



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

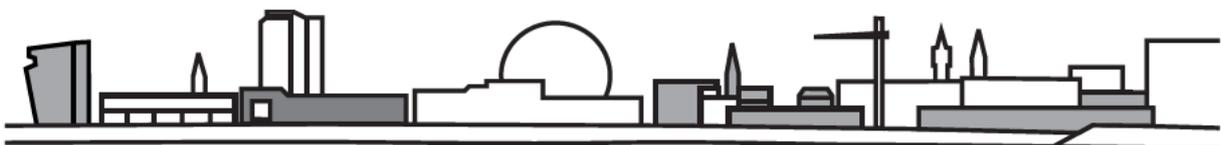
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A separate form for submitting development sites for consideration can be found on our website at: www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/localdevelopmentplan

Our consultation runs from the 19th March to the 8th of May 2018.
Please note the deadline has been extended to Monday 28th 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?

Bridge of Don

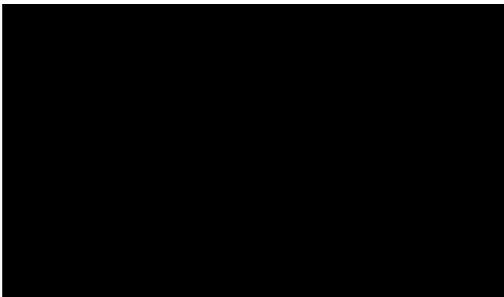
- A developer/ their agent
- A landowner/ their agent
- From a Key Agency
- Other

1.2 Please provide your name and contact details:

Name and Organisation:

Bridge of Don Community Council

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:

Bridge of Don Community Council

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?

Access to open area's,countryside and beach.

Low crime rate.

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

Encourage Business growth.

Provide job opportunities. Aberdeen Is reliant on the oil industry which over the next decade will decline. More needs to be done to attract and encourage new industry and business to the area.

The council should look at a reduction in the business rate as a means of promoting the area to business leaders

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?

The Bridge of Don has a distinct lack of affordable Housing. A complete halt to new large scale housing developments in the Bridge of Don area should be a priority. The area does not have the necessary infrastructure to support any more developments. Until this is provided no new developments should be approved.

The Bridge of Don has one Community Recycling Centre on Scotstown Road. The facility is inadequate for the needs of the Community .In addition it is located on a dangerous section of road with poor access and egress.at times traffic builds up on Scotstown road as vehicles cannot access the facility due to the limited space available .The facility is not fit for purpose.

A new up to date and safer facility should be provided for the community.

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?)

Union Street is famously associated with Aberdeen, yet it is tatty and unfortunately a disgrace to the city. Shopping Centres have had a detrimental effect on Union Street as more shoppers now bypass Union Street in favour of the centres. A Civic Square should be provided, however yet again a lost opportunity when Marischal Square was built.

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

Developers of new Housing Estates/Industrial Units should be made to pay for any new Infrastructure, they should be held to account and not be in a position to change or renege out of the planning conditions which were approved. Tighter controls need to be in place and enforced

- 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?)

Public Transport in Aberdeen is poor. It is among the worst in the country. It is profit orientated instead of Community based. The present system does nothing to encourage motorists to use it. The Council seriously need to review their transport strategy and the current service provider. If subsidies are being paid to the provider then they should be re-assessed. The needs of communities should be a priority. If the service was good then it would encourage more users which in turn would reduce car movements which would impact on CO2 emissions. The condition of many roads/footpaths is poor with potholes/trip hazards, more needs to be done to improve the road/path network.

- 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?)

The council could look at providing grants to clean/refurbish granite buildings. A code of practice for Granite properties should be in place and strict adherence with it implemented.

The council should look at Listing more buildings to ensure protection of our heritage.

- 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?)

The council should look at reducing business rates, offer incentives to new companies willing to set up in Aberdeen.

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

The Bridge of Don has a distinct lack of affordable housing.

The council should look at providing suitable low cost development land for Housing Associations.

The provision of more Local Authority Housing should be look into.

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?)

A need to support development in Union Street is a priority. At present it is a shadow of its former self and is a poor advertisement for Aberdeen.

Out of town retail parks are only accessible if you have a car, public transport to these developments is poor

A requirement to provide small retail outlets in housing estates is important, this should be a priority for any new development.

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

Area's of concern in our community are the River Don Nature Reserve, the Don mouth. Several embankments on the river don have already experienced problems with erosion.

No developments should be permitted in area's identified as a high flood risk area.

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?)

The council should promote renewable energy and look at providing grants/incentives to householder for the installation of any renewable systems.

New developments should be made to ensure Housing/Industrial units are constructed with the latest renewable energy systems.

The council should also look at a reduction in council tax/business rates for householders/business owners who have renewable/cleantech energy systems installed

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

Once a planning application has been approved there should be strict adherence to the conditions applied.

Green space area's need to be protected and no developments of any kind should be permitted.

Aberdeen has a beautiful beach area which is not utilised to its full potential. The council need to do more to promote the beach and historic Footdee. Public facilities ie toilets should be open longer to accommodate the public/tourists.

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 28 MAY 2018.

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If yes, please provide an email address