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**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** comments on Aberdeen City and Shire Strategic Development Plan 2018

Dear sir/madam

I wish to submit the following comments based on the Aberdeen City and Shire Strategic Development Plan 2018

1-The number of houses needed being very much on the high side regards the predicted growth for the Aberdeenshire region. The challenges that the Oil and Gas industry has faced of the last 4 years in particular has massively reduced the flow of people moving to the city and the shire. The effects of the long stagnated oil price has had an impact that will be long effecting and the North Sea is no longer a growth industry. The industry is struggling to sustain its economic viability and will do well to maintain current employment levels and will further reduce as the industry staggers towards decommissioning. This will have a seriously detrimental effect on housing requirements and the main growth reason is likely to be natural growth as children mature and enter the housing market.

2-The proposed development in the area south of the city and towards the west in Aberdeenshire already has multiple approved housing areas that have yet to be fully utilised. Most developments as far as Blair's, Portlethen and Elsie and Chapleton have only been developed to a fraction of what has been approved and already has substantial capacity for expansion.

3-Greenbelt development in the region should be restricted and these areas of natural and historical importance should be maintained and protected. The green belts areas that surround the city of Aberdeen are of fundamental importance to maintaining what make living in Aberdeen and Aberdeenshire special.

regards

**Jim Beveridge**

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