

**Proposed Aberdeen City and Shire Strategic Development Plan Examination
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| 1. Introduction | I recommend that the following modification be made: 1. At paragraph 1.15, insert “, 2020 Routemap for Renewable Energy in Scotland” between “Regeneration Strategy” and “and the Agenda for Cities”. | 3 |
| 2. Vision | I recommend that the following modification be made: 1. Amend the first sentence of paragraph 2.2 to read: “To make this vision a reality, and to contribute towards the overarching Scottish Government purpose of increasing sustainable economic growth, we have developed a series of aims.” | 9 |
| 3. Economic Growth | I recommend that the following modification be made: 1. That the 4th target on page 25 be amended to read as follows: “For Aberdeen city centre to remain one of the top-20 retail areas in the UK.” | 16 |
| 4. Sustainable Development and Climate Change | I recommend that the following modifications be made: 1. In the second sentence of paragraph 4.9, replace “energy” with “heat and power”. 2. Amend the final sentence of paragraph 4.17 to read: “ <i>During and beyond the period of this plan the effects of climate change may affect the river and appropriate adaptation measures may have to be taken by a range of organisations. This could include measures such as reducing the amount of water Scottish Water are licensed to take from the River Dee.</i> ” 3. Amend the second target on page 31 of the plan to read: “ <i>For the equivalent of the city region’s electricity needs to be met from renewable sources by 2020.</i> ” 4. Amend the sixth target on page 31 of the plan to read: “ <i>To work towards at least an extra 300,000 tonnes of new waste-management infrastructure.</i> ” 5. Add an additional bullet point after the third existing bullet point under How to meet the targets on page 31 of the plan to read: | 28 |

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| | <p><i>“Local development plans (and supplementary guidance) will promote water efficiency and water saving measures in all relevant developments.”</i></p> <p>6. Add additional sentence at the end of paragraph 5.6 to read: <i>“The Habitats Regulations Appraisal of this plan contains safeguards which will need to be applied at that stage.”</i></p> | |
| 5. Scale of Growth | No modifications. | 54 |
| 6. Sustainable Mixed Communities | <p>I recommend the following modification be made:</p> <p>1. Replace Paragraph 4.38 with “New development needs to focus on the creation of successful and sustainable communities. This plan will not support house-building that fails to provide the services and facilities necessary to serve the development.”</p> | 75 |
| 7. Quality of the Environment | <p>I recommend that the following modification be made:</p> <p>1. Replace the second bullet point under ‘Monitoring’ on page 34 of the plan with: “Assessing how development has directly or indirectly led to the improvement or loss of the built, natural or cultural assets, by carrying out reviews through local development plans.”</p> | 90 |
| 8. Putting this Plan into Practice | <p>I recommend that the following modifications be made:</p> <p>1. delete paragraph 5.10 except for the phrase “although the public sector will also need to make an important contribution”, which should be added to the end of paragraph 5.8; and</p> <p>2. add new bullet at the start of schedule 2 to read: “Identify and develop green networks within, between and around Aberdeen and other major settlements to provide strategic greenspace, incorporating a strategic walking and cycling network and wildlife habitat corridors”.</p> | 98 |
| 9. Strategic Transport Fund | <p>I recommend that the following modifications be made:</p> <p>1. Amend Paragraph 5.9 to read: <i>“We will prepare supplementary guidance in support of this plan. This will allow (through a ‘Strategic Transport Fund’) transport projects which are needed as a result of the combined effect of new development to be funded and delivered. The transport projects</i></p> | 109 |

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| | <p><i>that will benefit from the Fund are identified in Schedule 2. Contributions will generally be sought from housing, business, industrial, retail and commercial leisure developments in the strategic growth areas within the Aberdeen Housing Market Area, subject to detailed criteria to be set out in the supplementary guidance. Contributions will only be used to support projects that are related to the developments concerned and are necessary to make those developments acceptable in planning terms.”</i></p> <p>2. Amend the final bullet point of schedule 2 to read: <i>“The following transport measures supported through the Strategic Transport Fund to deal with the combined effect of new development on the transport network:</i> - a new station at Kintore; - [list continues as in proposed plan]”</p> <p>3. Delete “a new station at Kintore and” from the sixth bullet of schedule 2.</p> | |
| 10. Spatial Strategy - General | <p>I recommend that the following modification be made:</p> <p>1. Amend paragraph 3.10 to read as follows: “As an integral part of planning for the strategic growth areas, we should explore opportunities to put in place a strategic walking and cycle network which builds on the current networks being developed in Aberdeen and Aberdeenshire towns by linking these together. We should do this in a way which creates opportunities for improvements to the natural environment by linking habitats, species and open space in green networks. New tree-planting could play an important role in delivering these networks.”</p> | 121 |
| 11. Strategic Growth Areas - Active Travel | <p>I recommend that the following modifications be made:</p> <p>1. Amend the green line on the diagram on page 17 of the plan depicting strategic walking/cycling links to a dashed line. Amend the key on page 17 to show this dashed line as ‘Proposed’.</p> | 134 |
| 12. Strategic Growth Areas - Aberdeen City | <p>I recommend that the following modification be made:</p> | 140 |

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| | 1. Insert the following new sentence after the second sentence of paragraph 3.21: “More major office developments need to be attracted to the city centre.” | |
| 13. Strategic Growth Areas - Aberdeen to Peterhead | I recommend that the following modifications are made: 1. Replace the second sentence of paragraph 3.28 with: “To achieve this, a development framework for the southern gateway to Peterhead will be prepared as supplementary guidance.” 2. Add new paragraph after paragraph 3.20 to read: “The southern end of the Energetica corridor extends into northern Aberdeen. Here the delivery of projects focussed around energy technology development and energy efficiency will continue.” | 157 |
| 14. Strategic Growth Areas - Aberdeen to Laurencekirk | No modifications. | 163 |
| 15. Local Growth and Diversification Areas | No modifications. | 169 |
| 16. Regeneration Priority Areas | No modifications. | 174 |
| 17. Miscellaneous | No modifications. | 177 |