

Local Development Plan Newsletter

March 20, 2015

Proposed Local Development Plan & Supplementary Guidance

On 28th October 2014, Aberdeen City Council agreed the Aberdeen Local Development Plan - Proposed Plan for public consultation. This was followed on 13th January 2015 by further agreement by Council to consult on the Proposed Supplementary Guidance.

The Proposed Plan, Proposed Supplementary Guidance and supporting documents (including the Proposed Action Programme and Strategic Environmental Assessment) will be available for public consultation over a ten week period from **Friday 20**th **March to Monday 1**st **June 2015**, during which you are invited to make representations.

The Plan shows the land allocated to meet the City's development needs over the next 10—20 years. These needs were identified in the Aberdeen City and Shire Strategic Development Plan which was approved in March 2014. The new Local Development Plan will also set out the planning policies to be applied in promoting the growth of a sustainable city over this period.

Consultation Events

We have arranged a series of drop-in sessions at 9 venues across the City.

Each meeting will run at various times. The format of each event will be the same. We will have a staffed exhibition showing what's on the Proposed Plan.

You can drop in at any time for a face-to-face chat, get advice on how to respond to the Proposed Plan and hear about the next stages in the process.

Venue	Date	Time
Central Library	20th April 2015	3—8pm
Bridge of Don Library	22nd April 2015	3—7pm
Kingswells Community Centre	23rd April 2015	3—7pm
Northfield Library	27th April 2015	3—7pm
Bucksburn Library	27th April 2015	3—7pm
Cults Sports Centre Complex	28th April 2015	3—7pm
Cove Library	29th April 2015	3—7pm
Torry Library	29th April 2015	3—7pm
Bon Accord Centre	30th April 2015	12—8pm

Viewing the Plan

Copies of the Proposed Plan, Proposed Supplementary Guidance and supporting documents can also be viewed:

- Online at www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/aldp2016
- · At Marischal College Reception between 8am and 5.30pm; and,
- · Within all public libraries in Aberdeen

Representations may be made by letter, email or by completing a response form (available online, at our events, or from Marischal College Reception).

Aberdeen City Centre Masterplan

Exciting proposals shaping Aberdeen city centre have been revealed in the City Centre Masterplan as Aberdeen City Council and international consultants BDP embark on the next phase of public consultation.

The Masterplan details proposals that have emerged following consultation with people who live and work in Aberdeen, as well as a range of business, educational and community stakeholders. The



proposals will help to deliver an additional 11,000 jobs and add £290 million to the city's gross annual income.

The multi-million proposals are currently being showcased at a series of public consultation events in and around Aberdeen from 14—29 March. The plans, the public response to them and the project delivery plan will then be brought before Aberdeen City Council for approval in the summer.

More information on the public engagement for the City Centre Masterplan can be found on http://www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/council_government/shaping_aberdeen/City_Centre_Masterplan.asp

Scottish Awards for Quality in Planning

The Planning and Sustainable Service celebrated success at the prestigious Scottish Awards for Quality in Planning, presented by the Scottish Government to celebrate achievements in Planning across the country.

The Service won an award in the *Community Involvement* category, for engaging young people in the creation of the Proposed Aberdeen Local Development Plan.

The aim of the project was to promote and encourage the important role young people can play in looking into the future of places, and expressing how they think they should be designed and planned. Planning officers visited 12 schools (over a third of schools in Aberdeen) across the city to run workshops which encouraged more than 600 pupils to think about the environment around them and what they liked and disliked about their local areas. They were also encouraged to think about 'Aberdeen 2035' and suggest ideas and prepare a vision for the future of the city.

The judges were impressed by the "*inspiring impact*" of the project on the young people who participated, and commended the Council's genuine commitment to involving young people in the planning process, highlighting that all the work had been carried out in-house by officers of the planning service — a significant undertaking given the ambitious scale of the project.



schools taking part.

Senior Planner Claire McArthur says "we hope this project will be an example to other Councils that youth engagement is not something which requires a specific skill set to undertake. It is also not an 'added extra' to traditional consultation- youth engagement in planning should be considered an integral part to any consultation process." The team hopes to build on the success of the project by carrying out further engagement as part of future public consultations, with ambitions to expand the number of

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ABOUT THE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN TEAM

The LDP Team is responsible for preparing the Local Development Plan. This is a vital public document which shapes the future of Aberdeen, and influences significant public and private investment in homes, businesses, shops, infrastructure and facilities. We also prepare Supplementary Guidance which supports the policies contained in the Plan.

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