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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 member of the public

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

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

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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?

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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?

The most important things that make Aberdeen a good place to live, visit and/or work?:

Pleasant environment, public safety, good roads infrastructure and condition, mixed shopping/dining/entertainment facilities. Good health and educational facilities. Settled and co-operative political landscape (no points scoring and petty squabbling by political factions on the council...they are interested ONLY in the good of Aberdeen not parties or self!)

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?:

Roads, attracting tourism (in all shapes and forms), safety.

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:

I want Aberdeen to be a "go to" destination for businesses and tourists. The City needs to attract investment before anything can be done.

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?:

The City centre should be a busy commercial hub with a variety of shopping opportunities. There are currently too many betting shops/mobile phone shops and charity shops...bring back big names and mix with local small businesses promoting the north east economy. A cafe culture would be useful with outdoor seating. Weekly farmers and continental markets in the Belmont Street and Castlegate areas. Increasing tourism by investment in air routes, cruise visits and attractions (open top city tours, walking tours of city centre/old aberdeen/footdee and torry etc) Advertise Theatre, museums and art galleries beyond the city nationally and internationally. WELCOME tourists. - festivals and events (NUART was great). Do SOMETHING with Union Terrace Gardens - it has potential to be a great public space.

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? :

Attract central investment rather than out of centre retail malls and centres. Attracting investment and tourism will generate wealth for the city.

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?:

Pedestrianisation is a good idea provided the infrastructure is amended to allow for it. At the moment all bus routes pass through Union Street. Needs for increased car parking opportunity and lower parking fees. Frequent bus services at reasonable cost.

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?:

New builds should be sympathetic to the surroundings and re-furbishment should embrace heritage.

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? :

Reduce costs for businesses in any way possible. Ensure safety of employees travelling to or at work. Ensure roads infrastructure is capable of dealing with new business traffic flows for ease of travel to and from and with minimum impact on existing residents/businesses.

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?:

Increase council owned housing stock for rent. Owning "affordable housing" is still outwith the reach of the majority of young families. Short term low rent housing may allow saving for eventual purchase.

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?:

Support existing retail spaces. There are empty units in all of our centres. Get them filled before building or providing further facility, There is an over-provision of office space and hotel beds yet these continue to be built/converted. No more building until current stock is fully utilised.

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?:

No more erosion of the green space. This plan identifies the conversion of swathes of green space for residential development. Parks and green spaces across the city should be maintained. Nature walks and trails should be refurbished and advertised. Outdoor sports facilities should be encouraged/provided.

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 has a new incinerator plant with the capacity to import the waste of others to generate income/low cost heat generation. This facility should be fully

utilised. Grants for solar panels and increase of electric vehicle use should be encouraged. Investment in cycle lanes and cyclist issues should be in proportion to usage - cycle lanes are not needed everywhere...encourage cyclists to use the pavement (half of them do anyway!!) - respons bly

10 If you have any views on topics not covered above, please write them below.

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Aberdeen has so much to offer there needs to be a genuine push to attract tourism. Events to attract visitors, welcoming the cruise business into the city and Aberdeenshire, Maximising parks such as Duthie, Westburn, Seaton and Victoria. Open new air routes to Europe and sell "city breaks". Sell the city nationally and internationally.

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