

aberdeen local development plan

Newsletter – May 2013

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Review of the Aberdeen Local Development Plan / Pre Main Issues Report – only two more weeks to submit representations!!

The Enterprise, Planning and Infrastructure Committee agreed on 19 March that the Local Development Plan Team could start the review of the ALDP. The review of the Plan started with a non-statutory consultation period running from **15 April** until **14 June 2013**. This only gives you two more weeks to submit representations. This consultation exercise will help us prepare our Main Issues Report.



During the consultation period we held a number of workshops to give members of the public an opportunity to speak to the Team about the main planning issues they think should be addressed in the next Local Development Plan. The following dates had been organised:

- **Kingswells Community Centre** - Monday 15 April, 7-9 pm
- **Bucksburn Academy** - Wednesday 17 April, 7-9 pm
- **Marischal College** - Thursday 18 April, 7-9 pm
- **Cults Academy** - Monday 22 April, 7-9 pm
- **Northfield Academy** - Tuesday 23 April, 7-9 pm
- **Hazlehead Academy** - Wednesday 24 April, 7-9 pm
- **Altens Community Centre** - Thursday 25 April, 7-9 pm
- **Bridge of Don Academy** - Monday 29 April, 7-9 pm

We also hosted a drop-in session in **Marischal College** on Thursday 18 April between 12-5.30 pm for anyone who could not make an evening event.

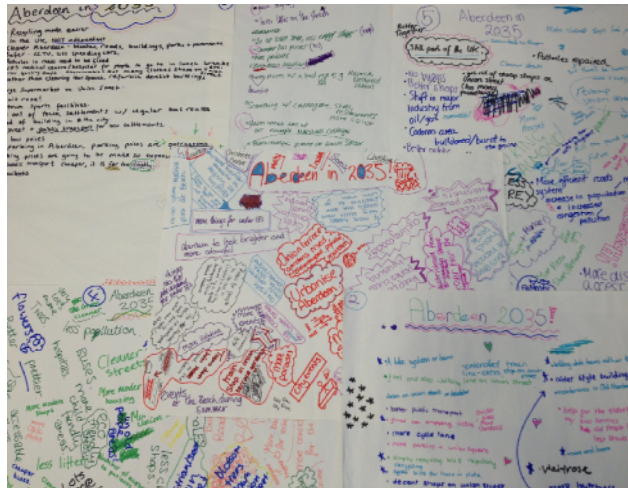


Thank you to everyone who attended!

As well as organising workshops we have also invited Community Councils to take part in Planning Engagement Toolkits. This is a relatively new approach to engagement with local communities which has been successfully trialed by other Local Planning Authorities in Scotland. These should be returned by **14 June 2013**.



We also invited all secondary schools across the City to take part in workshops designed for school pupils. The workshops gave pupils an introduction into town planning and gave them the opportunity to take part in active engagement by using role play, discussion and debate. A number of schools signed up to these workshops which took place in late April / early May.



We have also released a questionnaire online and they are available in local libraries across the city to seek views on main issues.

We anticipate rolling forward the allocations from the current ALDP as the Proposed Strategic Development Plan does not require us to allocate extra housing or employment land in the next Local Development Plan. Therefore, we are not looking to allocate any more greenfield housing or employment land in this plan. It is for this reason that we are not asking for greenfield development options this time around. However, we are always keen to identify new brownfield sites for housing or for other uses.

Once the Pre-Main Issues Report consultation is complete, we intend to place all comments onto the website. We will then prepare a Main Issues Report and associated supporting documents such as the Strategic Environmental Assessment. These will be presented to the Enterprise, Planning and Infrastructure Committee in November this year.

Scottish Planning Policy (SPP) and National Planning Framework 3 (NPF3) Main Issues Report

The Government is current consulting on a revised Scottish Planning Policy (SPP), a Main Issues Report for the National Planning Framework 3 (NPF3) and an associated Environmental Report. The documents will be important considerations for us as we review the Aberdeen Local Development Plan.

The consultation period for the documents ends on 23 July. Copies of the consultation documents are available to view on the Scottish Government website:

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Built-Environment/planning/NPF3-SPP-Review>

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