



# 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](http://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.

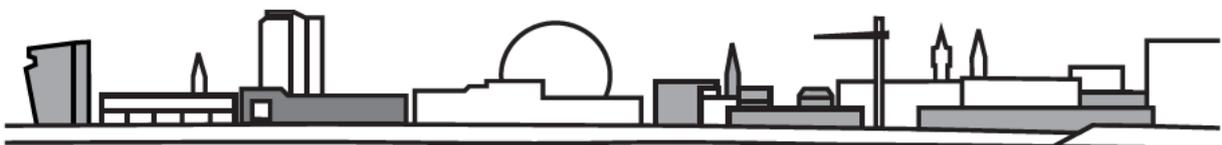
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## 1. YOUR DETAILS

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?

- 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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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:

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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?

good well connected and reasonably priced public transport, clean streets, affordable accommodation, ample social housing, robust procedures to avoid people sleeping on the streets, free and accessible community facilities for all

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

to ensure planning for the demise of the oil industry, social housing increase, focus on union street and surrounding development with focus on local sustainable organisations and ensuring properties are maintained

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 CO<sub>2</sub> emissions?

recycling of waste is important therefore I wholly disagree with the planned energy from waste plant, we should be focusing on reducing and reusing waste rather than burning it. Affordable housing as defined by the government is not actually affordable for most people so a redefinition of this is required along with sustained building of social housing. Improving roads for cyclists and pedestrians is key to improving local air quality and reducing risk of accidents.

## 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?)

a hub for local shops and events, pop up shops in long-term empty buildings, using the Castlegate for what it as intended, a proper market place instead of closing off roads for this purpose, utilise UTG more as a hub with events, markets, pop up shops/cafes or built in shops and cafes within the

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

i would happily pay more for Council tax if it was clear what this was being spent on and the Council tax bands were actually fair (not fit for purpose as ratings made long before the property price increases)

- 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?)

widened pavement and removal of cars from union street, only buses/cycles and taxis for disabled users should have access, full pedestrianisation isn't really feasible when all buses cross union street at some point.

residential wide 20mph speed limit would improve the lives of pedestrians and residents and reduce risks of injury and death in an accident

- 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?)

clean up the granite buildings, develop a walking route for interesting buildings as usually unnoticed due to shop fronts ensure proper public consultation on large scale developments so we don't end up with another Union or Marishal Square (poor design, not sympathetic to the traditional buildings)

- 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?)

reduced business rates for empty shops for local sustainable businesses  
short term lets for same

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

Build more social housing instead of 'executive flats' and '4/5 bed luxury detached properties), family homes and flats and bungalows for the elderly

**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?)

retail parks increase the need for car use and reduce use of local shops, more of these are not required, plenty of these in Aberdeen already  
bus options to access current retail parks could be improved

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

create promotional material for river, park, and woods walks around the city  
develop and maintain paths  
provide lighting around river paths and all city parks  
flood prevention has to look at reducing the overall tarmac/built environment over the natural sink of the land, where built environment can be removed for more porous material in flood risk areas this should be done

**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?)

energy from waste should be a last resort after all reduction/reuse and recycling is performed, tying ourselves into a multi million pound development that could end up costing the city money if we can't produce enough waste (the exact opposite of the policy) - not a sustainable option at all  
local heating schemes and local small scale renewable energy schemes should be invested in  
circular economy should be pushed within the city to avoid waste going to landfill that could be used by another organisation  
encouragement could be in the form of incentives, reductions in bills.

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

focus on local, small scale and sustainable in all aspects, community growing spaces should be made available throughout the city as well as investment in local social spaces like community centres and libraries to ensure access for all

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.**

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If yes, please provide an email address