



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.

Please return the completed form by post to the Local Development Plan Team, Aberdeen City Council, Business Hub 4, Ground Flood North, Marischal College, Broad Street, Aberdeen AB10 1AB or by email to ldp@aberdeencity.gov.uk.

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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The comments you make on the Proposed Plan will be used to inform the Local Development Plan process and the Examination into the Local Development Plan by the Scottish Ministers' Reporter. You must provide your name and address for your representation to be considered valid, and this information will be made publicly available. Other personal contact details such as telephone and e-mail will not be made public, although we will share these with the Reporter, who may use them to contact you about the comments you have made. For more information about how Aberdeen City Council maintains the security of your information, and your rights to access information we hold about you, please contact Andrew Brownrigg (Local Development Plan Team Leader) on 01224 523317.

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On behalf of (if relevant)	UNFORTUNATELY AS I HAVE NOT YET HAD TIME TO PRESENT THIS TO A COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING. I HAVE TO ACCEPT THAT THIS REPRESENTATION IS MY FULL RESPONSIBILITY - <u>PERSONALLY</u>	
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If you use more than one sheet or extra paper, please ensure they are securely fixed together.

What document are you commenting on?	(Proposed Plan, Proposed Supplementary Guidance, Proposed Action Programme, Strategic Environmental Assessment Environmental Report) <i>ALL</i>		
Policy/Site/Issue	<i>CORE PATHS MAP</i>	Paragraph(s)	<i>SEE MAP</i>

What would you like to say about the issue?

SEE ATTACHED PRINT OUT

What change would you like to see made?

*CLARIFICATION AND CORRECTION TO
CORE PATHS INFORMATION*

Thank you. For more information please visit www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/aldp2016

I should first note that most of the comments are for the area which relates to Queens Cross/ Harlaw Community Council.

I wish to query the Core Paths strategy as shown by the map issued along with the "proposed aberdeen development plan 2015" and the supplementary information given on the disk.

Firstly looking at the map it appears that there is already a Core Path through our area which turns right at Anderson Drive and goes down Queens Road and straight on down and along Union Street. Having just walked this route to check I can find little that anyone could describe as a Core Path as described in the "Core Paths Plans - A guide to good practice" as issued by the Scottish Govt.

There is the occasional dotted line for cyclists to cycle and bus lanes on Union Street but that is all. Even the part of the "Core Path" shown on the map which goes back towards Rubislaw and Craigiebuckler cannot be described as a "Core Path" although one might accept that at least it's a safer route which could be found by walkers and cyclists.

I note that in the Supplementary information there is a comment stating "Walking and Cycling - North South link through site connecting to Langstracht cycle route and OP33 Greenferns. Links to and extensions of Westhill/Aberdeen cycle route. East West link connecting OP44 Maidencraig North to Northfield." We would be very interested to know what "Links to and extensions of Westhill/Aberdeen cycle route" means.

To try and clarify the situation I have read other documents such as the Local Transport draft 2015 and associated SEA to understand what is happening about the Core Paths but apart from fine words like "Objective - To improve conditions for cycling in Aberdeen and engender a culture change so that cycling becomes an everyday, safe mode of transport for all" nothing useful was found.

I have also read Aberdeen City Core Paths Plan 2009 (seems to be the latest I can find) which also has many many fine words and indeed some useful associated maps but there is nothing I can find in reality on the ground in the Queens Cross area which resembles these fine words, or any definite dates when these fine words will translate into action.

I also contacted the Core Paths Forum, but unfortunately they have not yet seen fit to publish any recent minutes or contact Community Councils as I believe they are supposed to do. So I assume as I have not received a response to my latest email to them they have not done much to query whats happening to Core Paths in the Local Development Plan.

All these fine words in several reports does raise the question however of why the AWPR was designed WITHOUT an accompanying Core Path for cyclists/walkers.

I am not entirely sure the Local Development Plan is the best vehicle to raise these queries on Core Paths but as there appears to be an incorrect map along with this Local development Plan 2015 it seems at least worthwhile pointing this out.