



Proposed Aberdeen Local Development Plan 2015 Representation Form

Please use this form to make comments on the Proposed Aberdeen Local Development Plan, ensuring that your comments relate to a specific issue, site or policy in either the Proposed Plan, Proposed Supplementary Guidance, Proposed Action Programme or Strategic Environmental Assessment Environmental Report. Please include the relevant paragraph(s) and use a separate form for each issue you wish to raise.

The consultation period runs between Friday 20th March and Monday 1st June 2015. Please ensure all representations are with us by 5pm on Monday 1st June.

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What document are you commenting on?	Proposed Plan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	Proposed Supplementary Guidance	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Proposed Action Programme	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Strategic Environmental Assessment Environmental Report	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Policy/Site/Issue	Policy NE5 'Trees and Woodlands'	Paragraph(s)	3.105 and 3.106

What would you like to say about the issue?

In its current form Policy NE5 'Trees and Woodland' does not reflect Scottish Planning Policy (SPP) or Forestry Commission Scotland policy on Woodland and Ancient Woodland.

The Proposed Plan should therefore be amended reflect the National Planning Framework (NPF3), SPP and Scottish Government Policy on the protection and development of trees and woodland. Policy NE5 and the supporting text should be amended to cover the following:

- The principle of woodland expansion (NPF paragraph 4.23 and SPP paragraph 217) - This principle is a core theme of the Scottish Forestry Strategy and national planning policy and is relevant to Aberdeen City. For example, Aberdeen City Council has planted 60-70 ha of new woodland in the past two years.
- The general presumption in favour of protecting woodland resources - as detailed in the Scottish Government's Policy on the Control of Woodland Removal (<http://scotland.forestry.gov.uk/images/corporate/pdf/fcfc125.pdf>) and prioritised in paragraph 218 of SPP. The Aberdeen City Council area hosts significant areas of productive recreation and amenity woodland. For example, Kirkhill Forest, Duthie and Hazelhead Parks).
- The protection and expansion of priority habitats - as detailed in paragraph 194 of SPP (5th bullet point of the policy principle) and paragraphs 201 and 216.

What change would you like to see made?

Policy NE5 and the supporting text should be amended to cover the following:

- The principle of woodland expansion.
- The general presumption in favour of protecting woodland resources.
- The protection and expansion of priority habitats.

Please return the completed form by:

- post to the Local Development Plan Team, Aberdeen City Council, Business Hub 4, Ground Floor North, Marischal College, Broad Street, Aberdeen AB10 1AB; or
- email to ldp@aberdeencity.gov.uk

The representation form can be filled in, saved, e-mailed and/or printed. You must “save as” to ensure the completed form is saved with the changes you have made. If you need more space, please fill out another representation form or send a word document attachment via e-mail with your completed representation form. **Please ensure all representations are with us by 5pm on Monday 1st June.**

Thank you. For more information, please visit www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/aldp2016 or to contact the Local Development Plan Team call 01224 523470.

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