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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?:

The Aberdeen Islamic Charitable Trust

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

2 Please provide your name and contact details?

Name and Organisation::

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3 If you are acting as an agent or completing this on behalf of an organisation, group or landowner, please provide their details:

Organisation/Group/Landowner:

Address::

Postcode::

Telephone::

Email::

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?

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

The city is compact and well laid out. There is a sense of community. The traditional granite architecture gives it character. It is close to the sea and open space. There is clean air and it is surrounded by beautiful landscape. There are good facilities for work and leisure.

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?:

The New Aberdeen Mosque and Community Centre which will help to attract international investment, tourism and support the knowledge economy led by the two Universities as part of a shared vision to include everyone and develop community facilities.

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:

The New Aberdeen Mosque and Community Centre will provide important facilities for the Muslim community but also for Aberdeen as a whole and forms part of the overall vision for the City and Aberdeenshire.

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?:

There needs to be investment in Union Street and the surrounding area to attract high quality retail and visitors. A pedestrian zone would be good.

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? :

Infrastructure needs to be planned thoroughly and in consultation and based on identified needs. Commercial developers should contribute to the costs of infrastructure where appropriate.

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?:

Improve routes for walking and cycling, for example cycle routes and bike hire (the London system). Introduction of pedestrian zones.

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?:

Uninspiring development will have a negative impact on the built heritage. Creating good and inspiring architecture and landscape design can only enhance our built heritage, promoting in turn civic pride, social inclusion and a lasting legacy for future generations. The New Aberdeen Mosque and Community Centre will be a jewel in the crown of the Granite City with inspiring architectural beauty and attractive landscaping.

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? :

Raise the City's international profile and create links in the economic, business, cultural, educational and social spheres. Appoint international ambassadors for the City to volunteer their time.

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 provision of affordable housing through developers and Council building.

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?:

More investment in City Centre retail facilities and also local shopping areas. Perhaps there should be less emphasis on out of town retail parks.

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?:

We need to protect established trees and woodlands. Developers need to factor in protection against flooding.

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?)

What do you think should be our main planning priorities for ensuring that resources and waste are managed sustainably? :

Investigate alternative sources of renewable energy. Encourage use of solar panels and green design in new development.

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

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11 If you have any further information you would like to upload please do so below

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