

# Aberdeen Local Development Plan Pre-MIR Consultation Events

**Hazlehead Academy**  
24 April 2013 19:00 - 21:00  
3 participants

## **What do you like about your local area? What makes it a good place to live, work or visit?**

Good place to stay – good schools a draw.

Access from Mile End / Rosemount into the city centre is good – lots of buses and only a 15/20 min walk.

Tree lined streets and quality greenspace contribute to a good quality of life in Hazlehead wider area.

Rosemeount / Mile end buses are regular and reliable enough – very fortunate to have good access to the whole city.

## **What's not so good about living, working or visiting here? What problems are there?**

Difficult to park.

Lots of recent brownfield development (e.g. Mile end Primary, Beechgrove Church, Broadford Works, Cornhill Hospital) – concerned about pressures on schools, roads, parking and other local facilities.

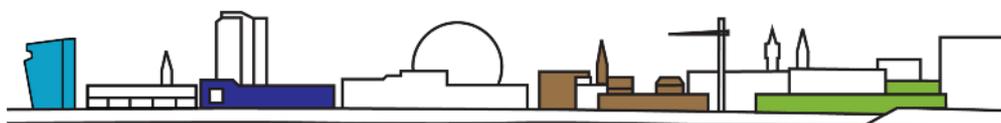
Bus fares are expensive.

Small number of developers operate locally and 'land bank' site rather than develop them out – e.g. former E&Ms.

Oil companies purchasing homes locally for their workforce.

Nothing for kids to do locally.

Parking a problem for Rosemount shops – some of the shopkeepers to blame though.



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Cheaper shops in Rosemount undermining the better quality shops.

Lack of parking and misuse of parking generally a big concern.

Not enough wardens to police parking effectively.

Should be more stringent controls surrounding obtaining parking permits.

Victoria Park – large area for dogs – no other facilities. Drainage a problem.

Concern over lack of greenspace in new developments and losing greenspace to create new developments.

Infrastructure a problem – congestion especially. Worry that further development will add to this (e.g. Countesswells).

Worry about schooling for Countesswells – particularly during interim period until new school developed.

Development onto Beechgrove Place causing traffic issues.

Berryden Corridor an issue.

Cornhill – traffic onto Berryden and Ashgrove Road.

Route of Old 22 (now 23) means no bus route past Oakbank / Raeden Centre anymore.

### **Are there any opportunities for improvements?**

Trying to get Rosemount Community Centre back on its feet.

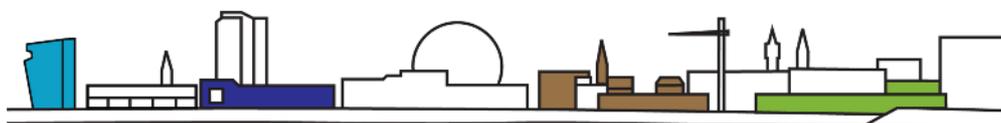
More retail on Rosemount an opportunity – more passing trade?

Westburn House (Park Villa) should just be demolished.

Prefer to shop locally rather than larger supermarkets – partly because of transport at Berryden.

### **What do you think is important when considering new development?**

Should consider what size of new schools are required – Mile End over capacity already?



New developments should link to existing open space (e.g. Hazlehead Park) through path and cycle networks

Need to ensure appropriate planning gain in new developments.

Queens Cross – Architectural quality needs to be high and in-keeping with surrounding areas. Materials also need to be sympathetic and appropriate.

Should be incorporating granite into new developments more.

**Other points:**

Planning in the city hasn't got a good track record – too many missed opportunities.

Frustrated that points made appear to be ignored – always seem to be in favour of development.

**Workshop 2: The City Centre**

**What's not so good about the City Centre? What problems are there?**

Shopping centres – too many in the city centre and not properly linked.

Bridge Street not attractive when walking from train station to Union Street.

Aberdeen meant to be a rich city but so many empty shops – not capitalising on this wealth enough.

No individual shops in the city centre.

George Street closed from Schoolhill a disaster.

Prices of buses very expensive.

Too many cars come into town.

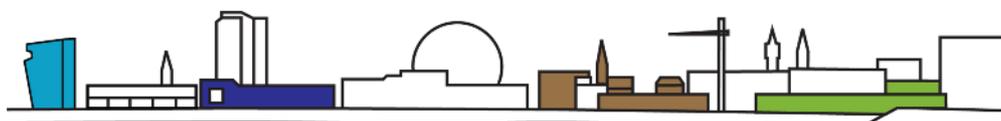
Edinburgh and Glasgow more set up for commuter trains than Aberdeen is.

Only been to Union Square twice – nothing for me there / nothing there I want.

**How do you think we should build on these strengths / address these problems?**

Need offices in the city to discourage people from going to Westhill etc.

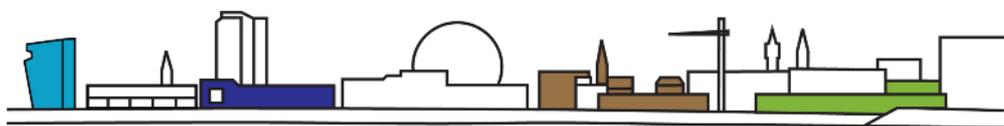
Lots of people work in the city centre but live outside the city – how do they travel



and work and where do they park? Can't all take public transport.  
Should knock down Station Hotel on Guild Street to accommodate more traffic.

All city buses should go to the bus station.

Don't touch Union Terrace Gardens.



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