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Hello Team

Please find below my comments on the Aberdeen City and Shire Strategic Development Plan 2018

1. As you state in your Introduction (Main Issues Report 2018), Aberdeenshire is indeed an attractive place to live due to its 'high quality' environment. With this in mind I suggest that in considering strategic developments great attention is given to carefully maintaining and sensitively developing the existing natural environment and its ecological systems - and keeping 'green belt' as sacrosanct.
2. The preservation of ancient and new woodland is essential, as such habitats give a home to deer, foxes, pheasants, a diversity of birds and wildlife, and offer well-being experiences for walkers, dog walkers, off-road bikers, runners, etc. not to mention tourists to the area. Insensitive and inappropriate developments such as high density housing with its necessary infrastructure would surely destroy parts of what we currently enjoy and hold dear.
3. Various current housing developments seem to have ground to a halt, for example the Riverside of Blairs. Surely such sites need to be considered as first options for more building before any new sites are proposed (ref. Section 6.24). The B9077 is already as busy as an A road (but not maintained as such) and any further residential development brings an increase in cars onto the road that would simply exacerbate the existing situation.
4. The B9077 is a key route on the Royal Deeside tourist trail to Braemar and beyond (ref. Main Issue 7 - Tourist Development). Their positive experience of this route in and out of Aberdeen is surely important and should not be marred by ribbon development housing and related traffic congestion.

Many thanks

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