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

Thank- you for promoting this plan to the local community and allowing the chance to comment.

My comments refer to the 'Council Priorities' bullet point 2 and 4:

'Have the best possible transport and digital links across our communities', they also impact the council priority 'Protect our special environment, including tackling climate change by reducing greenhouse gas emissions'

Please consider seperating the 'best possible transport links' as a separate priority in itself –it is really not linked to digital links and should be a key part of the policy.

Regarding this issue – best possible transport links:

- There is little evidence of prioritisation of this policy in the Main issues document – it is not specifically mentioned later in the document at all, no strategy for improvement or planning is discussed

Specific comments on transport links between communities and new developments

- I would also like to see a section dedicated to 'green' transport – cycling /walking and path provision
- Consult with getabout (<http://getabout.org.uk>) for example or Sustrans.org to implement this kind of provision into the policies
- Please insert a section on the current state of this green pathway provision in each Local development plan area and how it links / ranks against the wider network.
- Recreational and countryside access Path provision is extremely unequal across Aberdeenshire This is a key issue for creating linked communities and avoiding simply 'commuter towns' as stated elsewhere.
- Please address how the path network is to be maintained and expanded and what are the goals for this area of provision in planning.

In summary, there is clearly a large amount of work put into the housing and business site planning. Please consider how best to replicate this for transport link planning, in particular green transport policy. Without this transport planning, my concern is that this area of planning will never receive the improvements in provision it deserves.

Your comments (continued)

