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<b>Which document(s) are you commenting on?</b>	Main Issues Report Draft Proposed Aberdeenshire Local Development Plan Strategic Environmental Assessment Interim Environmental Assessment Other
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**Your comments**



- Much more weight should be given to protecting our natural heritage and biodiversity, instead this plan is too predicated towards economic growth and development, and not towards long-term environmental and ecological sustainability.
- Actions to protect environment and biodiversity are too piecemeal.
- The plan has no vision for what the region's natural heritage could be like in the future eg. productive farmland and settlements surrounded by mosaics of interconnected habitats such as forest, wetland, coastal dunes and estuaries etc.
- The UK is one of the most nature-poor countries in the world: the 2016 State of Nature Report states that the UK ranks 189th out of 218 countries in the Biodiversity Intactness Index. Amongst the EU nations, the UK ranks 26th out of 27 countries in terms of the amount of land designated under Natura 2000. Does this plan help in any way?
- The plan should first identify a vision for the area in terms of protecting, improving and enhancing natural habitats, biodiversity, soils, food production and farmland, water etc. and then come up with solutions for healthy, vibrant communities which reduce the need for travel. Instead it seems to have arisen out of the needs of development companies rather than the needs of a sustainable society or the natural world.
- The plan is too reactive and tries to shoehorn nature into what is left after development has taken place. Mitigation measures are no substitute for thriving ecosystems in which natural processes are allowed to develop with minimal human interference.
- SUDS, green spaces and created habitat networks are good, but are reactive responses. Proper ecological health requires natural processes to happen, such as succession, herbivory, trophic interactions etc. these need space where nature is left to do its own thing with no or minimal human interference. Where is this space for nature in the plan?

**Your comments (continued)**