

# LDP Newsletter

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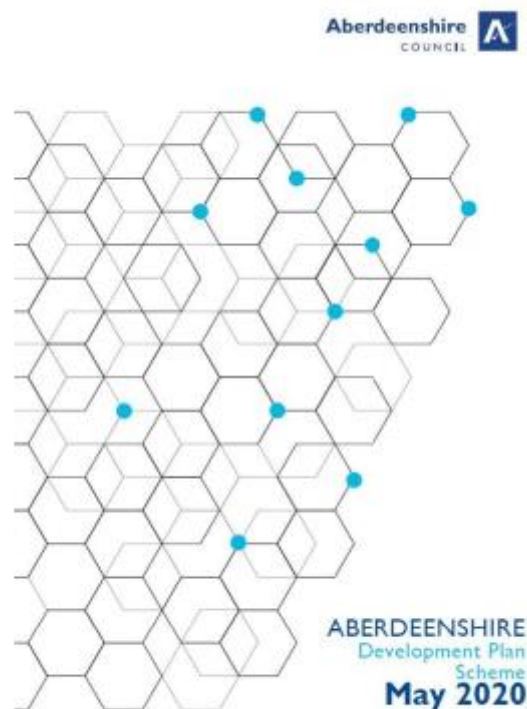
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## Welcome

This newsletter is produced to ensure that our customers can continue to receive an up-to-date picture of progress on the Aberdeenshire Local Development Plan 2021. We are delighted to announce that consultation on the Proposed Aberdeenshire Local Development Plan (LDP) 2020 has officially commenced. The consultation period will run from 25 May to 17 July 2020. You can find more details on how to review the Proposed LDP and how to make a representation on it in this newsletter. To allow the consultation to progress we have sought to revise our Participation Statement outlined in a revised Development Plan Scheme 2020. This was approved by Aberdeenshire Council's Infrastructure Services Committee on 14 May 2020. As previously advised, we intend to promote a largely electronic consultation. However, should any individual have problems viewing the Proposed LDP or the suite of supporting information available, please do not hesitate to contact the Policy Team.

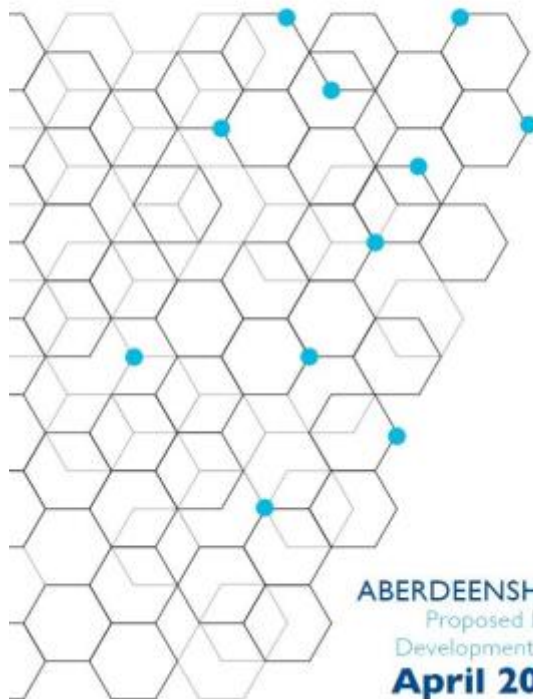
## Revised Development Plan Scheme 2020 Adopted



On 14 May 2020, Aberdeenshire Council's Infrastructure Services Committee (ISC) agreed a revised [Development Plan Scheme](#) (DPS) for 2020. This includes agreement of a new Participation Statement which outlines the specific ways in which we will engage on the Proposed Aberdeenshire Local Development Plan (LDP). The Committee also agreed that the public consultation period should commence on 25 May 2020 for a period of 8 weeks, ending on 17 July 2020. A DPS is prepared to inform stakeholders of the stage that the LDP is currently at, and to identify the nature of the consultation being undertaken to inform the content of the LDP. The revised DPS has been prepared to reflect the impact that social distancing measures associated with the Covid-19 outbreak and changes introduced through emergency legislation has had on our proposed engagement during the Proposed LDP consultation. The revised DPS replaces the DPS previously agreed by ISC on 12 March 2020.

## Consultation on the Proposed Aberdeenshire Local Development Plan 2020

Following the approval of the [Proposed Aberdeenshire Local Development Plan \(LDP\) 2020](#) by Aberdeenshire Council on 5 March 2020, an 8-week consultation period on the Proposed LDP commenced on **25 May 2020 and will end on 17 July 2020**. We will be pursuing a consultation that is largely focussed on an online means of engagement. In place of face to face drop-in events that were previously planned across Aberdeenshire, we will be engaging with members of the public and stakeholders, including Community Councils, using electronic means. This will include an interactive virtual drop-in 'room', and there will also be opportunities for question and answer sessions to be held between planning officers and the public. We will however also be available to communicate with stakeholders and members of the public through non-digital communication e.g. telephone calls/ letters. Anyone can comment on the content of the Proposed LDP during the consultation period. Any comment made outside the consultation period will not be considered. All those who made comments on the Main Issues Report will be contacted and expressly invited to examine the outcomes of the Council's deliberations on the issues identified. Likewise, all Community Councils, Key Agencies and neighbouring Planning Authorities will be notified. All properties that are adjacent to a site proposed for development will be notified in writing and views sought on the proposals.



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## How to make comment on the Proposed Aberdeenshire Local Development Plan 2020



**PROPOSED ABERDEENSHIRE LOCAL  
DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2020  
RESPONSE FORM**

As part of the production of the Local Development Plan, a 'Main Issues Report' was published in January 2019. The responses from these consultations have helped to inform the content of the Proposed Local Development Plan ('the Proposed Plan').

The Aberdeenshire Local Development Plan will direct decision-making on land-use planning issues and planning applications in Aberdeenshire for the 10-year period from 2021 to 2031. The Proposed Plan was agreed by Aberdeenshire Council in March 2020 as the settled view of the Council. However, the Proposed Plan will be subjected to an independent examination and is now open for public comment.

**This is your opportunity to tell us if anything should be changed in the Proposed Plan, and why.**

When writing a response to the Proposed Plan it is important to specifically state the modification(s) that you would wish to see to the Plan.

This is the only remaining opportunity to comment on the Proposed Plan. The reasons for any requested changes will be analysed and reported to Scottish Ministers. They will then appoint a person known as a Reporter to conduct a public examination of the Proposed Plan, focusing particularly on any unresolved issues and the changes sought.

Ministers expect representations (or responses) to be concise (no more than 2000 words) and accompanied by limited supporting documents. It is important to ensure that all of the information that you wish to be considered is submitted during this consultation period as there is no further opportunity to provide information unless specifically stated.

Please email comments to [ldp@aberdeenshire.gov.uk](mailto:ldp@aberdeenshire.gov.uk) or send this form to reach us by 19 June 2020.

We recommend that you keep a copy of your representation for your own records.

Please refer to our [Privacy Notice](#) at the end of this form for details of your rights under the Data Protection Act.

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All representations on the Proposed Aberdeenshire Local Development Plan (LDP) 2020 must be made in writing by 17 July 2020. A pro-forma [response form](#) is available which we would encourage the use of in preparing any representation(s) on the Proposed LDP. Hard copies of the response form can also be distributed upon request. Representations should be clear and concise (Ministers expect representations to be no more than 2,000 words plus any limited supported productions), but should fully explain the issues wished to be considered at the Examination. Any unresolved matters arising from the consultation will be considered at Examination by an independent Reporter appointed by Scottish Ministers. Planning Officers are available to answer any questions in relation to the Proposed LDP 2020 and any of the supporting documents. Please contact us on [01467 536230](tel:01467536230) or email [ldp@aberdeenshire.gov.uk](mailto:ldp@aberdeenshire.gov.uk).

## Virtual Drop-In

We are offering all members of the public the opportunity to continue to engage with us by '[Virtual Drop-In](#)'. This is a virtual 'room' providing a 360° virtual tour of all the information that would usually be available at an event held in a village hall. The information includes the Proposed Local Development Plan (LDP), three short films and an array of posters that broadly summarise the vision and policies, explain the LDP process, outline the proposed allocations for each individual settlement, and how to comment on the Proposed LDP. The Virtual Drop-In is an open session that anyone can join or leave at any time. There will be a 'live chat' facility within the drop-in platform to allow opportunities to discuss the content of the Proposed LDP with Planning Officers during the

consultation period. A live webinar may also be considered. We will announce these on our website, and our [Twitter \(@ShireLDP\)](#) and [Facebook \(Aberdeenshire Council\)](#) accounts. Planning officers are also contactable via telephone and e-mail [ldp@aberdeenshire.gov.uk](mailto:ldp@aberdeenshire.gov.uk).



## Short films

As part of the consultation process for the Proposed Local Development Plan, we have produced three short films on the following topics:

- [The Proposed Aberdeenshire Local Development Plan 2020](#)
- [The Local Development Plan-Making Process](#)
- [The Proposed LDP Consultation Process, including Neighbour Notification](#)



## Interactive Online Proposed Local Development Plan

To assist members of the public and stakeholders to view and understand the Proposed Local Development Plan (LDP), we have produced an [Interactive Online Proposed Local Development Plan](#). The interactive Proposed LDP allows users to see how specific policies and land designations relate to the area that they live in or are interested to develop. Within the Policy sections, users can search an address to see if it falls within/near areas of designation or protection such as green belt, coastal zone, Special Landscape Areas, Local Nature Conservation Sites, Battlefields or Prime Agricultural Land. Similarly, settlements that have a Settlement Statement in the Proposed LDP can be explored to learn about proposed areas for development, safeguarded areas for business use, protected land, reserved sites and boundaries to retail centres or the built up area.



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