5.	Site Details	
5.1	What name would you like the site to be known by? (Please note if the site is currently included within the ALDP2017 please use the OP site number)	Craigton Road South
5.2	Site Address	Land to the west of Northcote Lodge Care Home/Airyhall House
5.3	Postcode	NA
5.4	Have you any information for the site on the internet? If so please provide the web address:	No Details:
5.5	Is the site currently being marketed?	No, already in control of the developer
5.6	Site Location Map (Please include an OS Map with the Boundary of the site clearly	Attached Details:
	marked)	Details.
5.7	Please provide the National Grid reference of the site.	NJ906039
5.8	What is the current use of the site?	Unused, previously agricultural – brownfield elements including a walled garden and derelict cottage
5.9	Has there been any previous development on the site? If yes please provide details	Yes, walled garden and limited residential

6.	Legal and Planning History		
6.1	Please indicate the relationship	Sole owner	X
	to the Proposer or Person / Organisation they are working	Part owner	
	on behalf of, has with the site.	Option to purchase	X
	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	No legal interest	
6.2	Is the site under option to a developer?	In control of the proposed developer Details:	
6.3	Is the proposed site included in the ALDP2017?	No Details:	
6.4	Is the proposed site included in the Aberdeen City Centre Masterplan?	No Details:	
6.5	Has the site been subject of previous discussions with the Council or any agent there of?	No Details:	
6.6	Has the site been subject of previous Planning Applications? (Please provide a planning reference)	No Details:	
6.7	Has the site been subject of a previous Bid to a previous LDP? (Please provide the bid reference number)	Yes – 0939 Details: Part of a much larger bid site	
6.8	Are there any legal restrictions on the title deeds such as rights of way, way leaves etc.	No Details:	
6.9	Are there any other legal factors that might prevent or restrict development? (e.g. ransom strips / issues with accessing the site etc.)	No Details:	

7.	Your Proposal (Please provide as much detail as	nossible on your site proposal)	
7.1	Proposed Use	Housing	Care Home
	Troposod Goo	Employment	Care Home
		Mixed Use	
		Retail	
		Other (Please Specify)	Garden
		Cure (Fiedes Speeling)	Centre
7.2	Do you have a specific occupier in mind for the site?	Developer is the bidder Details:	,
7.3	Site Area (hectares)	6.4ha	
	Housing		
7.4	Approx. no of units.	Care Home – see below	
7.5	Proposed Mix and Number (Number of Flats / Terraced / Semi-detached / detached etc.)	NA	
7.6	Affordable Housing Percentage	NA	
7.7	Affordable Housing Partner (Details of any partner organisation, Registered Social Landlord etc.)	NA	
7.8	Tenure (Details of tenure type, Private Rental Sector / private sale / Housing for the elderly etc.)	NA	
	Employment		
7.9	Business and Office	m ²	
7.10	General Industrial	m^2	
7.11	Storage and distribution	$ m^2 $	
7.12	Other Please specify	m ²	
7.40	Mixed Use (Please provide as much detail as		
7.13	Housing	No of units and type:-	
7.14	Employment	m^2	
7.15	Retail	m ²	
	Retail		
7.16	Approx. floor area	m^2	

	Other (Please Specify examples could include retailing, tourism, renewable energy, sports, leisure and recreation, institutions and education.)	
7.17	Details of proposal	Care Home, garden centre and retained open space
7.18	Approx. floor area	Garden Centre – approximately 1,250 m ² Care Home – approximately 5,400m ²

8.	Engagement and Delivery	
8.1	Has the local community been given the opportunity to influence/partake in the development proposal?	If there has been any community engagement please provide details of the way in which it was carried out and how it has influenced your proposals. If no consultation has yet taken place please detail how you will do so in the future.
		No, but anticipated as bids move forward in the process
		Details:
8.2	Will the proposed development be phased?	No
8.3	Expected development start post adoption of the plan in 2022	Year 0-5
8.4	Expected development completion	Year 0-5
8.5	Is finance in place and if so what form? (Secured Loan, Grant Funding etc.)	Yes, Drum Property have their own funding facility to acquire and deliver development sites.
8.6	Are there any other issues with the delivery of the site that we should be made aware of? (These should include any issues which may prevent or impact on the deliverability of the site.)	No Details:

9.	Sustainable Development and Design		
9.1 Have you applied principles of sustainable siting a has produced a Sustainability Checklist which pro sustainable siting and design and other issues whwww.aberdeencity.gov.uk. Please provide the follows:		cklist which provides guidance on the principles other issues which can be found on	
	Orientation		
9.2	Exposure:- (does the site currently have)	Little shelter from northerly winds Some shelter from northerly winds Good shelter from northerly winds	X
9.3	Aspect:- (is the site mainly)	North facing East or west facing South, south west or south east facing	X
9.4	Slope:- (do any parts of the site have a gradient greater than 1 in 12?)	Yes If yes approx. what area (hectares or %) No	X
	Flooding & Drainage		
9.5	Flooding (is any part of the site at risk of flooding or has it previous flooded, if so provide detail	Yes (If yes please use the SEPA flood maps to determine the risk) Little or No Risk	
	You can view the SEPA flood maps at http://map.sepa.org.uk/floodmap/map.htm)	Low to Medium Risk Medium to High Risk	
		If yes approx. what area (hectares or %)	
		No	X
9.6	Has a flooding strategy been developed for the site?	No Details:	
9.7	Have discussions been had with the Council's flooding team?	No Details:	
9.8	Have discussion been had with Scottish Water?	Yes Details:	
9.9	Is there waste water capacity for the proposed development? http://www.scottishwater.co.uk/bu siness/Connections/Connecting-your-property/Asset-Capacity-Search)?	Yes but a full DIA would establish how capacity would be delivered	
9.10	Is there water capacity for the proposed development?	Yes, a full WIA would establish how the development could be serviced in detail.	

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	http://www.scottishwater.co.uk/bu siness/Connections/Connecting-		
	your-property/Asset-Capacity-		
	Search)?		
	Land Use, Built and Cultural He	ritage	
9.11	Built and Cultural Heritage	Significant loss or disturbance	1
3.11	(would the development of the	Olgrinicant 1033 of disturbance	
site lead to the loss or disturbance of archaeological sites or vernacular or listed	Some potential loss or disturbance		
	buildings?)	No loss or disturbance	X
9.12	Natural conservation (would the development of the	Significant loss or disturbance	
	site lead to the loss or	Some potential loss or disturbance	
	disturbance of wildlife habitats or species?)	No loss or disturbance	X
		The loop of dictarbation	
9.13	Landscape features (would the development of the	Significant loss or disturbance	
	site lead to the loss or disturbance of linear and group features of woods, tree belts, hedges and stone walls?)	Some potential loss or disturbance	
	, ,	No loss or disturbance	X to be accommodat ed within the developed design
9.14	Landscape fit	Significant intrusion	
	(would the development be intrusive into the surrounding landscape?)	Slight intrusion	X but mitigated by landscape buffers/use
		No intrusion	
9.15	Relationship to existing settlements	Unrelated (essentially a new settlement)	
	(how well related will the development be to existing	Partially related	
	settlements?)	Well related to existing settlement	X
9.16	Land use mix (will the development contribute	No contribution	
	to a balance of land uses, or provide the impetus for attracting	Some contribution	
	new facilities?)	Significant contribution	X
9.17	Contamination (are there any contamination or	Significant contamination or tipping present	
	waste tipping issues with the site?)	Some potential contamination or tipping present	

		No contamination or tipp	ing preser	nt	X
9.18	Will the site impact on any water courses?	No Details:			
9.19	Does the development site contain carbon-rich soils or peatland? http://www.snh.gov.uk/planning-and-development/advice-for-planners-and-developers/soils-and-development/cpp/	No Details:			
9.20	Is the development site within the airport safety exclusion zone?	No Details:			
9.21	Is the development site within the airport 57dB LAeq noise contours?	No Details:			
9.22	Land use conflict (would the development conflict with adjoining land uses or have	Significant conflict Some potential conflict			
	any air quality or noise issues?)	No conflict			X
9.23	If there are significant conflicts, what mitigation measures are proposed?	Details:			
	Transport and Accessibility				
9.24	Has contact been made with the Council's transport team?	No Details:			
9.25	Is access required onto a Trunk road and if so has contact been made with Transport Scotland?	No Details:			
9.26	Accessibility (is the site currently accessible to bus, rail, or major road network?)	More than 800m Between 400-800m	Bus Route	Rail Station X	Major Road
		Within 400m	Х		Х
9.27	Proximity to services and facilities		400m	400- 800m	>800m
			X	1	Y
	Tollowing :)	•	X		^
		Public transport networks	X	1	
		Primary schools	Х		
9.28	Footpath and cycle connections	No available connection	S		
	facilities (How close are any of the following?) Footpath and cycle	Community facilities Local shops Sports facilities Public transport networks Primary schools	X X X X X	400- 800m	

	(are there any existing direct footpath and cycle connections to	Limited range of connections	
	community and recreation facilities or employment? Give the Core Path number if core path is present https://www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/ services/environment/core-paths- plan)	Good range of connections	X
9.29	Proximity to employment opportunities	None	NA
	(are there any existing employment opportunities within	Limited	NA
	1.6km for people using or living in the development you propose?)	Significant	NA – provides employment opportunities
	Infrastructure		
9.30	Physical Infrastructure (does the site have connections	Electricity	Yes, available
	to the following utilities?)	Gas	Yes, available
9.31	Does the development have access to high speed broadband?	Yes Details:	
9.32	Does the development include a Heat Network/District Heating Scheme?	No Details:	
9.33	How is the development proposing to satisfy the Councils Low and Zero Carbon Policy?	At the detailed design stage, incorpora L&ZC technology appropriate at the time	•
9.34	Are there any further physical or service infrastructure issues affecting the site?	No Details:	
	Public open space		
9.35	Will the site provide the required level of open space as per the current LDP (Please provide details of your calculations)	Yes Details: the site will be designed to accommodate open space requirement at the time of development. Indicative plan included.	ts
9.36	What impact will the development have on the	Enhance the Network No impact on the Network	X
	Green Space Network?	Negatively impact the Network	^
		Please justify your response: the prop development will retain the important e GSN and enhance formal footpath con	lements of the

	attached statement.

10.	Education	
10.1	Have discussions been had with the Council's Education Department?	NA Details:
10.2	Is there currently education capacity for the proposed development? https://www.aberdeencity.go y.uk/ https://www.aberdeencity.go y.uk/ services/education-and-education/schools-pupil-roll-forecasts	NA

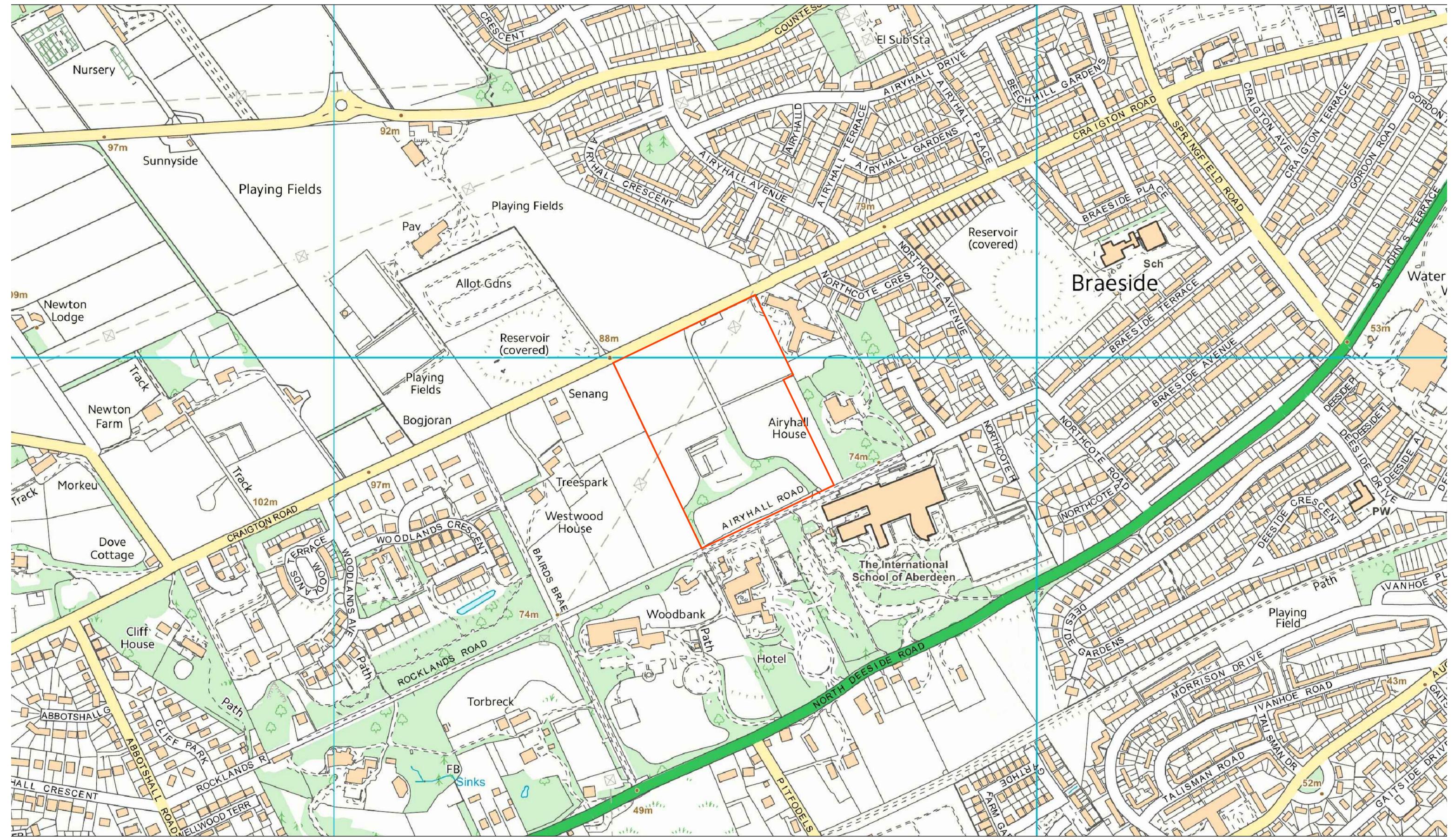
11.	Community benefits		
	Community benefits can include new community facilities (such as local shops, health, education, leisure and community facilities), affordable housing, green transport links and open spaces. Include elements which you anticipate may be required as developer contributions from the development. (Please note, specific contributions will have to be negotiated with the Council on the basis of the proposal.)		
11.1	Does the development	Yes – care home facilities close to	
	proposal give any benefits to	residential areas, local garden centre,	
	the community? If so what	associated employment opportunities,	
	benefits does the development	access to the wider countryside,	
	bring, and how would they	improved access. Developer	
	likely be delivered?	contributions expected but to be	
		negotiated at the time of development.	

12.	Masterplan Development Fram	nework
12.1	If you have prepared a framework or masterplan showing a possible layout for the site, please include it with this form.	Yes Details: see attached

	13.	Additional attachments	
potential negative impacts from any de- identified, please provide details of thei		No site is going to be perfect and the checklist above will inevitably raise some potential negative impacts from any development. Where negative impacts are identified, please provide details of their nature and extent and of any mitigation that may be undertaken. Listed below are examples of further information that may be included in your submission;	

		Included	Not Applicable
13.1	Contamination Report		X
13.2	Flood Risk Assessment		X
13.3	Drainage Impact Assessment		X
13.4	Habitat/Biodiversity Assessment		X
13.5	Landscape Assessment		X
13.6	Transport Assessment		X
13.7	Other as applicable (e.g. trees, noise, dust, smell,		X detailed
	retail impact assessment etc. please state)		studies to be
			carried out if
			allocated

14.	Development Viability		
14.1	Taking into account all the information provided above, and the requirements of the Aberdeen Local Development Plan 2017 and supporting Supplementary Guidance, please confirm that you have assessed the financial viability of your proposed development and found it to be viable for development in the timeframe set out above.	I confirm that I consider the site to be viable as per the details provided above.	Yes
		Please provide details of viability: Drum Property Group has considered developing this site against potential infrastructure requirements and are with the viability of development in this local control of the viability of development in this local control of the viability of development in this local control of the viability of development in this local control of the viability of development in this local control of the viability of development in this local control of the viability.	constraints and ery confident of



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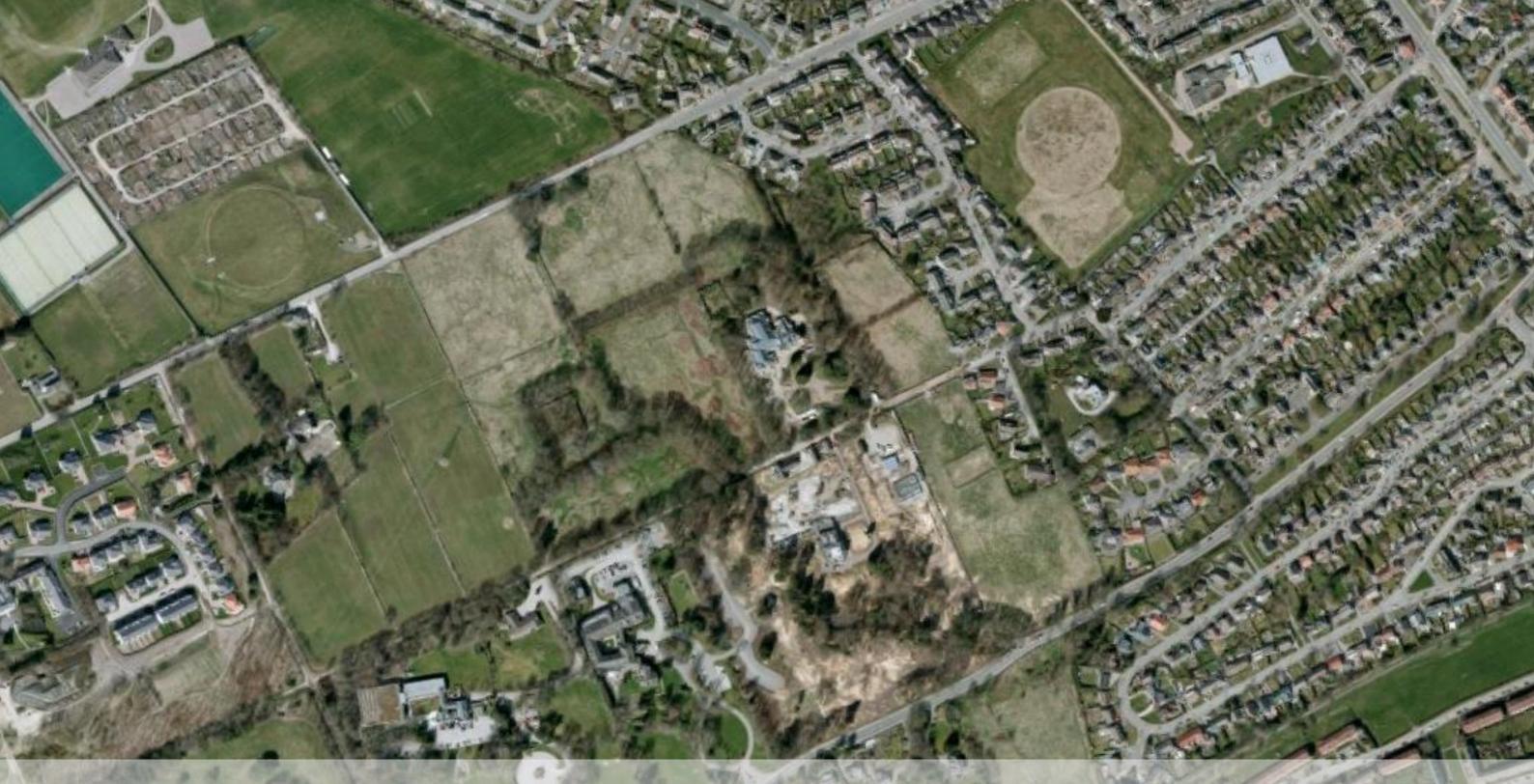
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DEVELOPMENT & INVESTMENT

LAND AT CRAIGTON ROAD/AIRYHALL ROAD, PITFODELS

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN BID
MAY 2018

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this document is to support the Local Development Plan bid submission, which has been prepared on behalf of Drum Property, the developer by Halliday Fraser Munro Architects and Planning Consultants

The site on the south side of Craigton Road, Pitfodels offers an excellent opportunity for a high quality environment to house semi-urban uses of a garden centre and a care home. An obvious extension to Aberdeen westwards of the recently completed care home and Bancon Development it respects the site and its context. It also provides the new development with a setting that can enhance the development users' quality of life by providing direct access to green spaces.

The proposals presented in this document have been developed following a review of the site, planning context, an analysis of the opportunities and constraints of the site with the integration of new development as an appropriate extension to the Craigton Road, allowing a new land use whilst respecting the character of neighbouring green belt.

Drum Property Group pride themselves on quality of their developments and will continue to embrace that in the delivery of new environment on this site.

An essential element of quality of life is location, quality of the landscape that development is set within and the convenience of access to facilities and jobs locally. This site will deliver on all of these.

"The vision for the Land at Craigton Road, Pitfodels is to create a limited expansion westwards from Aberdeen's urban edge, respecting the setting and landscape character of the Pitfodels Conservation Area"

1.0 SITE DESCRIPTION

The bid site is located between Craigton Road and Airyhall Road, within the Pitfodels Conservation Area.

The site sits south of Craigton road, Robert Gordon College's playing fields, areas of stone wall and a covered raised reservoir; It sits to the north of Woodbank (Shell social and sports club), the Marcliffe Hotel and the International School campus all of which front onto North Deeside Road; and immediately to the west of the adjacent Airyhall House and Northcote Lodge care home development.

To the west of the site are open fields, limited housing and beyond that the residential development at Woodland Gardens.

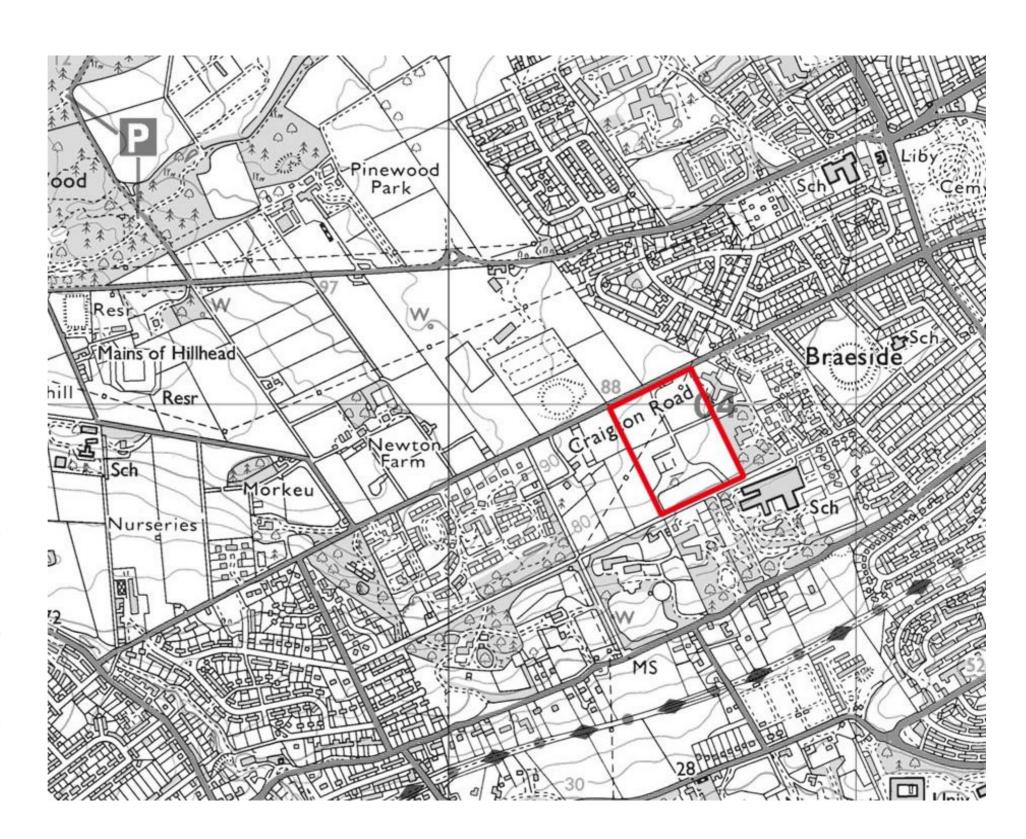
The existing unused agricultural land extends to 6.62 ha and comprises a redundant steading building to the north, the remains of a walled garden towards its centre and a paddock to the south of the site.

The proposed site includes avenues of mature trees and woodland. These provide a wooded character to Airyhall Road and screen the majority of views south from the site. Woodland is generally to be retained but will be subject to full detailed review if allocated to allow proper management and protection of the woodland resource.

The site is diagonally traversed by a 33kV overhead power line running from the north east to south west. The site is generally flat, falling gently to the south towards Airyhall Road. Main access to the site would be taken from Craigton road.

The two large residential areas of Cults and Aberdeen are a complex mix of urban and urban fringe land-uses creating the general area character of the proposed development.

The site offers opportunities for development of a garden centre on the eastern side and a new care home adjacent to the existing care home in clear pockets that would retain much of the site character and respect its location with the Pitfodels Conservation Area.





The redundant steading building to the North of the site - (Source: Google Maps)



Robert Gordon Play ground opposite the site - (Source: Google Maps)



View to the site from Craigton Road- (Source: Google Maps)



The southern boundary of the site (Airyhall Road)- (Source: Google Maps)

2.0 PLANNING CONTEXT

Planning History

This partial brownfield site has been the subject of previous LDP bids but as part of a much larger land parcel for housing use. This bid, however, is now on a much reduced site and excludes land to the west. Elements of the justification from ACC (see below) for not including the site previously have been considered in preparing this bid.

Issues previously considered:

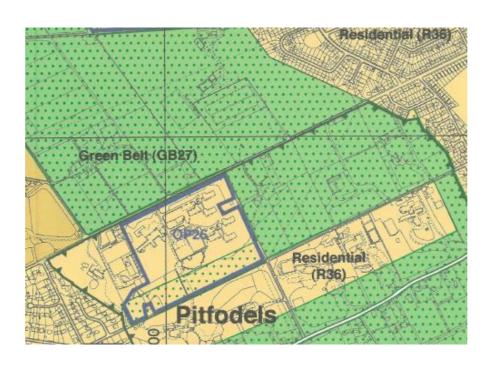
- Separation and coalescence
- Trees
- Architectural features
- Established wildlife and recreational functions
- Housing numbers

These have all been reconsidered in this bid.

Land use zoning and Function

It's quite clear that the function of this part of Aberdeen has altered over the years and the zoning in relation to that function has also altered. The series of extracts below show that this area has altered over the last few LDP reviews.

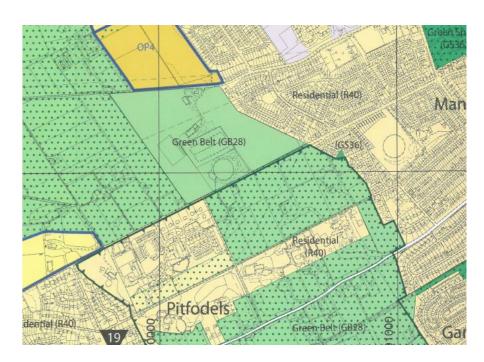
2004 Finalised Local Plan



Whole site identified as green belt and green space network. Land

to the south allocated for low density housing protecting landscape and tree belts.

2008 Finalised Plan



site remains unallocated but land to the north is removed from the

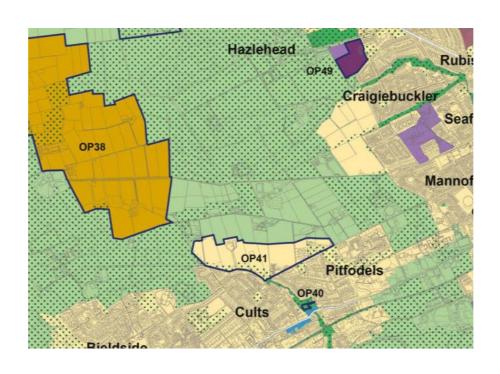
2012 Local Development Plan

OP67 OP66 Hazlehead Craiglebuckler OP52 OP57 OP67 OP68 Pitfodels

The land immediately to the east (previously allocated as green belt and green space network) with a similar character to the proposed site is zoned as OP64, an opportunity for development of 20 homes on a Council owned site.

The inclusion of OP64 in 2012 ALDP has extended the edge of the city further to the west and now immediately adjacent to this site.

2017 City Local Development Plan



The current LDP identifies this area as Green Belt and Green Space Network, within the Pitfodels Conservation Area and closely related to Core Paths.

Allocating this site for development would require a rezoning away from Green Belt but this would not be unusual in a local development plan review, especially one where greenfield housing states of 100 units as less are being encouraged. Developing the site, however, would retain the key important landscape elements.

The 2017 LDP allocates Friarsfield as a development site (OP41—29.2 hectares for 280 homes). This established the Friarsfield area as a housing development zone in the current land use strategy for the City.

GSN does not rule out development but requires that it considers the character and function of the GSN in that area. In this case it is the woodland avenues that define the character .These will be protected if this site is allocated. The types of uses proposed are also commonly found on sites where open spaces and access to them is available. Garden centres in particular require outdoor space in areas that are also close to their potential customers to provide convenient and sustainable access options.

Planning Review Summary

The proposal for the Craigton Road bid site will have very little impact on the landscape and the character of the wider area.

It would retain on site woodland and landscape buffers to the north and south to help retain the woodland character to the to the south of the site.

Land Use Zoning

The site is presently zoned as Green Belt and Green Space Network (GSN). Green Belt release is required to meet the Council's stated request for new greenfield sites of 100 houses or less. The Local Plan Review process is the mechanism where such releases can be considered. Green Belt policy protects land for 4 main reasons. These are:

- to maintain the distinct identity of Aberdeen and the communities within and around the City;
- to safeguard the Green Belt to help avoid coalescence and sprawling development on the edge of the city;
- to maintain Aberdeen's landscape setting and
- to provide access to open space.

Identity - This area of Aberdeen has changed considerably over recent years. The land immediately to the east is now built out and land to the south now includes the relocated International School. Retaining landscape buffers to the north and south would help retain the identity of this part of Aberdeen that can be characterised as development set within the landscape.

Coalescence and Sprawling Development - The site does not create coalescence or sprawling development for the same reasons as set out above. Aberdeen has already expanded westwards in this vicinity and the restricted scale of this development together with the proposed landscape treatment would not create coalescence or sprawling development.

Landscape Setting - The landscape setting of Aberdeen is not undermined by this proposal. The site is a field with a large pylon crossing it and woodland avenues set to the south and west. Developing this site with appropriate landscape treatment, retaining and managing the woodland and introducing development-free zones to the north and south will maintain, and in terms of the woodland will improve, the contribution to the local landscape from this site.

Access to Open Space - The site is presently used informally by local residents, in the main for walking their dogs. Development of the site will include a more formalised path network that can improve access to the managed and improved on-site open spaces (e.g. the walled garden) and safer access through the site to local core and other path networks. The proposal will alter the type of open space available on site but provide easier, safer and more formalised footpath networks to that open space.

This review has not identified any concerns in relation to the function of the Green Belt for this bid site. The rezoning of this specific bid sites from the Green Belt would not undermine its overall purpose.

Policy NE1 – Green Space Network does not rule out development either. Where development would impact on GSN it requests that such development "... maintain and enhance the coherence of the network. In doing so, provision should be made for access across roads for wildlife and outdoor recreation." (page 67, 2017 LDP). That can be achieved here and would be a similar approach to that taken on the residential zoned land immediately south of this site.

Indeed the uses suggested in this bid and shown in the indicative site plan would retain much of the site's character. The garden centre in particular would make use of a presently underused set if fields for horticultural associated uses.

Planning and Design

At a national level the Scottish Government are pursuing design quality agenda. They are promoting 6 essential qualities of place:

- Distinctiveness
- Welcoming
- Safe a pleasant
- Easy to move around
- Adaptable
- Resource efficient

Drum Property Group pride themselves on quality of their developments and will continue to embrace that in the delivery of housing on this site.

An essential element of quality of life is location, quality of the landscape that development is set within and the convenience of access to facilities and jobs locally. This site will deliver on all of these for the neighbouring community and residents of the proposed care home.

3.0 SITE CONTEXT

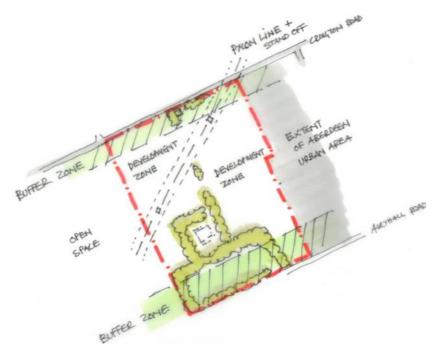
The Urban Area Character Area mainly comprises the areas of Craigiebuckler Braeside, Mannofield, Kaimhill and Garthdee in Aberdeen to the south and east of the site and the eastern component of Cults to the west of the site. Land around the site is primarily residential and educational land-use with a mix of building types and styles in a range of materials.

Plot sizes tend to be large to the south of Airyhall road although development is denser in the areas immediately to the east.

The proposed development site lies within an area that has been designated as Green Belt in the Aberdeen local plan although this full review of the Local Development plan is the opportunity to review that zoning.

Allocation of this site will lead to the rezoning of a partially brownfield site for much needed residential use.

It is not considered that urban coalescence will result from development of the Craigton Road site or that developing the site will materially affect the overall role of the Green Belt in this part of Aberdeen.

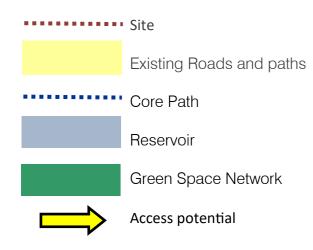


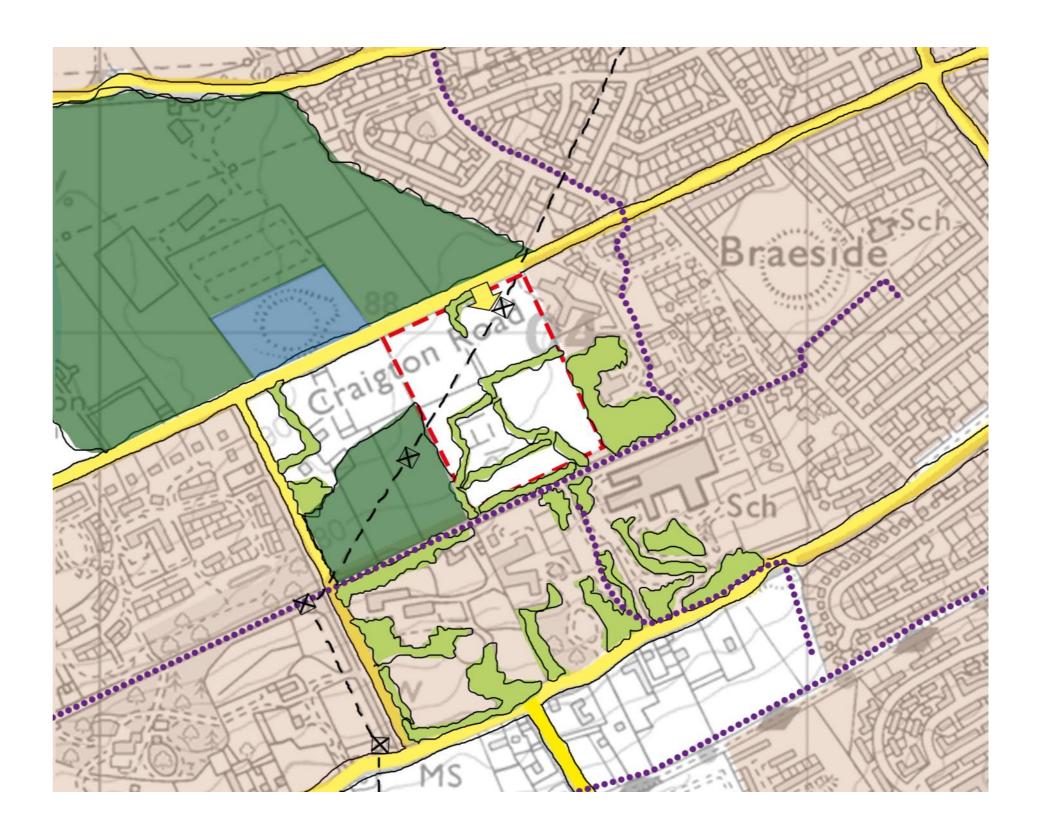


4.0 SITE ANALYSIS: OPPORTUNITIES AND CONSTRAINTS

Opportunities and Constraints Key

- Existing Road and Path Network The site sits between Craigton Road to the north and Airyhall Road to the south with good access to roads and path networks
- 2. **Site connectivity** The site has excellent connections to the Core Path network
- 3. Green Belt and Green Space Network The site is identified within green belt but should be reconsidered through the current LDP review.
- 4. **Mature Trees and Woodlands** There are mature trees and woodland within the site. These can provide distinct character to the proposed development and will be protected. They are not a significant constraint.
- 5. South Facing making the most of opportunities for solar gain
- 6. Conservation Area The site lies within the Pitfodels Conservation Area. This does not preclude development but will require a greater design focus.
- 7. Overhead lines Large pylons cross the site in a north easterly direction have been considered in this bid





5.0 DESIGN CONCEPT AND INDICATIVE SITE PLAN

The land at Craigton Road, Pitfodels represents a deliverable, considered extension to the existing urban edge. The bid site is under the control of Drum Property Group and is immediately available for development with no constraints. The site can be accessed via Craigton Road to the north (main access point) and to the south by Airyhall Road (emergency access point).

The proposed design concept includes a landscape buffer to north and south to reflect the findings of previous LDP reviews and maintain the open visual nature of the edges of the site as seen from Craigton Road and Airyhall Road. The includes a garden centre to the north west of the site and a residential care home adjacent to the existing care home to the east of the site.

Woodland will generally be retained with the main access taken from Craigton Road.

- Limiting the development to the clear pockets
- Retaining woodland on site
- Landscape buffers north + south
- Access from the north/Emergency access to the south
- Extensive on-site open space + path networks
- Appropriate stand off from existing trees



6.0 CONCLUSION

The site is an obvious extension to the existing development to the east and through careful design can create a new but limited extension to the City that respects its setting. The site is accessible by a range of transport modes and close to a large populated area of the city, enhancing the sustainability of the proposed uses.

The success of the adjacent care home and the continuing demand for such facilities suggest that more sites will be required to house such developments across the City. The site lends itself to this use and could provide extensive access to the open spaces, recreational walks and local facilities. This use is already established immediately adjacent.

Garden centres by their nature are best located in green areas close to the urban area. Their space requirements and horticultural focus mean that growing and outdoor space is essential. They offer other services too that are easy to access if located, as this is, close to population centres and within easy walking distances of those.

The proposal would not have adverse impact on trees and the surrounding green space network. Therefore, the use of part of the site as a garden centre business is entirely compatible with the area character.

Both uses would respect the setting and landscape character of the wider area of Pitfodels Conservation Area.

These uses would also contribute to creating sustainable mixed communities by providing local facilities, local job opportunities and services in an area that is predominantly residential.

The site is therefore proposed to be zoned for a combination of care home and garden centre.

'Land at Airyhall Road/Craigton Road, Pitfodels is suitable for Garden Centre and Care Home Centre that ...

- Has good connections to the urban edge
- Will respect the landscape and conservation setting
- Retains and manages woodland
- Adopts the 6 qualities of a successful places promoted by The Scottish Government
- Takes access from Craigton road rather than Airyhall (emergency/secondary access only)
- Has clear defensible boundaries:
- Has good access to local footpath networks and urban area of Aberdeen; and
- Will respect the local context and setting