



Proposed Aberdeen Local Development Plan 2015 Representation Form

Please use this form to make comments on the Proposed Aberdeen Local Development Plan, ensuring that your comments relate to a specific issue, site or policy in either the Proposed Plan, Proposed Supplementary Guidance, Proposed Action Programme or Strategic Environmental Assessment Environmental Report. Please include the relevant paragraph(s) and use a separate form for each issue you wish to raise.

The consultation period runs between Friday 20th March and Monday 1st June 2015. Please ensure all representations are with us by 5pm on Monday 1st June.

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What document are you commenting on?	Proposed Plan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	Proposed Supplementary Guidance	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Proposed Action Programme	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Strategic Environmental Assessment Environmental Report	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Policy/Site/Issue	Former Torry Nursery School Oscar Road Torry OP 103	Paragraph(s)	

What would you like to say about the issue?

On behalf of the staff at Torry Medical Practice (TMP) and the wider Torry Community we would like to request that the whole site of the Former Torry Nursery School on Oscar Road directly adjacent to the existing Torry Neighbourhood building be formally reserved for health and social care ie the expansion of our existing building and the formation of a health and social care hub and working gardens.

Torry Neighbourhood Centre was opened in 2003, accommodating 3 branch surgeries, their admin needs were to be met not in Torry but in each practices principal buildings within the City. Room was also allocated to podiatry, dietetics, physiotherapy, OT and social work. Torry Medical Practice took over Carden's branch surgery in 2006, at this time there were just over 3000 patients on their list, Holburn remains at Torry with 1500 patients. Torry now has over 7000 patients. The building in addition to its original requirements now houses not only the practice district nurses but a large direct delivery care team, has a growing presence from substance misuse and all TMPs administrative needs have had to be accommodated on site not to mention the increase numbers of staff we have had to employ to deal with our increasing practice list size.

Staff at TMP are working in a building totally unfit for purpose. Cramped conditions, lack of storage space, hot desking and doubling up to deal with lack of clinical rooms and a reception that cannot offer adequate space to accommodate staff or offer appropriate levels of confidentiality when dealing with patients directly and over the phone. These cause unnecessary stress to our staff on a daily basis and a less than satisfactory service to our patients. Given that Grampian Primary Care has huge recruitment and retention issues it is vital that we strive to remove difficult working conditions in a hope of keeping a highly motivated and experienced primary health care team (PHCT). These are all immediate needs but it is also vital to look to the future needs of our practice.

Modernisation of general practice is essential for its survival. Our patients are becoming ever more complex medically and socially but also more demanding due to a combination of government health campaigns, government access promises, growing risk aversion, plummeting self care, obesity, poor diet, lack of exercise. Lack of robust family networks and improved employment rates for women have eroded our care for elderly relatives which has unfortunately been replaced by a poorly funded care system, unfit for purpose. To meet these needs greater diversity within the PHCT is necessary. This requires additional staff to enhance skill mix over and above what we have now. At present we are able to do little more than firefight on a daily basis.

Torry has an approx population of 10,000 patients and due to ongoing re-zoning Directives within NHS Grampian there will be increasing pressure on Torry Neighbourhood Centre to take on these patients, this is frankly impossible given our present working conditions. To then presume you can increase the population of Torry yet further (Victoria Road Site, Craiginches site, Abbey Road development not to mention possible development in Abbotswell Road and the Waterfront) and expect them to receive medical services within their geographical community whilst not unreasonable will not be possible and demonstrates a lack of foresight and planning that is frankly unacceptable and would undoubtedly lead to a crisis in care with the risk to the sustainability of our practice.

Modernization requires vision, planning and faith beyond all our terms of office but without this and adequate funding we employ sticking plaster polices to deal with heart attacks and cancerous growths.

What change would you like to see made?

We would like to see this site protected for health and social care development.

Development of this nature at this site in Oscar Road ie the expansion of our existing building and the formation of a health and social care hub and working gardens, offers an essential solution to our present problems and an valuable opportunity to deal in part with our growing population's health needs, health and social inequalities and the ever desirable regeneration of a community.

Developing housing would remove this option and place a further unacceptable burden on our practices ability to deliver essential medical services let alone allow for future development.

Please return the completed form by:

- post to the Local Development Plan Team, Aberdeen City Council, Business Hub 4, Ground Floor North, Marischal College, Broad Street, Aberdeen AB10 1AB; or
- email to ldp@aberdeencity.gov.uk

The representation form can be filled in, saved, e-mailed and/or printed. You must “save as” to ensure the completed form is saved with the changes you have made. If you need more space, please fill out another representation form or send a word document attachment via e-mail with your completed representation form. **Please ensure all representations are with us by 5pm on Monday 1st June.**

Thank you. For more information, please visit www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/aldp2016 or to contact the Local Development Plan Team call 01224 523470.

Data Protection Statement

The comments you make on the Proposed Plan will be used to inform the Local Development Plan process and the Examination into the Local Development Plan by the Scottish Ministers' Reporter. You must provide your name and address for your representation to be considered valid, and this information will be made publicly available. Other personal contact details such as telephone and e-mail will not be made public, although we will share these with the Reporter, who may use them to contact you about the comments you have made. For more information about how Aberdeen City Council maintains the security of your information, and your rights to access information we hold about you, please contact Andrew Brownrigg (Local Development Plan Team Leader) on 01224 523317.