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Policy/Site/Issue	Appendix 2 - Opportunity Sites	Paragraph(s)	Page 89 - OP85 King Street/Beach Esplanade

What would you like to say about the issue?

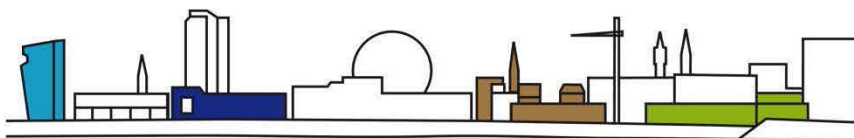
The entry for OP85 includes the sentence: "Until proposals for these uses are progressed, or if a decision is made not to pursue them, the existing open space use will be protected by Policy NE3 Urban Green Space."

The middle part of this sentence - "or if a decision is made not to pursue them" - is unhelpful to the community as there is no question of this occurring. The wording that would best meet the needs of the community is set out below.

What change would you like to see made?

Change the entry for OP85 so that it reads:

"Site identified by Council resolution for a Mosque, community facilities and open space. Until proposals for these uses are progressed or finalised the existing open space will be protected by Policy NE3 Urban Green Space."



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Policy/Site/Issue	Policy D1 - Quality Placemaking by Design	Paragraph(s)	Page 17, paras 3.1 to 3.4, Policy D1

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What would you like to say about the issue?

We welcome this policy which corresponds with our vision for the New Aberdeen Mosque and Community Centre which will have an excellent standard of design with a strong and distinctive sense of place which is a result of context appraisal, quality architecture, craftsmanship and materials as well as well considered landscaping. It will also be “distinctive, welcoming, safe and pleasant, easy to move around, adaptable and resource efficient.” We agree that “places that are distinctive and designed with a real understanding of context will sustain and enhance the social, economic, environmental and cultural attractiveness of the city.”

We agree that promoting high quality design is of significant importance to the city. Our aim is to create a visionary project - a centre of excellence for active participation in social, educational, cultural, leisure and recreational and public life. The Project will be the first of its kind in Aberdeen. It will be of an innovative and prestigious nature - a jewel in the crown of the granite city - with inspiring architectural beauty and attractive landscaping.

A crucial part of the New Mosque and Community Centre Project has been the promotion of high quality design from the outset. This is reflected in our objective that the Project must have the highest standard of architecture and state of the art design.

What change would you like to see made?

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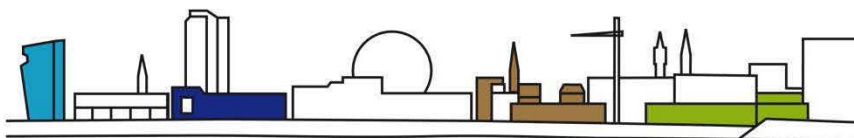
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Policy/Site/Issue	Policy D2 - Landscape	Paragraph(s)	Page 21, paras 3.6 to 3.7, Policy D2

What would you like to say about the issue?

We welcome this policy which corresponds with our vision for the New Aberdeen Mosque and Community Centre which will have a "strong landscape framework which improves and enhances the setting and visual impact of the development, unifies urban form, provides shelter and promotes biodiversity" in the form of the Islamic Gardens and open space which will form the outside space of the Centre.

What change would you like to see made?

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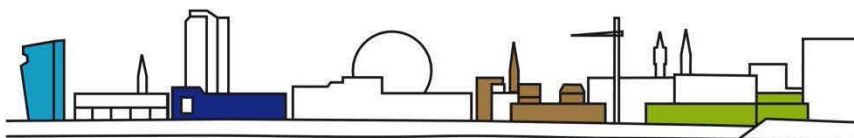
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Policy/Site/Issue	Appendix 2 1.4 Other Opportunity Sites	Paragraph(s) Pages 56 and 57, para 1.4

What would you like to say about the issue?

Opportunity site OP85 is described as "Mosque; Negotiations with interested parties are being advanced." The Project is for The New Aberdeen Mosque and Community Centre and this should be properly set out in the Action Programme. The phrase "with interested parties" does not properly reflect the position.

What change would you like to see made?

The wording for the entry on page 57 to be changed to:

"The New Aberdeen Mosque and Community Centre; Negotiations to progress the Project are being advanced."

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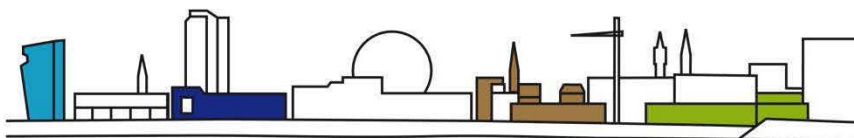
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Policy/Site/Issue	Appendix 6 - Other Opportunity Sites	Paragraph(s) OP85 King Street/Beach Esplanade

What would you like to say about the issue?

In relation to Air, Water, Soil and Climatic factors the report states that "There will be a negative impact on these indicators due to the size of the proposed development on the site."

We would like to make the following comments in relation to this statement:-

- a) The area is well served by local public transport, this will reduce any negative impact
- b) This is a former landfill site. Any land contamination will be remedied as a result of the development and hence this will have a positive impact on air, water and soil
- c) The design of the building will be as green as reasonably possible. We will make sure the building needs less heat and electricity and will not use too much water
- d) Trees have been planted around the perimeter of the site by ACC, this will also reduce any negative impact

In relation to Biodiversity the report states that "There may be a detrimental impact on nearby Local Nature Conservation Sites, due to construction on the site."

We would like to make the following comments in relation to this statement:-

- e) The site is in excess of 200 metres outside the designated District Wildlife Site. Development on this land would not therefore have any detrimental impact on this environmental asset
- f) Landscaping of the site and retention of open space will also mean there is no detrimental impact

In relation to Cultural Heritage the report states that "There will be no impact on cultural heritage. There will also be no impact on landscape due to the surrounding area being partly built up."

We would like to make the following comment in relation to this statement:-

- g) We believe the impact on Cultural Heritage will be positive and in line with ACC policy of encouraging good design in new developments as the promotion of good design has been a crucial part of this Project from the outset. In addition we believe that the impact on landscape will be positive in the form of Islamic Gardens and retention of open space

In relation to Material Assets and Population the report states that "There will be a positive impact on material assets and population, as the provision of a mosque in this location will provide for the needs of a diverse population and may help to attract people to the city."

We would like to make the following comment in relation to this statement:-

- h) It is not that the Project 'may help to attract people to the city' but that as was stated in the 2010 SEA Environmental Report it 'will attract people to the city'

In relation to Human Health the report states that "There will be both positive and negative impacts on human health due to the loss of open space from the development of the site, and the social inclusion from the development of a new place of worship."

We would like to make the following comment in relation to this statement:-

- i) As the report itself notes in relation to Cultural Heritage there is already existing development around the site - the petrol station/public conveniences, a supermarket and public house and residential tower blocks. Given this context, the siting of additional development will have negligible impact on the open character of the area. The land in question has no formal recreational value and there will be no adverse impact on the level of recreational amenity provided by the links. Therefore the function of the land as part of a linked open space will not be compromised. In addition the landscaping of the site and retention of open space will ensure there is no negative impact on human health.

What change would you like to see made?

For this section to be changed as follows:

Air, Water, Soil, Climatic Factors - "Any possible negative impact on these indicators due to the size of the proposed development on the site will be minimal."

Biodiversity - "There will be no detrimental impact on biodiversity."

Cultural Heritage - "There will be a positive impact on cultural heritage due to the design quality of the Project. There will also be a positive impact on landscape in the form of Islamic Gardens and retention of open space and due to the surrounding area being partly built up."

Material Assets, Population - "There will be a positive impact on material assets and population, as the provision of a mosque in this location will provide for the needs of a diverse population and will attract people to the city."

Human Health - "There will be a positive impact on human health due to the Islamic Gardens and retention of open space, and the social inclusion from the development of a new place of worship."

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