

Further Information

This leaflet summarises the process, but you can find more information from the following sources:-

You can find out more about the Proposed Local Development Plan by calling us on 01224 523330, or sending an email to ldp@aberdeencity.gov.uk.

You can also look online at www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/localdevelopmentplan

For more information about the Development Planning System, particularly relating to Local Development Plans and the Examination of these Plans, please have a look at the following documents:-

1 : Scottish Planning Series - Planning Circular 1 2009, 'Development Planning', published by the Scottish Government. <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2009/02/13153723/0>

2 : Development Plan Examinations <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/Doc/304226/0098331.doc>

How to contact The Scottish Government's Planning Service: Tel 0131 244 7888 or email sgplanning@scotland.gsi.gov.uk



Independent, free and impartial advice about the planning system can be obtained from Planning Aid for Scotland (PAS). Advice helpline: 0845 603 7602 or www.planningaidscotland.org.uk
For general enquiries: Tel 0131 220 9730 or email office@planningaidscotland.org.uk

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如果需要語言/傳譯及其他形式的傳訊支援服務，請聯絡：01224 523330。

Если требуется помощь при выборе языка /переводчика или других способов общения, звоните по телефону :01224 523330

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Responding to the Proposed Plan Advice Note

Aberdeen's New Local Development Plan What's Happened So Far?

The City Council is preparing a new Aberdeen Local Development Plan which we hope to adopt in 2012. The Plan will show which land is being allocated to meet the city's development needs over the next 10-20 years. These needs were identified in the Aberdeen and Aberdeenshire Structure Plan which was approved in August 2009. The new Local Plan will also set out the planning policies to be applied in promoting the growth of a sustainable city over this period.

We have carried out a lot of work with help from key agencies such as Scottish Water, Scottish Natural Heritage, NHS Grampian and Transport Scotland. Local communities, the development industry and businesses have also been involved.



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Development Options and the Main Issues Report

To begin with we invited landowners, agents and developers to submit their ideas about where new development should go. We discussed these development options with local people at a series of eight consultation events, five organised by the City Council and three by community councils. These meetings gave people an early opportunity to comment on the possible sites. We took these comments into account and assessed all the options against a number of factors, such as accessibility, environmental sensitivities and the capacity of roads and schools, before forming an opinion on which sites might be desirable.

We published a Main Issues Report in autumn 2009 suggesting options for meeting our future housing and employment land needs, and we explored options for other land use planning policies. We held ten consultation events about the Main Issues Report in different neighbourhoods and over 600 people attended. Almost 1,000 people, businesses and/or other organisations sent in comments.

The Proposed Plan and the Examination

The comments we received in response to the Main Issues Report, along with all the previous work, helped us prepare a Proposed Plan which the City Council has now agreed and published. The Proposed Plan contains the Council's firm view on what should be included in the final adopted Plan. We have also published a Proposed Action Programme setting out what needs to happen to make the Plan work. And we have produced Supplementary Guidance which provides more advice and details.

You now have an opportunity to submit representations on the Proposed Plan to the Council. Planning guidance says these representations should be concise, generally no more than 2,000 words, (plus limited supporting documents). They should fully explain the issues you wish to be considered as there may not be an opportunity to expand on these comments at a later stage. We have provided forms which you should use to make your comments. There is one form for commenting on the Proposed Plan and another for commenting on Supplementary Guidance. Responses must be returned to us by 5pm on Friday 17th December 2010. This is 12 weeks after the Proposed Plan was published.

We will consider all the representations received and we will prepare a summary of unresolved issues before submitting the Proposed Plan to Scottish Ministers. The Scottish Ministers will appoint a person (usually called a Reporter) to examine the Proposed Plan if there are unresolved representations. The Reporter will then ask the Council to supply him or her with the summary of unresolved issues, copies of unresolved representations and any other supporting documents or productions.

After this, there is no opportunity for anyone who has made representations, or for the Council, to submit any additional material to the Examination unless asked to do so by the Reporter. So, the

original representation is potentially your only opportunity to raise an issue to be examined. The Reporter will decide what form the Examination will take. Most issues are expected to be handled without the need for further information, but where additional evidence is requested, this will normally be in written form. Where a face-to-face meeting is required, this will normally take the form of a discussion with questions led by the Reporter (this is usually called a hearing). Only in exceptional circumstances will a formal inquiry be necessary to test information through cross-examination. If the Reporter invites you to participate in a hearing or inquiry you may be asked to supply a further written statement in advance.

Adopting the Plan

After completing the Examination, the Reporter will present his or her conclusions and recommendations to the Council and to Scottish Ministers. The conclusions and recommendations will be published and copies sent to everyone who submitted an unresolved representation. The Council must take on board the conclusions and recommendations before proceeding to adopt the Plan. Only in very exceptional circumstances can the Council choose not to do this.

