



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 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?

- 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:

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?

Still a good economy and new initiative like sporting events, however, there is not much to attract people to the City. More should be made of public places and parks. Lack of strong decision making is detrimental to the City.

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

Make the City cleaner and safer. Sort out Union Street. Get people living and working in the City Centre. Have less traffic on Union Street, no need for 6 lanes of traffic.

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?

Make it a healthy and clean City. Look to places like Berlin for inspiration. More public investment in infrastructure. Make better public places for the Christmas market as an example.

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?)

Better or different routes for buses. It is appreciated that there is not the population to sustain Union Street in its original capacity so need to look for alternatives.

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

Open railway stations at Kittybrewster, Bucksburn and Altens which would take a lot of cars and buses off the roads.

- 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?)

It takes too long to get anywhere so extra railway links (as above) would help. Covered areas in the city centre might help eg cover the Castlegate like in Berlin

- 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?)

Leave the architects to it especially for the larger landmark-type developments. Encourage housebuilders to improve design. We need to be less precious about the built heritage. Does it need to be sympathetic?

- 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?)

Simplified Development Zones!
We need to have an attitude which demonstrates we are open for business. Better coordination of all departments and agencies involved in development. Need a culture change from staff who must not be scared to approve development.

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

Think we are doing ok with the 25% target and provision.

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?)

The demand for high street retail has gone and so need to be careful about how much out of town is approved. Existing edge of centre sites are already changing with gyms and restaurants 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?)

Needs national legislation to change. More energy from waste.

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

Just do it and think about regenerating existing areas.

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

We really need a can do attitude. This is stated as an aim of the Council but it does not appear this way at all. Better coordination across and outwith the Council. Think outside the box eg Tullos is an aged Industrial Estate, why not flatten it and start again, even make it a park as it would be a better entrance for the cruise ship visitors to see. Also need better connections between the main areas, particularly in the city centre as it is too disjointed.

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.

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