



Doing things digitally is our preference. Tick the box if you are not happy to receive correspondence via email:

Tick the box if you would like to subscribe to the Aberdeenshire LDP eNewsletter:

Fair processing notice

Please tick to confirm your agreement to the following statements:

By submitting a response to the consultation, I agree that Aberdeenshire Council can use the information provided in this form, including my personal data, as part of the review of the Aberdeenshire Local Development Plan. This will include consultation on the Main Issues Report (including any subsequent Proposed Plan).

I also agree that following the end of the consultation, i.e. after 8 April 2019, my name and respondent identification number (provided to you by Aberdeenshire Council on receipt of your submission) can be published alongside a copy of my completed response on the Main Issues Report website (contact details and information that is deemed commercially sensitive will not be made available to the public).

The data controller for this information is Aberdeenshire Council. The data on the form will be used to inform a public debate of the issues and choices presented in the Main Issues Report of the Aberdeenshire Local Development Plan 2021. It will inform the content of the Proposed Aberdeenshire Local Development Plan.

Aberdeenshire Council will only keep your personal data for as long as is needed. Aberdeenshire Council will retain your response and personal data for a retention period of 5 years from the date upon which it was collected. After 5 years Aberdeenshire Council will review whether it is necessary to continue to retain your information for a longer period. A redacted copy of your submission will be retained for 5 years beyond the life of the Local Development Plan 2021, possibly until 2037

Your Data, Your Rights

You have got legal rights about the way Aberdeenshire Council handles and uses your data, which include the right to ask for a copy of it, and to ask us to stop doing something with your data.

If you are unhappy with the way that Aberdeenshire Council or the Joint Data Controllers have processed your personal data then you do have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner's Officer, but you should raise the issue with the Data Protection Officers first. The Data Protection Officers can be contacted by writing to:

- Mr Andrew Lawson, Data Protection Officer, Aberdeenshire Council, Business Services, Town House, 34 Low Street, Banff, AB45 1AY

If you have difficulty understanding this document and require a translation, or you need help reading this document (for example if you need it in a different format or in another language), please phone us on 01467 536230.



Which document(s) are you committing on?	Main Issues Report	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Draft Proposed Aberdeenshire Local Development Plan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Strategic Environmental Assessment Interim Environmental Assessment	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Your comments

Westhill Housing Developments & Demography

I have no specific comments on the current Local Development Plan but, rather on how future developments ought to take account of the gradually changing and changed demographic of Westhill.

We are now a mature community, having gone from a predominance of new families with young children, through mid career residents into the era when a significant number of retired residents are added to the mix. This latter group generates a demand for down-sizing or even special housing provisions. But new housing developments in recent years have tended to ignore this group in the community, concentrating principally on bigger and more expensive family houses. Recent developments have not included (or probably even considered) small independent properties convenient to public transport, additional sheltered housing, nor even retirement complexes such those, for example, in Cults.

Hence to summarise, in addition to affordable housing, future residential developments for Westhill should include requirements for:

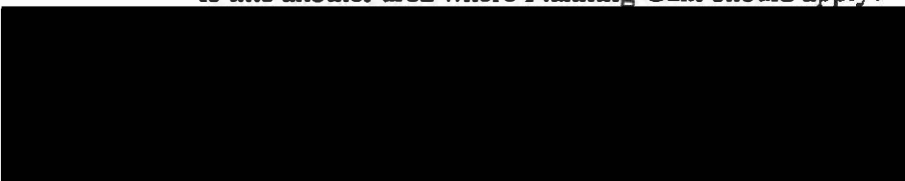
- Smaller properties suitable for “down-sizing”, *and convenient to public transport;*
- Further Sheltered Housing, *again convenient for public transport;*
- A Retirement Housing complex.

Presumably “Planning Gain” or something similar still exists and could be used to pressure developers to provide these needed specialised facilities.

To declare an interest, my wife and I are in the age group to which these thoughts apply. We occupy a 4 bedroom house which would be a good family home, if and when it becomes too much for us. It would be good to think that we might be able to find a smaller, suitable property in Westhill so as to remain near our friends and connections.

A final thought at the other end of the demographic scale: In 35 years residence in Westhill I am not aware that there has been a new school opened in the town despite a vast expansion in housing;

- Is the current provision adequate? *I somehow doubt it.*
- Are additional school places planned?
- Who should be providing them?
- Is this another area where Planning Gain should apply?





Your comments (continued)

A large, empty rectangular box with a thin black border, intended for entering comments. The box occupies the majority of the page below the header and section title.