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Submitted to **Local Development Plan - Pre-Main Issues Report Questionnaire**

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Introduction

1 Please let us know the capacity in which you are completing this questionnaire. Are you...

A community representative e.g. Community Council

If you are a community representative, which area do you represent?:

Craigiebuckler and Seafield Community Council

If you answered Other, please tell us who you are.:

2 Please provide your name and contact details?

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4 May we have your permission to publish your name and/or organisation alongside your comments?

Yes

Aberdeen's Main Planning Issues

1 What do you think are the most important things that make Aberdeen a good place to live, visit and/or work?

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There are excellent public parks (Hazlehead and Duthie)

Easy access to the countryside.

Open green space within the city boundaries.

Plenty variety for shopping.

Wide choice of places to dine out.

There are a number of cinemas.

Family entertainment at the beach.

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

What should be the Council's top priorities for the next Local Development Plan?:

Conservation of our green spaces.

Green space should no longer be made available for building.

An end to the piecemeal approach to cycle lane provision.

Only brown field development should be permitted.

The next development plan should take account of health and social care provision.

At present housing developments are being permitted without taking any account of capacities of the city's GP practices to take on the vast numbers of new patients from the new communities.

3 Do you have any particular aspirations for your community or Aberdeen as a whole that you think should be taken forward through the Aberdeen Local Development Plan? For example, what are your views on recycling of waste, affordable housing, access to green space or ways to reduce CO2 emissions?

Do you have any particular aspirations for your community or Aberdeen as a whole that you think should be taken forward through the Aberdeen Local Development Plan:

Balanced/balancing communities, with particular regard to the need for health services and schools.

Air Quality and impacts from developments.

Protecting open space, public and private.

Cycle lanes should be linked and regarded as an essential and integral component of the road transport infrastructure

City centre development which is unsympathetic to our granite heritage should no longer be permitted.

Policy Topic Areas

1 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?)

What do you think should be our main planning priorities for the City Centre?:

Historically Union Street has been the principal link between the routes which lead to the towns of the North, South and West of the city. It is also the most direct connection between the major routes which lead to Aberdeen's suburban communities. Nothing should be done which would diminish this crucially important role in modern Aberdeen.

2 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?)

What do you think should be our main planning priorities for providing infrastructure? :

Aberdeen's roads infrastructure has failed to keep pace with the the growths of housing developments, business parks and industrial estates. There is no scope for improvements to the roads infrastructure of the city's established communities. However, in all new major developments, roads that are fit for purpose should be paid for by the developers under Section 75 of the Town and Country Planning Act.

3 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?)

What do you think should be our main planning priorities for transport and accessibility?:

Traffic in the city centre will become even more congested if any more of its main thoroughfares are pedestrianised.

Public transport frequency and accessibility are poor for the residents of some areas of Aberdeen., especially for Craigiebuckler, Seafield, Countesswells and Airyhall.

This situation, together with the advantages of car ownership discourages the use of public transport. Therefore more needs to be done to make bus travel more attractive than car travel. Buses should be allowed on to streets which have been pedestrianised.

Smart traffic lights which will sense the approach of a bus and change to green, giving it the advantage over cars at road junctions should be investigated as a possible aid to bus operators.

4 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?)

What do you think should be our main planning priorities for ensuring we have high quality buildings and places?:

Protecting the granite heritage of Aberdeen should be given more priority than it apparently has in the past. The recent construction of steel, concrete and glass edifices that contrast badly with the spectacular Victorian/Edwardian architecture of the city centre is viewed as a ruinous planning gaff which should never be repeated.

5 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?)

What do you think should be our main planning priorities for meeting the needs of business and industry? :

Aberdeen's congested roads are not business friendly because "time is money". A lot of the congestion is caused by private cars, especially during the rush hours which are taking up more in more of the time between 7.30 am and 6.30 pm. Much of this congestion is by commuters from the Shire. The Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire Councils should work in partnership to devise strategies to achieve objectives which are focused on user friendly and accessible forms of public transport which also has good connections between the city centre and Aberdeen's industrial estates and business parks. Less traffic delays mean less costs to businesses, not to mention a less stressed work force.

6 What do you think should be our main planning priorities for meeting Aberdeen's housing and community needs?(For example, how can we meet the needs of people who cannot afford mainstream housing?)

What do you think should be our main planning priorities for meeting Aberdeen's housing and community needs?:

The main planning priority for meeting Aberdeen's housing needs is to build social housing. Land should be made available in the development plan for this

purpose instead of allocating it to private sector house builders.

At present thousands of houses are being built, but the residents have no community centres. Community centres should be integral to every large planned development.

7 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?)

What do you think should be our main planning priorities for supporting retail centres across Aberdeen?:

If Aberdeen's existing retail centres apply for planning permission to expand, they should be required to pay for any improvements to the surrounding roads. No more out-of-town retail parks should be built because they lead to increased car use.

8 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?)

What do you think should be our main planning priorities for protecting and enhancing the natural environment and preventing flooding?:

All green spaces should be given public park status. Allowing more green space to be allocated for development increases the risk of flooding because of run-off from hard surfaces. The risk of flooding will be reduced if the Council is serious about protecting the natural environment from developers by allowing no further development.

Housing developments have encroached on natural woodlands. It is time that the Council realised that 'enough is enough'. There should be no repetition of the woodland destruction at Stonewood.

9 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?)

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Aberdeen City Council has made good headway with recycling. All public buildings should have solar panels installed on their roofs where practical. In order to incentivise householders to install solar panels on their properties, reductions in council tax should be offered.

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