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## 2 Settlement Strategy

### Question 1  New Housing Sites

**Do you agree with our preferred housing sites? Are there any other sites that would be suitable for housing?:**
There are too many sites which make areas 'sleeping suburbs'

### Question 2   Housing Allowances Beyond 2032

**Is there a need for us to identify further Housing Allowances or sites for the period beyond 2032?:**
NO

### Question 3  Brownfield and other Opportunity Sites

**Are there any further brownfield or other opportunity sites which would be suitable for redevelopment?:**

### Question 4   New Healthcare Facilities

**Do you have any comments on these sites? Are there any other sites in these areas that we should be considering?:**
Any new site should have some type of health facility.

## 3 Aberdeen City Centre and the Network of Centres

### Question 5  City Centre Boundary

**Do you agree the Local Development Plan should modify its City Centre boundary to match the City Centre boundary shown in the City Centre Masterplan?:**

### Question 6  City Centre Masterplan Intervention Areas

**Do you agree that the City Centre Masterplan intervention areas should be identified as opportunity sites within the Local Development Plan?:**

### Question 7  City Centre Retail Core

**Should the retail core be reduced to focus on a more compact area of Union Street and the existing shopping centres?:**
Yes

### Question 8  Union Street Frontages

**Should the Union Street Frontages percentages be reviewed? Do the current target percentages ensure there is a balance between a strong retail focus and allowing for other uses? What other uses should we allow on the retail core area of Union Street:**
Tidy up the frontage of Union Street

### Question 9  Out of Town Retailing

**Should we direct high footfall uses to existing centres including the City Centre? Should we consider new out of town retail parks? What would the impact of these be on Union Street and the City Centre, and Aberdeen's network of centres?:**
No more out of town retail parks. Older people who do not drive would be better served by better central shops and a better bus service
More shops to get people into the centre and this would make for a better atmosphere.

### Question 10  Commercial Leisure Uses

**Should we continue to direct commercial leisure uses towards existing centres and the beach and leisure area?:**

### Question 11  City Centre Living

**How can we encourage more people to live in the City Centre? Would a document outlining the principles which need to be applied in converting a building into residential use be helpful?:**

### MAIN ISSUE 1  Living in the City Centre

**Should we include a policy in the Local Development Plan supporting residential development in the City Centre, including the conversion of upper and basement floors of premises to provide residential accommodation?:**
More buildings in the city centre could have residential accommodation. This would create a better vibrancy within the centre

Not Answered

**Question 12  Residential Development in the City Centre**

**Are there any other locations within the City Centre where residential accommodation could be provided?:**

**MAIN ISSUE 2  A 24-Hour City**

**Should 24-hour activities in Aberdeen be supported and encouraged to grow, especially in the City Centre? Could this be achieved through policy?:**
If the city centre had more residential accommodation 24 hour activities should not be encouraged

Not Answered

**Question 13  Encouraging the Creative Arts**

**What can we do to support and encourage the creative sector to ensure a range of distinctive experiences so that Aberdeen City Centre is like no other place?:**
The present market could be used to encourage creative arts and various other smaller ventures. ---craft shops etc

**Question 14  Proposals for Creative Arts**

**Are there other buildings or areas within Aberdeen that could accommodate the existing, and support an emerging creative sector for desk-based and studio-based artists?:**
The old Market

**Question 15  Percent for Art**

**To ensure Aberdeen City Centre retains its distinctiveness, should developments with construction costs of Â■1 million or over be required to allocate at least 1% of construction costs for the inclusion of art projects in a publicly accessible/ visible place or places within the development?:**
This would be a good idea if consultation is carried out. Perhaps more than1% !!!

**MAIN ISSUE 3  Support for Visitor Attractions**

**To support our existing visitor attractions should Aberdeen have a policy about protecting and growing visitor attractions?:**
We do not have a lot of visitor attractions. We need more advertising of what we have and more in the way of other attractions. Bus tours. easier ways to get about the city/beach. We could do more with the beach. A group of people(non political) who could sit down with some of the council and discuss ways forward. There was a group bac kwhenMr Patterson was CEO

Not Answered

# 4 Quality Places

**MAIN ISSUE 4  Minimum Internal Space Standards for New Residential Development**

**How can we ensure that new residential development delivers an adequate amount of internal floor space for future occupants?:**

Not Answered

**Question 16  External Space Standards**

**Do you think that the amenity spaces currently delivered are of a sufficient quality? Should we strive for a better quality/ quantity of private/ semi-private residential amenity space across the city and refuse planning permission to proposals which do not meet our high standards? What standards would you like to see set for new dwellings, flats, and conversions in respect of quality and quantity of external amenity space?:**
We should always ask for the highest standards in planning application any

**Question 17  Natural Environment**

**Do you agree that the proposed list of policies for Natural Environment gives a clearer and more coherent structure than at present?:**

**Question 18  Food Growing**

**How can the Local Development Plan support the delivery of food growing projects in the City? Do you think food growing should be included in the next Plan by way of a new policy, or through existing policy and guidance?:**

# 5 Transport and Infrastructure

**Question 19  City Centre Parking**

**Should we reduce car parking in the City Centre to support the City Centre Masterplan? If so, how?:**
We need parking to ensure the vibrancy of the city centre

**MAIN ISSUE 5  Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure**

**How best can we encourage the provision of infrastructure to support changes in transport technologies? :**

Not Answered

**Question 20  Digital Infrastructure**

**Should high speed broadband be mandatory in all new residential developments with 5 or more units? Do you wish to suggest any other proposed changes to the Digital Infrastructure and Telecommunications Infrastructure policies?:**

**Question 21  Developer Obligations and Infrastructure Delivery**

**Do we need to change our approach to securing developer obligations for future development proposals?:**
We need to ensure developers carry out any obligations they include in their planning application and do not renage on them

## 6 Resource and Business Policy

**MAIN ISSUE 6  Low and Zero Carbon Generating Technologies and Water Efficiency**

**Should the requirement of existing Policy R7 be changed?:**

Not Answered

**Question 22  Low and Zero Carbon Generating Technologies and Water Efficiency**

**What methodology should the Council use in calculating compliance with Policy R7, specifically how should the target of reducing carbon dioxide levels be calculated?:**

**Question 23  Solar Farm Developments**

**Do you agree that Solar Farms should be supported within the Council's policy on Renewable and Low Carbon Energy developments, and should specific guidance be included within Policy R8?:**

**MAIN ISSUE 7  Heat Networks**

**Should we include a policy in the Local Development Plan supporting the development of Heat Networks within the City?:**

Not Answered

**Question 24  Supporting Business and Industrial Development**

**Should we carry forward our current policy approach to safeguarding existing business and industrial areas from other development pressures into the next Local Development Plan?:**

**MAIN ISSUE 8  West End Office Area**

**Should the policy support a mix of uses in the West End Office Area? If so, what types?:**

Not Answered

## 7 Affordable Housing

**Question 25  Affordable Housing**

**Do you agree with the Local Development Plan's current affordable housing approach being carried forward? What other measures could the Council consider in order to assist with the delivery of affordable housing units via the Plan? Should the threshold of not applying affordable housing requirements to developments smaller than 5 units remain in place?:**
Where there are houses being built the developer should supply affordable houses either within the application or within the nearby area.

**Question 26  Private Rented Accommodation and Build to Rent**

**Are there ways that the Local Development Plan can facilitate Build to Rent development, through policy?:**

## 8 Sustainable Mixed Communities

**MAIN ISSUE 9  Inclusive Housing Mix (Housing for the Elderly and Accessible Housing)**

**How can the Local Development Plan ensure a greater mix of housing types is achieved in new developments?:**
By discussion with the developer and the local community/community council

Not Answered

**MAIN ISSUE 10   Residential Care Facilities**

**How should the Local Development Plan cater for proposals relating to Residential Care Facilities?:**
This needs an approach which involves discussion with all relevant parties --- council/NHS /local people/

Not Answered

**MAIN ISSUE 11  Student Accommodation**

**How can the Local Development Plan cater to proposals relating to student accommodation?:**

Not Answered

**MAIN ISSUE 12  Houses in Multiple Occupation**

**How can the Local Development Plan support sustainable mixed communities, with regards to HMOs?:**

Not Answered

**Percentage limit of HMOs in each area:**

**Please explain why you chose your answer:**

**Geographical boundary of each area:**

**Please explain why you chose your answer:**

**Threshold for when planning permission is required for a HMO:**

**Please explain why you chose your answer:**

**Question 27  Community Planning**

**Is there anything else that the Local Development Plan can do to support the objectives of the LOIP or the aims of Community Planning?:**

**Question 28  Changing Places Toilets**

**Should large new developments that require public access provide Changing Places toilets? What types of venues should provide them?:**

**Appendix 1 Proposed Draft New Policies**

**Policy D2  Amenity**

**Do you have any comments on the policy?:**

**Policy D5  Advertisements and Signage**

**Do you have any comments on the policy?:**

**Policy D8  Shopfronts**

**Do you have any comments on the policy?:**

**Policy D9  Windows and Doors**

**Do you have any comments on the policy?:**

**Policy H4  Housing Mix and Housing for Particular Needs**

**Do you have any comments on the policy?:**

**Policy H8  Residential Care Facilities**

**Do you have any comments on the policy?:**

**Policy H9  Student Accommodation Developments**

**Do you have any comments on the policy?:**

**Policy H10  Houses in Multiple Occupation**

**Do you have any comments on the policy?:**

**Policy NC9  City Centre Living**

**Do you have any comments on the policy?:**

**Policy NC10  24-hour City**

**Do you have any comments on the policy?:**

**Policy NC11  Visitor Attractions and Facilities**

**Do you have any comments on the policy?:**

**Policy NC12  Public Art Contribution**

**Do you have any comments on the policy?:**

## Additional Documents

**Please include comments on other documents below:**

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If Aberdeen wishes to encourage visitor numbers we need to have decent parking at the bus and train stations. There are many older people who can get cheaper travel but it is difficult to use the bus and train stations as it is difficult to access them due to lack of drop off and parking facilities.
The Council should have more consideration of older people as they spend money on holidaying.

**Additional Files**

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