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Dear Sir/Madam

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

1-The number of houses needed is too high compared to the predicted growth for Aberdeen City & Shire. The challenges that the Oil and Gas industry has faced in the last 4 years has massively reduced the flow of people moving to the area. The effects of the oil price drop has had an impact that will be long lasting on the North Sea. At best, it is now an industry managing decline. This will have a seriously detrimental effect on housing requirements.

2-The proposed development in the area South of the City and towards the West of Aberdeenshire already has multiple approved housing areas that have yet to be fully utilised. Most developments in the South, such as Blairs, Portlethen and Chapleton of Elsick have only developed a fraction of what was approved and still have substantial capacity for expansion.

3-Greenbelt development in the region should not take place in areas of natural and historical importance, which should be maintained and protected for the benefit of future generations. The green belts areas that surround the City of Aberdeen are of fundamental importance to maintaining the character of Aberdeenshire and provide vital habitats for a number of endangered species including red squirrels, pine martens, yellowhammers, tree sparrows and bullfinches to name but a few.

Regards

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