



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.

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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 ~~28th~~ of May 2018

28th May



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?

*Civic Forum
City Centre Masterplan Ref. E/g*

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

Although a community representative, these comments are from my personal perspective

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:

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?

diversifying the economy, providing more affordable housing, ensure new buildings has a 'sense of place' and is appealing to see and totally compatible with existing surrounding (especially granite) buildings.

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

affordable housing to attract key workers to city.

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?

all of the above should be prioritised

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?)

Should be more to keep visitors/tourists attracted to city e.g. a unique oil/gas/energy museum in city centre (also museum to granite at Rubislaw quarry with all new techniques to give real experience of what was 'once the deepest hole in Europe')

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

If you mean just roads then developers should contribute; as they should also for new schools ~~and~~ (or enlarging existing schools) and medical practice buildings ^{etc} for the expanding communities.

- 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?)

This needs to go hand in hand with all physical development. But also needs the present transport ^{system} to be redesigned. There should be no pedestrianisation until the transport is 'sorted' for the safe and easy use by children through to the elderly and also the disabled.

- 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?)

presumably this would/should go hand in hand with planning permission, using conditions - and ensuring they are carried out. Need to ensure 'new build' sits pleasingly with the old (e.g. tall extensions in glass should not be visible to pedestrians on Union St). ~~should reuse granite wherever possible to maintain our~~ granite City?

- 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?)

If needed, build 1st class accommodation. BUT main attraction would be reduced rent's rates especially in city centre.

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

- affordable rented accommodation
- should be community hubs (meeting places); green spaces; local shops; local jobs so have "well rounded" communities.

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?)

yes!
retail parks - they only exist because city centres never adapted to public needs. That fact should be to the forefront for the city centre masterplan and also in the protection/safeguarding existing suburban centres or even their expansion

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

To prevent flooding & the huge cost this entails should not permit development on flood plains of rivers or bays or extremely low lying areas. Where this already exists protect where possible by having 'flood-able' areas to protect existing housing etc.

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?)

encourage solar panels on buildings; High insulation in new build.
Do NOT incinerate! This only discourages/stops the prevention of waste which should be tackled at source. Need to encourage electric or hydrogen or renewables as far as possible & packaging should be minimised.

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

The L.D.P. and the Planning Dept. should ensure that Aberdeen has a 1st class Bus Station & Railway Station with good access to Union St and easy & convenient for use by all, local people, commuters and visitors/tourists whether very able or severely disabled and the bus drivers

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

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