



# Aberdeen Local Development Plan Review

## Pre- Main Issues Report Questionnaire 2013

Aberdeen City Council is currently in the early stages of reviewing the Aberdeen Local Development Plan 2012 (ALDP). The 2013 Development Plan Scheme provides a timetable for the review of the ALDP and the opportunities to participate throughout the process.

It is available to view online at: [www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/localdevelopmentplan](http://www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/localdevelopmentplan)

This questionnaire forms part of the pre-Main Issues Report consultation activities we are undertaking. It is designed to gather views on the main planning issues in Aberdeen to be considered by the next ALDP.

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A separate form for submitting development sites for consideration can be found on our website at: [www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/localdevelopmentplan](http://www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/localdevelopmentplan)



## 1. YOUR DETAILS

1.1 Please let us know the capacity in which you are completing this questionnaire. Are you...

- A member of the public
- A community representative e.g Community Council

If yes, which area do you represent?

The Mosque

- A developer/ their agent
- A landowner/ their agent
- From a Key Agency
- Other

1.2 Please provide your name and contact details:

Name and Organisation:

Abdul Latif - Project Director, The New Aberdeen Mosque & community Centre Project

Address:

Postcode:

Telephone:

Email:

1.3 If you are acting as an agent or completing this on behalf of an organisation, group or landowner, please provide their details:

Organisation/group/landowner:

Address:

Postcode:

Telephone:

Email:

## 2. ABERDEEN'S MAIN PLANNING ISSUES

Feel free to continue on separate sheets if necessary and attach to the questionnaire. You do not have to answer every question.

### Vision

2.1 What do you think are the most important things that make Aberdeen a good place to live, visit and/or work?

The people, clean air and environment, beautiful landscape, good facilities, sense of community, close to the sea and open space

2.2 What do you think should be the Council's top priorities for the next Aberdeen Local Development Plan?

The New Aberdeen Mosque and Community Centre to help to attract international investment and support the knowledge economy led by the two universities. A shared vision to include everyone and to develop community facilities.

2.3 Do you have any particular aspirations for your community or Aberdeen as a whole that you think should be taken forward through the ALDP? For example, what are your views on recycling of waste, affordable housing, access to green space or ways to reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions?

The New Aberdeen Mosque and Community Centre will provide important facilities for the Muslim community but also for Aberdeen as a whole and forms part of the overall vision for the City and Aberdeenshire.



## Policy Topic Areas

### What do you think should be our main planning priorities for...

- 2.4 ...the City Centre? (For example, what should the role of Union Street be? Does the City Centre have all the uses we want, or should there be more uses there - and if so where could they go?)

There needs to be investment in Union Street and the surrounding area to attract high quality retail and visitors. A pedestrian zone would be good.

- 2.5 ...providing infrastructure? (For example, how should new infrastructure be provided and how might it be paid for?)

Infrastructure needs to be planned thoroughly and in consultation and based on identified needs. Commercial developers should contribute to the costs of infrastructure where appropriate.

- 2.6 ...transport and accessibility? (For example, how can we make it easier to travel in and around Aberdeen? Should we look at pedestrianisation in the City Centre?)

Improve routes for walking and cycling, for example cycle routes and bike hire ( the London system). Introduction of pedestrian zones.

- 2.7 ...ensuring we have high quality buildings and places? (For example, how can we better protect our built heritage and ensure high quality and sympathetic architecture and landscape design?)

Uninspiring development will have a negative impact on the built heritage. Creating good and inspiring architecture and landscape design can only enhance our built heritage, promoting in turn civic pride, social inclusion and a lasting legacy for future generations. The New Aberdeen Mosque and Community Centre will be a jewel in the crown of the granite city with inspiring architectural beauty and attractive landscaping.

- 2.8 ...meeting the needs of business and industry? (For example, what can be done to retain existing businesses and attract new employment opportunities to Aberdeen?)

Raise the City's international profile and create links in the economic, business, cultural, educational and social spheres. Appoint international ambassadors for the City to volunteer their time.

- 2.9 ...meeting Aberdeen's housing and community needs? (For example, how can we meet the needs of people who cannot afford mainstream housing?)

Increase provision of affordable housing through developers and Council building.

**2.10** ...supporting retail centres across Aberdeen? (For example, should we be safeguarding existing centres, and what are your thoughts on new out-of-town retail parks?)

More investment in City Centre retail facilities and also local shopping areas. Perhaps there should be less emphasis on out of town retail parks.

**2.12** ...ensuring that resources and waste are managed sustainably? (For example, can we make more innovative use of waste as a resource? Should we encourage renewable energy use? How could we do these things?)

Investigate alternative sources of renewable energy. Encourage use of solar panels and green design in new development.

**2.11** ...protecting and enhancing the natural environment and preventing flooding? (For example, what areas or features should we be safeguarding?)

We need to protect established trees and woodlands. Developers need to factor in protection against flooding

**2.13** If you have any views on topics not covered above, please write them below.

Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire. Please return completed questionnaires to:

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**COMPLETED QUESTIONNAIRES SHOULD BE WITH US BY NO LATER THAN 14 JUNE 2013.**

If you wish to be added to the LDP E-Mailing list to be kept informed of our progress in producing the next Local Development Plan, please tick here.

If yes, please provide an email address  Already on E-Mailing list :