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Policy/Site/Issue	OP5 Balgownie Centre, Bridge of Don	Paragraph(s)	

What would you like to say about the issue?

North East Scotland College support the continuing allocation of their site at Balgownie Centre, Bridge of Don for residential development (Site OP5).

What change would you like to see made?

The Plan, at page 79, should refer to the planning permission for the demolition of the existing college buildings and the erection of 30 dwellinghouses, 42 townhouses and 99 flats (total 171 dwellings), together with car parking public open space which was issued by Aberdeen City Council on 11 June 2013.

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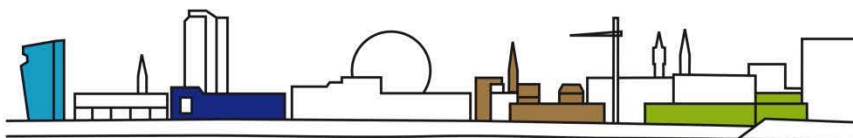
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Policy/Site/Issue	Policy CF1 Existing Community Sites and Facilities	Paragraph(s)	

What would you like to say about the issue?

North East Scotland College support the continuing allocation of their campuses at the Gallowgate and Clinterty Centre as existing community, further education and research sites under Policy CF1.

What change would you like to see made?

n/a

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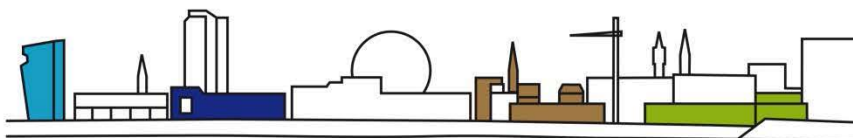
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Policy/Site/Issue	OP7 Aberdeen College Gordon Centre	Paragraph(s)	

What would you like to say about the issue?

North East Scotland College ("NESCOL") support the continuing allocation of their site at Gordon Centre for residential development (Site OP7), however it is noted that not all of their former campus has been included within the OP7 designation.

What change would you like to see made?

NESCOL request that the boundary of Site OP7 be extended to include all of the land outlined in red on the attached plan within the OP7 allocation and the site be identified as an opportunity site for redevelopment for mixed use.

NESCOL is currently reviewing its five year business plan and estates strategy, as required by Scottish Government. This includes reviewing all sites currently owned and leased by NESCOL.

NESCOL forms an important part of the educational facilities available in the City and Aberdeenshire. There are currently 3,000 courses on offer at NESCOL and it provides for 20,000 students. The training provided by NESCOL is critical to maintaining a skilled and innovative workforce in the north east. The Strategic Development Plan supports the "knowledge economy" of which NESCOL forms a key part.

Within the City, NESCOL owns sites at the Gallowgate, Altens, Clinterty, the former Balgownie Centre and the Gordon Centre.

NESCOL recently spent £8,000,000 on re-cladding the North Block of their Gallowgate campus. An interior refurbishment has yet to be carried out. The South Block at the Gallowgate will also require internal and external refurbishment to prolong its useful life.

The Altens and Clinterty facilities will also require upgrading to ensure that NESCOL continues to provide high quality learning experiences. In Aberdeenshire, NESCOL is redeveloping their Fraserburgh campus.

A further issue for NESCOL is the provision of student accommodation within the City. Given the lack of student accommodation, NESCOL is considering providing its own accommodation for students.

Funding will be required for all of these projects and NESCOL is committed to managing its estate in the most efficient way. Planning permission has been granted to redevelop the Balgownie Centre site (OP5) and NESCOL is in negotiations with a housebuilder over delivery of that development. Funds from the redevelopment of this site have already been earmarked for reinvestment in the other College buildings.

The Gordon Centre has not been used by NESCOL for teaching facilities since 2011. Most recently, part of the site has been leased to a gymnastic club, but even that part of the site has been vacant for the past four years.

Since the Gordon Centre is no longer required for teaching purposes, redeveloping the entire Gordon Centre will form a key part of NESCOL's strategic plan going forward.

A mixed use allocation would allow NESCOL to bring forward a variety of potential uses for the site, although it is envisaged that student accommodation and residential uses are likely to be the most appropriate. Discussions are underway with Planning Officers over potential uses for the site.

Should NESCOL be unable to redevelop the Gordon Centre site, funding will be required from Scottish Government to enable NESCOL to invest in their facilities and continue to provide the extent and quality of educational experiences on offer at present.

The LDP should facilitate NESCOL's plans through identifying the entire Gordon Centre for mixed use.

Supporting Document: NESCOL1 Site Plan

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