



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	Grandholme OP9	Paragraph(s)	

What would you like to say about the issue?

Traffic congestion:

I have concerns about the extensive development plans of the Grandholme OP9 as described within the proposed Aberdeen Local Development plan 2015. As a resident within Bridge of Don I am only too aware of the present traffic congestion in trying to cross the river Don in peak traffic times. I am not convinced having read the Local development plan that there is a sufficiently robust plan for dealing with the huge increase in vehicular road traffic that so many houses would bring. The third Don crossing which is due completion next year may aid the current congestion but I suspect it has not been designed to cope with such a large a rise in traffic as would occur if this development proceeds to the extent described.

Pollution:

I strongly suspect that even longer traffic queues would become a regular feature of commuting life for the residents of the existing parts of Bridge of Don if this proposal proceeds. Traffic would inevitably back up into Whitestripes Avenue and Jesmond Drive area as well as other areas of Bridge of Don. Stationary queuing vehicles will contribute to noise and air pollution to the residents of the area and cause increased congestion to the busy junction of these roads which lies very close to schools and a health centre. The vague proposals for adjustment to the road systems do not reassure me that there has been sufficient consideration for current residents. Those residents in the Ashwood area for instance may end up being 'trapped' within the area with difficulty in exiting in peak traffic times.

Tree band:

The existing peripheral tree band would be put at risk if the housing development were allowed to encroach so close as proposed in the plan. Disturbance of tree roots could lead to weakening of the tree with potential future loss of this amenity. Lessons should be learned from the experience of householders of Jesmond Circle where the current housing development was allowed to be built too close to the tree band such that during a storm a mature beech tree fell and landed on a house causing structural damage. It was extremely fortunate that this incident did not result in any personal injury. Such an incident should serve as a warning against overly close development.

What change would you like to see made?

- 1, Reduce the extent of the development of the OP9 Grandholme proposal. This huge development will swamp the amenity of the current residents in the local area.
2. Due consideration needs to be given to preserving the green space amenity of the area. The loss of farming land just for commercial gain will have a negative impact on the semi rural appeal of the Bridge of Don area.
3. Serious consideration of the extent of alteration required to the roadways would need to be paramount otherwise the area will come to a standstill. The APWR is unlikely to have any beneficial effect for residents who simply wish to cross the travel south over the Don to get to workplaces within Aberdeen and should not be used as the solution to the potential increase in traffic. Dualling the Parkway and Persley bridge would be necessary if this development were to be allowed as the third Don bridge is unlikely alone to be sufficient. Developers would need to make a large contribution to improved roadways.
4. Housing should only be allowed at a sensible distance from the established tree band for protection of the trees and the rural amenity. This would also be essential to avoid repetition of past mistakes in the area.

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.