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Submitted to **Local Development Plan - Pre-Main Issues Report Questionnaire**
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Introduction

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

From a Key Agency

If you are a community representative, which area do you represent?:

If you answered Other, please tell us who you are.:

2 Please provide your name and contact details?

Name and Organisation::

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Address::

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Email:

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:

Theatres Trust

Address::

[REDACTED]

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Telephone::

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Email::

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4 May we have your permission to publish your name and/or organisation alongside your comments?

Yes

Aberdeen's Main Planning Issues

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

The most important things that make Aberdeen a good place to live, visit and/or work?:

Cultural activities are an essential element of a sustainable community as they help promote well-being and improve quality of life. Participation in cultural events can contribute to social cohesion, reduce isolation and loneliness, and cultural activity can contribute to skills development and learning, as well as providing the entertainment and stimulation needed to sustain vibrant communities and grow the economy. There is a growing awareness of the role that the arts and culture play in attracting and retaining an educated workforce. Cultural facilities include Aberdeen's theatres, museums, public houses (particularly where they support live entertainment), community spaces, cinema, libraries and other public venues. They are important in supporting the local and visitor economy by attracting people to these centres where other businesses then benefit from the flow on effects.

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

What should be the Council's top priorities for the next Local Development Plan?:

Further to our comments to Question 1, we recommend the next Local Development Plan provides robust protection for cultural facilities, and promotes new facilities that meet the needs of the city and its residents. We also suggest that culture is a central pillar of the future vision for Aberdeen and the Local Development Plan's strategic objectives.

3 Do you have any particular aspirations for your community or Aberdeen as a whole that you think should be taken forward through the Aberdeen Local Development Plan? For example, what are your views on recycling of waste, affordable housing, access to green space or

ways to reduce CO2 emissions?

Do you have any particular aspirations for your community or Aberdeen as a whole that you think should be taken forward through the Aberdeen Local Development Plan:

N/A

Policy Topic Areas

1 What do you think should be our main planning priorities for 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?)

What do you think should be our main planning priorities for the City Centre?:

To ensure there is provision of a range of uses to help activate the city centre outside of retail trading hours, and to help support the retail function of Union Street and other key frontages.

2 What do you think should be our main planning priorities for providing infrastructure? (For example, how should new infrastructure be provided and how might it be paid for?)

What do you think should be our main planning priorities for providing infrastructure? :

N/A

3 What do you think should be our main planning priorities for 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?)

What do you think should be our main planning priorities for transport and accessibility?:

N/A

4 What do you think should be our main planning priorities for 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?)

What do you think should be our main planning priorities for ensuring we have high quality buildings and places?:

There should be effective protection criteria in place which requires robust justification where the loss of a valued building or facility is proposed. This should include marketing evidence at an appropriate sale or rental value appropriate to the existing use and condition of the building. There should also be a requirement for strong justification that the existing use is no longer required by the local community, and that needs can be suitably met by other alternative facilities.

5 What do you think should be our main planning priorities for meeting the needs of business and industry? (For example, what can be done to retain existing businesses and attract new employment opportunities to Aberdeen?)

What do you think should be our main planning priorities for meeting the needs of business and industry? :

As stated in our response to question 1, provision of arts and culture help attract and retain a talented workforce therefore we would recommend strong policies on cultural uses to help achieve the objective of meeting the needs of business and industry in and around Aberdeen.

6 What do you think should be our main planning priorities for meeting Aberdeen's housing and community needs? (For example, how can we meet the needs of people who cannot afford mainstream housing?)

What do you think should be our main planning priorities for meeting Aberdeen's housing and community needs?:

N/A

7 What do you think should be our main planning priorities for 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?)

What do you think should be our main planning priorities for supporting retail centres across Aberdeen?:

N/A

8 What do you think should be our main planning priorities for protecting and enhancing the natural environment and preventing flooding? (For example, what areas or features should we be safeguarding?)

What do you think should be our main planning priorities for protecting and enhancing the natural environment and preventing flooding?:

N/A

9 What do you think should be our main planning priorities for 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?)

What do you think should be our main planning priorities for ensuring that resources and waste are managed sustainably? :

N/A

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

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11 If you have any further information you would like to upload please do so below

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