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	Draft Proposed Aberdeenshire Local Development Plan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Your comments

This is to notify the Aberdeenshire Council and those who have developed the Draft Proposed Aberdeenshire Local Development Plan that we object in total to any development in the entire areas marked as Bid Sites FR061 (OP5) & FR062.

Our objection are as follows:

- In the preface for Oldmeldrum, it is stated that there is significant local demand for additional retail provisions within the settlement. At no point have all residents or owners within Oldmeldrum been polled to see if they want any further retail within the Oldmeldrum. Since the new local CO-OP was built, that has fully satisfied the needs for the village. Any further retail installations are not wanted and unnecessary and would degrade/ruin the countryside settlement feel and charm of Oldmeldrum. There is significant retail in Inverurie which is only 7 miles away and in Aberdeen which is only 16 miles away with further areas of retail within easy reach of Oldmeldrum between those two locations.
- In the preface for Oldmeldrum, it is stated that there is demand for new housing development and identifying possible growth of 800 homes. Until Bid Sites FR068 (OP2), FR069 (OP4) & FR119 (OP1) are developed and the impact of those increases in housing and people to Oldmeldrum's key facilities, traffic, public services and general welfare of community are captured and reviewed, no further developments should be considered nor approved that lay outside of the current boundary, especially Bid Sites FR061 (OP5) & FR062.
- In the preface for Oldmeldrum, the Planning Objectives imply that adding these proposed 800 homes will help contribute to the overall sense of place in the community. Adding 800 homes would lead to the ruination of the village of Oldmeldrum, especially if affordable style housing (specifically apartments or terraced style) was included. Furthermore, adding the 140 homes from Bid Sites FR068 (OP2), FR069 (OP4) & FR119 (OP1) would bring approximately 300-500 new residents to the village to help bolster the towns growth at a reasonable pace to further support local services and facilities, yet preserving the countryside settlement feel and charm.
- In the preface for Oldmeldrum, the Planning Objectives imply that adding these proposed 800 homes will meet housing needs in the wider area. This is a flawed statement considering the developments in Inverurie, just north of the city, are not completely sold and have sold very slowly. Additionally, with the continued uncertainties in the economy and with BREXIT, we do not see where adding 800 homes o Oldmeldrum is logical. Beginning with the 140 homes from Bid Sites FR068 (OP2), FR069 (OP4) & FR119 (OP1) would be more than sufficient and would serve as a platform for reviews to the village in 5-10 years' time (2026-2031).

Specific Objections to FR061 (OP5) & FR062:

- Development of these sites would unnecessarily expand the towns boundary to include unnecessary housing within the village on highly beneficial and fully useable green field/agricultural land These areas should be preserved as green field/agricultural land to both allow the fields owner to raise/produce livestock as well as allow local wildlife to thrive to allow the countryside settlement feel and charm to remain. Furthermore, any development in these areas would cause a significant increase in vehicle traffic and foot traffic. Currently only 7 residences use the Newbarns road to access the A947 and getting in and out of the Newbarns road is highly difficult at times as is. Adding another 292 homes, approximately 600 vehicles would create chaos on Newbarns road and A947 access on and off, especially during peak hours of traffic. This also holds true with access from Park

Your comments (continued)

Lane. Even if cut in half with only FR061 (OP5) accepted, there would be substantial unacceptable risk involved. There are extreme safety concerns that come with this increase in numbers especially due to the need to cross the A947 for services and children for school. Considering the two main factors with the high number increases in vehicle and foot traffic, these sites should not be considered as the exceptionally high risk factors for vehicle accidents and pedestrian collisions make these sites unacceptable for development.

- Additionally, we do not see how these developments can be supported unless significant changes are made to the roadways (A947, Park Lane, Newbarns) with new lights and crosswalks. Roundabouts or mini-roundabouts will not suffice. Furthermore, in order to support this development, a permanent police and fire presence would be required, not on-call/stand-by services or services based out of Inverurie. Along with those, the Meldrum Academy would need to be expanded to accommodate the new students. We are of the understanding that this could not be done at this time or anytime in the near future. As we do not see all of these being able to be funded in the near future, the development of these sites should not be approved and should be removed from consideration. Expansion of the Academy, public services and private commercial businesses all need to be in place prior to considering any outside of the current boundary developments.
- From a personal standpoint, we did not have our home at 8 Newbarns built so we could look on to the side or back of other houses. Neither were the houses of 6 & 7 Newbarns. These houses were built after a very long and difficult effort to get included in the local plan and was primarily accepted as it squared off the town boundary and had no real impact on green field. That being said, when the area for 6,7 & 8 Newbarns was adopted, it was stated that there would be no further development in the green field area on that side of Oldmeldrum. While we realize that time has moved on and there have been changes within the Planning & Development offices, we fully expect that the statements made from the period of the 6,7 & 8 Newbarns adoption be honoured, and that no development will take place on FR061 (OP5) & FR062.
- As Red Squirrels have been observed on both areas of FR061 (OP5) & FR062 and they are considered endangered in parts of the UK, development on these sites would damage natural habitats for the Red Squirrel and other beneficial wildlife and damage the surrounding countryside's natural habitats for the indigenous wildlife and therefore destroy one of the distinctive features of this part of the village. Therefore, we do not see how these areas, FR061 (OP5) & FR062, can even be considered to be developed.

At this stage, we see no need to consider or make any plans for developing areas FR061 (OP5) & FR062 until the Bid Sites FR068 (OP2), FR069 (OP4) & FR119 (OP1) are fully built and the impact of these three sites are captured and reviewed. Furthermore, prior to any development in the village of Oldmeldrum outside the boundary lines, a 100% survey of all village residents must be attempted/completed prior to any addition to this current local plan or any future local plan. The use of social media is NOT an acceptable practice and must be conducted by mail (preferred) or email.

In conclusion, FR061 (OP5) & FR062 are hereby objected to IN FULL by [REDACTED] regardless of any public service improvements or any adjustments to the developmental plan of the FR061 (OP5) & FR062 sites.