

UDNY PARISH RESPONSE TO MAIN ISSUES REPORT CONSULTATION

Udny Community Council response on behalf of Udny Parish.

The Pitmedden & Udny Parish community.

In the latter part of 2018 the Pitmedden & Udny Parish community engaged PAS (Planning Aid for Scotland), an organization supported and funded by The Scottish Government in the development and running of the Advice Service. The purpose of Pitmedden & Udny Parish communities engagement with PAS being the provision of the skills, knowledge and tools in developing a community-led approach to planning, allowing our community to have their say in the future of our villages. The Pitmedden & Udny Parish community project with PAS was titled “Imagine Udny”.

The “Imagine Udny” Community Action Plan and Spatial Report published February 2019 by PAS in partnership with the Udny Community Council (UCC) and the Udny community Trust (UCT), highlighted with community support, a wide variety of ideas for the further development of the Udny Parish settlements, focus being on Pitmedden – Milldale as the principal settlement in Udny Parish. The Community Action Plan Report provisions the Vision and Strategy within which the community could move forward with these ideas. The UCC and the UCT subsequently prioritized action as:

- (i) Central Village interventions to give a clear sense of identity
- (ii) The creation of a new Community Hub to support a wide variety of activities
- (iii) Re-development of the existing Quarry site on the B999 as an exciting recreational park
- (iv) Development of new green spaces linking in with the existing paths network
- (v) Traffic management measures to improve public safety and amenity

Any development within and around Pitmedden and Milldale is expected to support these priorities.

- As such any further development should be to the south of the village.
- In support of a ‘Village Centre / Village Centre Piece’ providing the clear sense of identity, the villages current configuration around the Co-Op store, Ingleside, Car Park and Primary school should not be compromised by restriction of design, purpose or layout which would impede future Village Centre development.

The Udny Community Council will be reviewing all bid sites in the light of Imagine Udny outcomes and will be discussing these outcomes with both planning officials, elected representatives and developers.

1. Central village Interventions to create a clear sense of place with a distinct identity involving short, medium and long-term actions. (Community Action Plan p.15/18. Spatial Masterplan p.10-13). These actions to focus on the area (Pitmedden Central) covering the southern B999 entrance to the village from the church and medical centre, past the primary school and up to and just beyond the pedestrian crossing at the Co-op retail outlet.

These actions to include such things as additional pedestrian crossings, speed reduction measures and colored surface changes. A village centerpiece and the re-location of the primary school were clearly medium and high interventions.

2. Community Hub. The development of a new village hall or “community hub” on the FR007 site, as a replacement for the existing village hall (Community Action Plan p. 15. Spatial Report p.8). This

community hub to be a multi-purpose facility owned and managed by the community with existing village hall re-purposed short term for all generations to use with later alternatives of 'Start-up' business facilities and advice centre or office space.

3. Quarry site. The re-development of the quarry site south of the village on the B999, for recreational and small industry use (Community Action Plan p.21. Spatial Masterplan p. 18/19). This Quarry Park to provide, for example, a BMX / mountain bike tracks plus storage and related community facilities.

4. New green spaces, accessible to all, at the southern entrance to the village – Pitmedden Green (Community Action Plan p.20. Spatial Plan p. 16-17). Walkways and access linking into the existing paths network with artwork and sculptures, seating and picnic areas, together with plantings to enhance local bio-diversity.

5. Traffic management (Community Action Plan p.22) to maintain and improve public safety and amenity

Udny Parish would like to emphasise that to fulfil the community's aspirations for the new community hub and the new school will require that the LDP includes site allocations to accommodate these future developments.

The above Pitmedden Community prioritized actions would appear to be supportive of the Planning Objectives stated in the Formartine, Pitmedden and Milldale section of the Local Development Plan 2021 report.

That being the text below extracted from Page 76 of the Development plan.

Planning Objectives:

- *To help contribute to the overall sense of place in the community.*
- *Enhance the role of the settlement as a service centre.*
- *Meet local housing need in the settlement.*
- *Meet housing need in the wider strategic growth area as defined by the Aberdeen City and Shire Strategic Development Plan.*
- *Support local services and facilities, including the primary school.*
- *Preserve the amenity of the settlement.*
- *To provide local employment opportunities.*
- *To support community facilities and services.*

Udny Green.

As noted in the Local Development Plan, Udny Green has no further potential development plans. The OP1 reference approved for 15 homes has been noted by Udny Green residents and their comments are logged within APP/2015/0679.

Hattoncrook.

There is one proposed site for Hattoncrook, FR023. This being for a proposed 30 homes. There is a general community concern over the scale of this proposal. The overview notes contained in LDP has comment in support of the scale concern. Any future action regarding FR023 should consider the Overview comment and the concerns of the current Hattoncrook residents.

In conclusion.

The Udny Parish communities hope to be given the opportunity to arrange a presentation to elected members of the Formartine Area Committee to present their plans for the future of the whole of the parish of Udny (including Udny Green and Hattoncrook) in order to ensure that the new LDP supports these aspirations.