possible". But, in this case, this aspiration will not be met since the site is undeveloped. Meanwhile, unattractive brownfield sites in Aberdeenshire seem to be ignored and the Chapelton model town is underutilised.

#### Finally

"4.8 Above all the Plan tries to make sure that we are indeed delivering, as stated in Scottish Planning Policy, **"the right development in the right place"**." I have to conclude that the proposal to build 11 dwelling houses in Findon might be right development but is in the wrong place.

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## LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN PUBLIC COMMENT

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