

1.1 Please let us know the capacity in which you are completing this questionnaire. Are you...	
a) A member of the public	✓
b) A community representative e.g Community Council	
c) A developer/their agent	
d) A landowner/ their agent	
e) From a Key Agency	
f) Other – please specify	
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Organisation	
Organisation/group/landowner:	
2.1 What do you think are the most important things that make Aberdeen a good place to live, visit and/or work?	The town/city is pleasant largely because of the size of population and proximity to the countryside. In addition there unemployment is relatively low. One huge drawback is the price of housing for people who are not in the oil and gas industries.
2.2 What do you think should be the Council's top priorities for the next Aberdeen Local Development Plan?	Transport infrastructure in Aberdeen is abysmal, for a city which is often referred to as the oil capital. That has been a must for decades, but the city councils have failed miserably in this. There is no argument in this but instead excuses. To further develop the Aberdeen area this has to be addressed lest there will be further buildings etc. without the facility to handle the development.
2.3 Do you have any particular aspirations for your community or	This is all linked to the infrastructure in the area as indicated in the

<p>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?</p>	<p>previous question/answer..</p>
<p>2.4 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?)</p>	<p>The city centre is in decline from every viewpoint. Whether business rates are at the root or anti-social behaviour is the cause the city centre is becoming just another street with no atmosphere save for drunken revelry on weekend nights. The local government must be aware of all this but lack in decisive policies.</p>
<p>2.5 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?)</p>	<p>Paying for what is needed is bound to be public funded. I cannot see private funders trusting the local government administrations in this.</p>
<p>2.6 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?)</p>	<p>This is a question which would be best couched in terms ---Do you think tinkering with infrastructure issues with address problems ---the answer is simply 'Np'</p>
<p>2.7 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?)</p>	
<p>2.8 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?)</p>	
<p>2.9 What do you think should be our main planning priorities for meeting Aberdeen's housing and community</p>	

<p>needs? (For example, how can we meet the needs of people who cannot afford mainstream housing?)</p>	
<p>2.10 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?)</p>	
<p>2.11 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?)</p>	
<p>2.12 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?)</p>	
<p>2.13 If you have any views on topics not covered above, please write them below.</p>	<p>I have written on this subject before. Currently the Travelling Fraternity are again flouting all the rules they are expected to flout. y The encamp on ,land with no regards to the settled community but expect to be given accommodation to their requirements such as schools, shops and access to work which of course amounts to door to door canvassing for work. They encamped in Seaton Park and it seems the local authority did get their act to together quickly and had them moved on. Of course they simply moved to land at The Grandholm Village, Woodside. It is unlikely that the landowner there will have the facility of the local authority to move these people. It is astonishing how those people can identify areas at the drop a hat to encamp on. The location at The Grandholm Village is</p>

no well know to the local residents, but those travellers seemingly have the resourcefulness to find those locations. The area is not suitable, but in the event that it was available and suitable, it would be condemned by the Travellers as it is not convenient enough to shops etc. The upshot is that they make up their own minds and ride rough shod over everything that the rest of society have to adhere to. Legislation which is robustly enforced is required to deal with this. The creation of a Halt Site will not solve the problem. In any case Travelling Halts will be require to accommodate 80 to 90 caravans and associated vehicles and that is not a realistic probability. The City Fathers/local authority should be aware of this by now, but simply tinker with the problem-- pardon the pun!

There is a subject which beggars belief which has been on going for 8 or 9 years TRAVELLING HALT SITES. This is nothing short of ineptitude by successive administrations. The current situation with the amount of travellers arriving in the Aberdeen area and the lack of positive action by the local government leaves an observer to come to the conclusion that anything positive which occurs in the city area has little to do with the local government. The creating of sites is a difficult issue. There is a site already at Clinterty and although some faceless officer has indicated that extending this site is a non-starter, the precedent has been created in the area. At the time of writing there are 30 caravans and associated vehicles at the Bridge of Don nature reserve adjacent to the Lidl shop and another 10 on the Queens Links. Doubtless there are others at other locations. Robust

legislation based on the model of the 1885 Trespass Act is required. In the event of creating Halt Sites, those people will continue to flout normal rules. Visitors to the areas are amazed at the behaviour and lack of positive action by the authorities. To a large extent it is left to private individuals as the council administrations abdicate their responsibility, when they should be pursuing robust legislation which assists normal law abiding people. Those travelling people want convenient places to encamp so that they have access to shops schools and housing schemes in order to peddle their wares. I hope it has not escaped the attention of council officers that people from the settled community have to commute sometimes many miles to their work etc. and they have no choice. Lobbying councillors to provide convenient shops schools, workplaces etc.c, would be met with a remark that it is their lifetime choice. The travelling community have chosen their life style and they should be told that in clear terms and that imposing their requirements will not be met. The sites which have been considered such as Spinghill and Scotstown are so ridiculous that it beggars belief.