



**aberdeen** local development plan

## **Newsletter – November 2013**

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### **Review of the Aberdeen Local Development Plan – Main Issues Report and Upcoming Consultation**

On 12 November 2013 Enterprise, Strategic Planning and Infrastructure Committee agreed that the Aberdeen Local Development Plan Main issues Report would be published for a 10 week consultation from **13 January** to **24 March 2014**. The report can now be found on our website

[http://www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/planning\\_environment/planning/local\\_development\\_plan/pla\\_2016\\_main\\_issues\\_report.asp](http://www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/planning_environment/planning/local_development_plan/pla_2016_main_issues_report.asp) along with our responses to representations made during the Pre-MIR consultation earlier in 2013 and appendices that have helped inform the Main Issues Report.

During the 10 week consultation we have organised a number of public events across the city. These are:

- Monday 27 January 15:00-19:00 – Bucksburn Library
- Tuesday 28 January 15:00-20:00 – Kingswells Community Centre
- Wednesday 29 January 15:00-19:00 – Scotstown Library
- Monday 3 February 15:00-20:00 – Central Library
- Wednesday 5 February 15:00-19:00 – Altens Community Centre
- Thursday 6 February 15:00-20:00 – Cults Sports Centre

As well as these we will also be holding a couple of information stalls in the city centre. Come and see us in:

- Bon Accord Centre (first floor) on 23 January between 12:00 and 20:00
- Union Square (first floor) on 25 January between 09:00 and 20:00

Also, following the success of our school engagement programme, we will be organising more school engagement workshops throughout the consultation period.

In January we will be starting to advertise these events so listen out for our advert on Northsound, look out for our posters and keep up-to-date with our press releases in the local papers. We will also send out another newsletter nearer the time to remind you of the consultation and to give you further details on how to submit your representations.

We look forward to seeing you at the organised events!

## **Serviced Apartments – Draft Supplementary Guidance**

On 12 November 2013 Enterprise, Strategic Planning and Infrastructure Committee agreed that draft Supplementary Guidance on Serviced Apartments be published for a four week consultation starting from **13 November** to **11 December 2013**. The draft Supplementary Guidance can be found at [www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/localdevelopmentplan](http://www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/localdevelopmentplan) and a copy of the document can also be found in Marischal College. If you wish to make a representation please contact Louise MacSween on [lmacsween@aberdeencity.gov.uk](mailto:lmacsween@aberdeencity.gov.uk) or send in your comments to the address below.

## **Aberdeen Local Development Plan: Proposed Supplementary Guidance**

### **Persley Den (Woodside) Masterplan**

Following the decision by the Enterprise, Strategic Planning and Infrastructure Committee on 12 November 2013, the Persley Den (Woodside) Masterplan is available for public consultation from **Monday 18 November 2013 until Monday 16 December 2013 at 12noon**.

The Persley Den site is identified as Opportunity Site OP135 in the Aberdeen Local Development Plan 2012. The masterplan aims to produce a new sustainable residential community to the north of the City on land adjacent to the River Don. The vision is to create a new 'village' continuing and reinterpreting the established pattern of settlements along Aberdeen's lower River Don valley.

The document can be found at <http://www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/masterplanning> and a copy can also be found in Marischal College. All responses to the consultation should be directed to [pi@aberdeencity.gov.uk](mailto:pi@aberdeencity.gov.uk) and clearly marked to which document the comments relate to. You may also respond through written representation to the Masterplanning, Design and Conservation Team. This should be directed to the address below.

## Strategic and Local Transportation Projects Update

### Non-Housing Capital Projects

**Third Don Crossing:** design and contract documentation currently underway; start advance site preparation works including tree felling - late 2013, with main contract underway early 2014; opening - autumn 2015;

**A96 Park and Choose:** design and contract documentation currently underway; start construction - early 2014; opening - autumn 2015;

**Dyce Drive Link Road:** design and contract documentation currently underway; start construction - early 2014; opening - early 2015 (connection to A96 subject to AWPR contract programme); and

**Aberdeen Western Peripheral Route/Balmedie - Tipperty:** procurement underway; contract award - autumn 2014; opening - spring 2018.

**South College Street Corridor Improvements:** start construction - early 2015; opening - early 2016;

**Berryden Corridor Phase 1:** design underway; start construction - autumn 2015; opening - autumn 2016;

**Marischal Square - Option Appraisal:** City Centre Traffic Model now available and option testing underway; option appraisal completion - end January 2014; and

**Union Street Pedestrianisation:** key milestones to be revisited following Marischal Square option appraisal.

### Aberdeen City Centre Wayfinding

A wayfinding strategy has been previously identified by Aberdeen City Council as important in improving the City Centre experience for visitors. The existing wayfinding infrastructure lacks coherence while maintenance and stock availability have led to lost or out of date resources in areas. The current provisions do not provide visitors with clear assistance when travelling around the City Centre, missing important and interesting details.

In February 2013 Aberdeen Inspired, in recognition of the deficiencies in current City Centre Wayfinding, approached Council officers with a proposal to work in partnership to investigate a new wayfinding strategy. Aberdeen Inspired views this as a flagship project for their organisation and the City Centre and it is well supported by their members.

The study's key milestones are as follows:

Strategic Plan (**completed**) – information gathering, audits and analysis;

Scheme Concept Design (**completed**) – wayfinding, product and information concepts;

Detailed Scheme (**November 2013**) – sign locations agreed;

Concept Design (**November 2013**) – illustrations, concepts and product types;

Pilot Scheme Design/Approvals (**December 2013**) – draft artwork for pilot and local consents/checks;

Detail Design (**December 2013**) – information and product design; and Pilot Scheme Implementation (**May 2014**) – prototypes, procurement and installation of pilot scheme.

### **Electric Vehicles**

The 3rd September 2013 saw a joint launch of the publicly-available electric vehicle charging points in Aberdeen and the new electric vehicles which have joined the Co-wheels Car Club fleet in the City. Around forty stakeholders, including members of the business community and the press, were in attendance. The launch also provided the end point for the *Plugged in Adventure* which saw two local filmmakers and a cameraman embark on a journey of 1500 miles around the UK in four days to prove that electric vehicles can cope with long distance motoring. The project, supported by Aberdeen City Council, Co-wheels and Specialist Cars Nissan Aberdeen, was completed successfully and the video of the trip will be made available soon.

All nine of the publicly-available electric charge points are now operational. The next stage will see the units commissioned to run on the Charge Your Car network. The network will provide a public interface for users, which will allow them to activate their charge by phone, text or using a swipecard, while it will also operate a back office facility which will monitor usage of the units. Members of the public can use the units now if they have purchased a swipe card from Charge Your Car.

### **Aberdeen Invest Live Visit**

The Council's City Promotions team new website is live! To find out more log on to [aberdeeninvestlivevisit.co.uk](http://aberdeeninvestlivevisit.co.uk), the one-stop shop for Invest, Live, Visit in Aberdeen.

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