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Subject: Fw: Air quality at the Castlegate traffic hub: Environmental Report; Our architectural Buildings; Rest Places for Centre working people

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Local Development Plan 2015:**Ideas for the Plan Debate****Union Street and Castlegate (and views of the harbour)**
Union Street itself)**(the ships almost seem to be on**
Photographs of this for the tourism industry perhaps ?

1. Union Street is a very windy cold street, about its only advantage is ***seen at the top of buildings*** where there are terrific views of Aberdeen, **HMT theatre** would be ideal for a roof top restaurant: the Apollo Theatre in London (whose ceiling fell in: the plaster work contained hessian) have advised that theatres of the same age e.g. HMT should have their plaster work checked so that this doesn't happen again!! This would be a good opportunity to assess the feasibility of putting the theatre's dining area and kitchen at the top of the building!
2. The wind tunnelling up Union Street blew down **Xmas decorations** one year recently. What can be done about this?
3. Pedestrians need a green place at the bottom of Union Street **to rest** sheltered from the wind: i.e. hedging or trees (devoid of air polluting and traffic) especially the Castlegate area; (looking for a place to rest recently the only place we found was the St Nicholas cemetery!) **A green area at the Castlegate please!**
4. This area should be landscaped properly and the **traffic removed**
5. The market **stall holders** say they will not be returning to the Castlegate because no one turned up: this area must be enhanced so people are attracted there and want to linger.
6. The beautiful Salvation Army building (**modelled on Balmoral Castle**) needs to stand out also.
7. There is a green area i.e. Union Terrace Gardens (***in a valley which protects it from the wind***) at the top of Union Street: but nothing at the bottom in the Archibald Simpson pub/King Street area
8. The **beautiful St Andrew's Cathedral** here is lost in the dirt, pollution and noise of passing traffic: it should have a green space in front of it to enhance it and a peaceful calm area too!
9. A **Cathedral committee** is working on improving it: hopefully it will be seen as something to be treasured and should attract American tourists who have a connection with it.
10. The **new hotel** architects in this area has asked for the air quality etc. to be improved here.

Union Street has been reported as one of the most polluted streets in Scotland

11. **Young families** live here too and their health and wellbeing should be considered: the Council policy is to bring families to live in Union Street.
12. Possibly a **skate park** here for the young people which could double as an **amphitheatre** for previews of shows in Aberdeen etc.

A people friendly area here needs to be designed and urgently!!

Working with the NHS

Woolmanhill hospital it is suggested should be regenerated into housing; could it also have a 6 bed mini ward to prepare patients leaving hospital for return to their homes; relatives and friends could visit them there and help with the transition from hospital to home.

Every area in Aberdeen should have it own mini ward so that relatives and friends can visit the patient easily and prepare them for going home!

I hope we can have a **public debate on the Castlegate regeneration** with stake holders: stall holders; theatre people; architects; landscaping experts; NHS; historians; American tourism; and small businesses with ideas for the shops etc.!

Best Wishes for Aberdeen to have the best City Centre in Scotland !!


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Donna Laing

From: Shirley Strachan [REDACTED]
Sent: 07 June 2015 14:33
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Subject: Re: Proposed Aberdeen Local Development Plan

Dear Mrs Laing

My address is as follows:

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I look forward to hearing from you on the progress of the draft Plan

Best Wishes

Irene Strachan

From: LDP
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2015 12:10 PM
To: [mailto:\[REDACTED\]](mailto:[REDACTED])
Subject: Proposed Aberdeen Local Development Plan

Dear Ms Strachen,

Thanks you for your email to the ldp inbox, and paper copy of your submission.
For the representation to the Proposed Plan to be valid there needs to be a contact postal address.

Can you please supply us with this.

A postal address is required for the examination process into plan. During the examination process the Reporters Unit may contact you for further information regarding your representation. Once the examination has been completed, the Reporters Unit will notify individuals/parties/organisation who made unresolved representations that the report has been published and submitted. The Reporters Unit will do so this by letter.

If you could please supply us with a contact postal address we will input your comments as a representation to the Proposed Aberdeen Local Development Plan 2015.

If you wish to contact us further regarding this matter please do not hesitate to do so.

Best,
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