



ABERDEEN
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Aberdeen Local Development Plan Review

Pre- Main Issues Report Questionnaire 2018

Aberdeen City Council is currently in the early stages of reviewing the Aberdeen Local Development Plan 2017(ALDP). The 2018 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.

Using your Personal Information

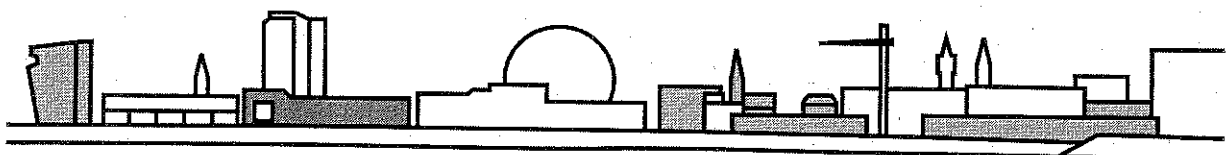
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A separate form for submitting development sites for consideration can be found on our website at: www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/localdevelopmentplan

Our consultation runs from the 19th March to the 8th of May 2018



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?

Kincorth/Leggart Community Council

- 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:

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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:

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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?

People. Aberdeen has less to offer than other City's ie property prices, transportation costs, social amenity and local housing.

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

Local social housing. Independent rental potential on Union Street. Be aware that future planning required costed properly, based on sound advice - nice to have against want and necessity. In our area there is currently over 20 projects either in the pipeline or being built and not once has the cumulative effect been taken into consideration. The South of the City will come to a standstill and tweaking the traffic lights will not alleviate the problem caused by bad decisions of ACC. We have asked repeatedly for consideration of the "cumulative effect" of all the building but are told this is not relevant. We are not saying don't build we are saying consider all the problems jointly.

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?

We support green policy but dont support additiona CO2 emissions being put on us by additional vehicles for the planned incinerator from 3 councils. We are astounded that ACC and elected members do not heed health warning from the Royal College of Physicians on the damage CO2 emissions can cause. Despite the fact that councillors were warned of that very situation.

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?)

There are already retail parks in and out of the City. Saving our city centre has been lost by ACC which was rich in heritage and businesses a going concern but greed and competitiveness has caused Union Street to falter. Our city heritage is beautiful but there is no point in out of city when Union Street is dying. Look centrally and inwards it will cost less. Open city centre car parks (ie Chapel Street) from 4pm at a fixed rate of £2 for example and encourage shopping at the top end of Union Street. If people are there you will have footfall for all business there and it may save some in the long term.

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

Riverside Drive must be protected. River barriers should be in place where residential housing is. Areas where places of beauty and walks are should be safeguarded.

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?)

Yes but at what cost. Renewable energy project EfW and affordable heat is debatable and detrimental to the citizens of Aberdeen from a health point of view. Perhaps we should look at more realistic and green views, rather than pollution. Renewable energy should be encouraged but it is the manner in which the goal is achieved is the problem. Again making sure that the figures stack up and in our opinion they don't.

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

Planning and expense, time and time again we see the planning department come up with expensive projects which are not needed as this time ie Muse. Although Muse was built on private funding if floors and shops are vacant then ACC has to pay the cost of vacant units. Why should tax payers pay rent on a vacant unit, it is a waste of public funds. Residents voted for a gargent and Provost Skene to be seen, not hidden. But planners and Councillors went against the people of Aberdeen. We now have to pay for this bad decision. It is an abuse of power and ignorance of Councillors which has cost the City money which does not need to be spent. This must stop. The people must be listened to instead of their own ego's. Groups should have the same equal right of appeal as others in planning issues.

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 8 MAY 2018.

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

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?)

Social housing, affordable in real terms is not affordable. Less HMO's creating an unhealthy environment and problems with associated services ie GP and Dental practices etc

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

Planning provisions for the City and external infrastructure such as Muse, Capital, Music Hall, Art Gallery have all run over time and budget. UTG is it an essential for the City or can it be left? Tax payers should not have to pay for bad decisions and extravagant projects which will not benefit the population as a whole but only the select few.

- 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?)

First Bus charge the highest rate of fares in Scotland, competition is needed. It is cheaper to park in the City than to take the bus for a family when paying to go in and out of the centre. ACC is looking at green issues there should be more choice rather than 1 company which would give a choice. Ironic to think that Glasgow is (3 times larger than Aberdeen) has the highest fare of £4.40 - ours is £4.20 for a third of the size. Time to have a second company to give competition. Union Square bus station and rail station have horrendous pollution and the access in/out is extremely difficult. With little to no disabled access. There should be a review of bus lanes and cycle routes in the city centre and proper infrastructure planning including traffic light sequencing, active travel and public transport. Work should commence on the Bridge of Dee crossing sooner rather than later when it has already been confirmed by ACC and the out of date traffic model that even when the AWPR opens the Bridge of Dee will not improve. The position of the new Lochside Academy is a huge concern for parents, CCs with youngsters expected to attend an academy built in the middle of an industrial estate. The safe route to school has already been identified as not safe by Councillors. Yes buses are being provided for the first 3 years but what then?

- 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?)

Union Street is left desolate because people have moved away from it. Aberdeen has obstructed any development or trade by allowing multi shop complex's ie St Nicholas, Union Square, Trinity and Muse (when fully operational). 2nd aspect is if rent rateable value is over the top no-one will move in apart from charity shops etc. Ensure preservation of our granite historical buildings instead of building glass boxes. Protect our private, public and open spaces.

- 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?)

Business rates could be reduced to promote business parks, convert the old AECC or enlarge by attracting IT, Technological business. We must make sure Aberdeen is affordable and competitive. Aberdeen prices itself out of the market ie housing, transportation etc.

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

Social housing is a necessity and provides people dignity. Since ACC removed the homeless shelter turning it into private flats, it has an obligation to the homeless. Questions must be asked as to its commitment to those in need of housing and those living on the street. ACC has a moral imperative which addresses moral dignity and holistic approach to the individual.