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	Draft Proposed Aberdeenshire Local Development Plan	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Strategic Environmental Assessment Interim Environmental Assessment	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Your comments

Your comments (continued)

MIR Response – Policy RD1 Special Rural Areas – Green Belt

The Aberdeenshire Local Development Plan 2012 introduced a clause as part of Policy 3 – Development In the Countryside within Supplementary Guidance Rural Development 1 : Housing and Business Development In The Countryside which permitted single dwelling houses associated with the retirement succession of viable farm holding.

The possibility of erecting a house for a retiring farmer has not formed part of the Green Belt Policy and has only been permitted in countryside areas.

It is therefore suggested that the 2021 Local Development Plan should incorporate the clause on retirement farmer houses within the Green Belt Policy.

Policy R1 of the 2017 LDP allows for farm workers housing and there is no discernible difference in farmland located in the Green Belt or the countryside for such development or the countryside for such development.

It therefore follows that there is no discernible difference between the Green Belt and countryside for a house for a retiring farmer.

Conversion of vernacular buildings in the Green Belt was introduced in the 2017 LDP which showed a “relaxation” of the policy. There is no detrimental impact on the qualities of the Green Belt in allowing sensitively sited and designed buildings and the circumstances where a retiring farmer’s house would be permitted would be limited and not be detrimental to overall qualities of the Green Belt.