



ABERDEEN
CITY COUNCIL

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

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.

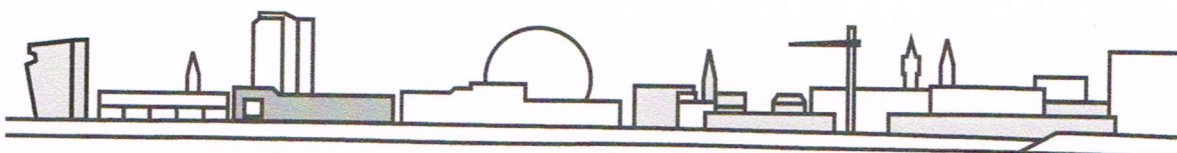
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For further information on how your information is used, how ACC maintain the security of your information, and your rights to access information ACC holds about you, please contact Andrew Brownrigg, Team Leader, Local Development Plan Team, Enterprise Planning and Infrastructure, Aberdeen City Council, Business Hub 4 Marischal College, Broad Street, Aberdeen AB10 1AB.

A separate form for submitting development sites for consideration can be found on our website at: 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?

- 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:

Jigsaw Planning (Katherine Sneedan)

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:

ASDA Stores Limited

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?

no comment

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

no comment

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 CO₂ emissions?

no comment

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?)

No comment

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

See attached sheet

- 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?)

No Comment

- 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?)

No comment

- 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?)

No Comment

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

No Comment

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?)

See attached sheet

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?)

No comment

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

No comment

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

No Comment

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

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You can also visit the Aberdeen Local Development Plan Facebook page.

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

Continuation Sheet for comments to the Aberdeen Local Development Plan Review – Pre-Main Issues Report Questionnaire 2013

Jigsaw Planning on behalf of ASDA Stores Limited

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

Asda support the mechanism of developer contributions where justified, reasonable and in accordance with the tests set out in Circular 3/2012 – Planning Obligations and Good Neighbour Agreements. The securing of new infrastructure through developer contributions is only appropriate where legible to the proposed development with which it is related.

When looking at new infrastructure and its provision, ASDA would welcome the continued tie in of the planning team with the economic development team at Aberdeen City Council. The viability of a development is critical to its delivery and therefore planning teams need to be fully aware and engaged with the wider pressures of delivering development such as job creation, business rates payments and, in the case of retail developments, the newly introduced Public Health Supplement which all add to the viability assessment. Aberdeen City Council needs to be aware of this and ensure that it remains a competitive location in which all developers are keen to invest.

ASDA would recommend clear recognition of the tests from Circular 3/2012 within the new LDP and acknowledgement that a need for new or improved infrastructure relating directly to the proposed development must be clearly identified before contributions are sought.

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?)

ASDA have 55 stores and two distribution centres across Scotland employing approximately 20,000 colleagues, making ASDA a major national employer whilst providing communities with high quality goods and services at an affordable price. Four of these stores are within the Aberdeen area (Aberdeen Beach, Bridge of Dee, Middleton Park and Dyce).

These stores play an integral role in the communities they serve - creating new jobs and stimulating the economy. ASDA recommends that the new LDP recognises the role that retailing plays in the local economy, providing investment and employment opportunities. ASDA supports the continued allocation of their stores within the relevant Town and Commercial Centres through which the safeguarding of existing centres would be achieved.

In line with SPP, and the recently published draft SPP, ASDA encourages the position that any further retail investment should be focussed in existing/committed retail locations within the Centres and that, at this time, there is no requirement for additional, new out of centre developments.

ASDA would support the continued use of the network of centres, and therefore the sequential approach, set out in the current LDP's Policy RT1.