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Dear Sir/Madam,

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## Aberdeenshire Local Development Plan 2021 Publication of the Proposed Local Development Plan 2020

Aberdeenshire Council has reached a key milestone in the preparation of a new Local Development Plan for the area. The Proposed Aberdeenshire Local Development Plan 2020 will be formally published on the internet on 25 May 2020 for a consultation period of 8 weeks, ending on 17 July 2020. During this period written representations on the Proposed Local Development Plan can be accepted. A copy of the Proposed Local Development Plan can be viewed at: <a href="https://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/planning/plans-and-policies/pldp-2020/">https://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/planning/plans-and-policies/pldp-2020/</a>.

The Proposed Local Development Plan is Aberdeenshire Council's settled view of what land should be brought forward for development during the period to 2031. It also contains policies against which planning applications will be assessed. The Proposed Local Development Plan has been produced in response to comments received at the main issues stage.

We are now inviting views on the content of the Proposed Local Development Plan. A response form has been prepared, which can be downloaded from the Council's website or by requesting a copy from the Policy Team. This form should be used to make your representation to the Proposed Local Development Plan. It is important that you clearly identify the issue that your comment concerns and for you to explicitly state the modification(s) that you would wish to see to the Plan. If you wish to raise a number of issues, it is helpful if each issue/comment is provided on a separate form. Additional forms can be obtained via the Council's website or by contacting us directly. Completed responses can be emailed to:- <a href="mailto:ldp@aberdeenshire.gov.uk">ldp@aberdeenshire.gov.uk</a> or posted to:-Planning Policy Team, Infrastructure Services, Aberdeenshire Council, Woodhill House, Westburn Road, Aberdeen, AB16 5GB.

You should be aware that Scottish Ministers have suggested that representations should be concise (no more than 2000 words plus any limited supporting productions). There is very limited opportunity to expand submissions later in the process, and then only on invitation.

If we are unable to agree to your proposed modification(s) then the matter(s) will be referred to a person appointed by Scottish Ministers to examine the Plan. Following Examination of any unresolved issues arising from representations the Reporter will set out their conclusions and recommendations on how the Plan should be modified, where necessary.

In accordance with the Coronavirus (Scotland) Act 2020, hard-copy documents will not be made available for inspection in public libraries or at Council Planning Offices throughout Aberdeenshire due to action taken in order to control the incidence or transmission of coronavirus. Should you experience any problems viewing the Proposed Local Development Plan online, please do not hesitate to contact us.

You can keep up-to-date on the progress of the Local Development Plan via the Council's website. You can follow us on Twitter @ShireLDP and the Aberdeenshire Council Facebook page. We also produce a regular enewsletter that details how we are progressing the preparation of the Local Development Plan. If you wish to be informed of our progress on producing the Plan, then we would also encourage you to subscribe to that mailing list. You can ask to be removed from this list at any time by contacting us.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Policy Team if you have any queries.

Yours faithfully,

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