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	Strategic Environmental Assessment Interim Environmental Assessment	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Your comments

North Kincardine Rural Community Council (NKRCC) wish to lodge the following comments in relation to the Local Development Plan 2021 Main Issue Report.

In relation to consideration of the Development bids submitted which fall within the NKRCC ward, the Community Council (CC) are encouraged to see that the recommendations of the Planning Department are broadly aligned with our views and reflect the opinions shared by the community during earlier consultation exercises. Given the generally recognized slow “build-out” rates, the existing development sites at Chapelton and Blairs, should remain the locus of any large scale development within the ward. We see no compelling case to support any of the other development bids of a size that would be considered for allocation within the LDP 2021 in relation to meeting rural housing demand or enhancement of the community. Further large scale development will exert unsupportable pressures on the existing rural community with education provision, environmental and transport considerations in no way being adequately addressed in the development bids.

The settled view of NKRCC in relation to development in the rural community which we would wish to see reflected and supported in LDP 2021 can be summarized as follows:-

- Given the slow rate of “build-out” of approved large scale developments in Aberdeenshire, new significant developments should not be approved until reliable projections indicate the existing developments will reach capacity and that existing developer obligations will be met.
- Urbanisation of the rural community by encroachment of developments from the Aberdeen City- Aberdeenshire boundary is not desirable. Development proposals in the rural community should reflect and support the rural character.
- Significant development along the route of the A90 Fast-link and AWPR and parallel routes which could lead to ribbon development is to be avoided.
- Development proposals should not be supported which will impose undue pressure on existing infrastructure e.g. school/nursery provision, transport without including realizable mitigating measures.
- Small scale developments which provide for a range of occupancy models and affordability could be supported particularly where; this promotes/retains employment opportunities within the rural community and in particular for lower pay bands, provides a mechanism for entry level housing to allow individuals and young families to remain within the rural environment, provides suitable family accommodation to sustain a broad age demographic within the community.
- Small scale developments which provide sustainable employment opportunities, which ensure accessibility and promote community engagement could be supported.
- When considering new proposals, the LDP 2021 should provide for due consideration to be afforded to the rights and needs of settled occupants with regards to the imposition of new developments.

- Policy should preserve the Green Belt, limiting encroachment from outwith and/or reduction due to expansion of existing developments from within.
- Policy should be suitably clear so as to limit intentional misuse of the planning process for example by way of serial planning applications leading to progressive change of land use to circumvent Green Belt policy.

In relation to the LDP policy review we are supportive of a proposal from Newtonhill, Muchalls & Cammachmore Community Council for the addition of a new policy protecting education resources in Chapter 10 Protecting Resources. Specifically this should ensure that access to school and nursery places, provision of subject choices, teacher-pupil ratio and overall academic attainment is not negatively impacted by demands on capacity and zonation policy that new developments could introduce.

North Kincardine Rural Community Council would also like to express support for the Protect Banchory Devenick group who are seeking to protect the rural environment and the natural heritage from the proposed large scale development in the Tolohill area. We support the reasoning given by the planning team leading to the recommendation that development at this site is considered to be “not preferred”.

The efforts made by the Aberdeenshire Planning Team to engage with the local community to support their information gathering, to encourage active participation in the process to date and the good level of communication so far is to be commended. The CC fully appreciate the opportunity to engage in this process which will contribute to maintaining a vibrant and sustainable rural community whilst ensuring the character of the area and the environment is protected in order to retain the valuable cultural heritage of the area.

Your comments (continued)

