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Hello Planning Team,

Please find below my initial comments on the Aberdeen City and Shire STP:

- i. As your introduction in the Main Issues Report states the “City and Shire is rightly recognised as an attractive place to live and work, with a high-quality environment” and I can only agree with this opening statement. It is with this in mind that I think it is essential that careful consideration and sensitivity is given to maintaining this fragile asset, its natural environment and eco-systems and the general aesthetics that provide the credentials of the opening statement. Keeping the greenbelt as a requisite is essential to this in my view.
- ii. The preservation of ancient and new woodland is essential, as such habitats that 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.
- iii. It seems notable that a number of existing, approved, housing developments, for example those at Riverside of Blairs, seem to have stalled from lack of demand and fully utilizing the existing plans should be looked at before expansion to other areas in proximity. Arguably the stalling of development may be a signal of real growth demand. The South Deeside Road (B9077) is arguably the scenic access to Royal Deeside, the NC500 for Deeside, and would suffer from continued ribbon developments from a tourism quality of experience and hence economy perspective.

I hope you find these comments useful in shaping and further developing your (our) SDP.

Thank you,

G Neil McKay

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