

Draft Aberdeen Planning Guidance 2023 / draft Aberdeen Supplementary Guidance 2023

The following table comprises a summary of the changes between from the Aberdeen Supplementary Guidance 2017 and the related draft Aberdeen Planning Guidance 2023 / draft Aberdeen Supplementary Guidance 2023.

In all cases the documents have been updated to reference the policies contained within the Proposed Aberdeen Local Development Plan 2020 (as modified), which will become the Aberdeen Local Development Plan 2023 when adopted. The documents have all had a section added which highlighting how they relate to tackling climate change.

The table below notes changes between the policy sections of the document, which starts after the introductory text.

APG Title	Notes
Topic Area: Health and Wellbeing	
Air Quality	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Content largely carried forward from 2017 Supplementary Guidance Now more detail on requirements for planning applications – when an Air Quality Assessment will be required (including screening guidance) and what an assessment will need to cover
Noise	No change from 2017 Supplementary Guidance
Topic Area: Placemaking by Design	
Energetica	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Content largely carried forward from 2017 Supplementary GuidanceVery minor changes to intro section.
Temporary Buildings	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Content largely carried forward from 2017 Supplementary Guidance Some re-ordering of text and some explanatory drawings and reference to some high-quality examples in section headed 'applications of interest'.
The Sub-Division and Redevelopment of Residential Curtilages	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Content largely carried forward from 2017 Supplementary Guidance Some re-ordering of text
Conversion of Buildings in the Countryside	<ul style="list-style-type: none">No change in text from 2017 Supplementary Guidance
Development Along Lanes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Former technical advice note (rather than Supplementary Guidance).No change in text from previous technical advice note.
Materials: External Building Materials and Their Use in Aberdeen	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Former technical advice note (rather than Supplementary Guidance).No change in text from previous technical advice note.

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Aberdeen Placemaking Process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New title – previously a technical advice note called Aberdeen Masterplanning Process (rather than Supplementary Guidance). • Changes to reflect the introduction of Local Place Plans, with guidance provided on this • Some sections have seen a fairly significant re-write, although the overall content still largely reflects the same principles as the previous technical advice note
Big Buildings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Content largely carried forward from 2017 Supplementary Guidance • Re-ordering of sections • Appears to be a new section to provide clarification on when a formal wind assessment will be required
A Guide to Planning Consents for the Aberdeen Inner City Multis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current technical advice note • No change in text from previous technical advice note. •
Landscape	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First part of document carries forward content of existing 2017 Supplementary Guidance • Part two and three new.
Stonecleaning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No change in text from 2017 Supplementary Guidance
The Repair and Replacement of Windows and Doors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No change in text from 2017 Supplementary Guidance
Shops and Signs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vast majority of text identical to 2017 Supplementary Guidance • Text added response to Net Zero targets - use of low energy lighting, and a new section in first table about adaptability (eg reusing high quality materials and quality timber that can be reused, repainted over time etc)
Repair and Reinstatement of Cast Iron Railings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Previously a technical advice note rather than Supplementary Guidance • Content is same as previous technical advice note. • Couple of technical sections have been moved to an appendix.
Topic Area: Vibrant City	
Hierarchy of Centres	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Content largely carried forward from 2017 Supplementary Guidance • Some minor re-ordering and minor technical changes to ensure consistency with new LDP policies VC3 and VC9 and glossary definitions. • Content of a separate Technical Advice Note on Retail Impact Assessments now also included as section 3 – minor changes to that content, but it remains substantially the same as the previous Technical Advice Note.
Harmony of Uses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Content largely carried forward from 2017 Supplementary Guidance • Some minor technical changes and re-ordering of sections. • Introduction of a new section on the 'agent of change' principle. • Section on street cafes from former 2017 Supplementary Guidance removed

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Serviced Apartments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No significant change from 2017 Supplementary Guidance • Minor formatting changes
Topic Area: Supporting Business and Industrial Development	
Aberdeen International Airport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Former technical advice note (rather than Supplementary Guidance). • Re-ordering of sections
Topic Area: Meeting Housing and Community Needs	
Householder Development Guide	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Largely carries forward text of 2017 Supplementary Guidance • Minor changes to sections on roof extensions, and Change of use from Amenity Space to Garden Ground. • Section added on “Annexes / Ancillary Accommodation”, and on “Sustainable features” • Section on “Houses in Multiple Occupation” removed
Affordable and Specialist Housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Largely carried forward text of 2017 Supplementary Guidance • On site provision text amended, further description added to preferer hierarchy of affordable housing types, text added to Affordable Housing Provision for Developments of 20 Units or More and text added to Viability statements. • Specialist housing provision reordered –small text updates to key workers text, accommodation for older people – removes waiver on student accommodation. • New Section on Affordable Housing Mix and Provision for Varying Needs
Children’s Nurseries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Largely carried forward text of 2017 Supplementary Guidance • Minimal text changes to provides clarity to the contents of the guidance.
Gypsy Traveller Sites	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Changes to Permanent site, transient site and site management sections to provide clearer guidance. • Principles with the document remain the same.
Student Accommodation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Largely carried forward text of 2017 Supplementary Guidance • Minor changes to intro section
Topic Area: Delivering Infrastructure, Transport and Accessibility	
Transport and Accessibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Largely carried forward text of 2017 Supplementary Guidance
Topic Area: Protecting and Enhancing the Natural Environment	
Open Space and Green Infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Largely carried forward text of 2017 Supplementary Guidance • Food growing and outdoor access moved to another document • Text changes to Brownfield redevelopment section and Maintenance and Management of New Open Spaces section
Natural Heritage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reordered sections • Section added on precautionary principle, avoiding and minimizing damage, ancient woodland, soils, biodiversity gain, mitigation and compensations, and Landscape and Biodiversity within Developments
Flooding, Drainage and Water Quality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rewrites to most sections of the document. • Sections added on Culverts and Open Watercourses / Run off and acceptable discharge rates / planning applications / certification compliance / climate change allowances.

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Trees and Woodland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Largely carried forward text of 2017 Largely carried forward text of 2017 Supplementary Guidance •
Topic Area: Sustainable Use of Resources	
Waste Management Requirements for New Developments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Was within Resources for New Development Largely carried forward text of 2017 Supplementary Guidance previously, now a standalone document • Largely carried forward text of 2017 Largely carried forward text of 2017 Supplementary Guidance • Small technical changes within the document relating to dimensions of waste receptacles and thresholds. • Developer Obligation Contribution section updated • Appendices updates
Wind Turbine Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Largely carried forward text of 2017 Supplementary Guidance • Text reordered with the document
Resources for New Developments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waste section removed and now is a standalone document • Largely carried forward text of 2017 Supplementary Guidance New section on relationship with Building Standards, sustainability checklists updated, technical detail on calculations removed