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**Sent:** 24 May 2018 17:01  
**To:** Tom Walsh  
**Cc:** Claire McArthur; 'Team'  
**Subject:** RE: SDP MIR consultation form  
**Attachments:** MIR Consultation Response Echt & Skene CC.pdf

Dear Tim,

Please accept my sincere apologies for missing your deadline but I hope you will still accept the attached consultation response sent on behalf of Echt & Skene Community Council.

Kind regards,  
Fiona Bick  
Chair ESCC

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**From:** Tom Walsh [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 18 May 2018 14:48  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Claire McArthur [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** SDP MIR consultation form

Dear Fiona,

Please find attached a Word version of the consultation form as requested.

Regards,

Tom Walsh  
Senior Planner SDP  
Aberdeen City and Shire SDPA

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# Strategic Development Plan Review

## **Main Issues Report Consultation** **12<sup>th</sup> March - 21<sup>st</sup> May 2018**

The Aberdeen City and Shire Strategic Development Planning Authority are currently reviewing the Strategic Development Plan for the area. Our Development Plan Scheme outlines a timetable for the review of the Plan, and also identifies where there are opportunities to participate. It is available to view at:  
<http://www.aberdeencityandshire-sdpa.gov.uk/DevelopmentPlan/DevelopmentPlanSchemes.aspx>

The **Main Issues Report** is the first formal stage in the review process – it describes and invites discussion on options for future policies, as well as employment and housing land targets for the next Plan. No settled view on the content of the next Strategic Development Plan has yet been reached, making the Main Issues Report the key stage for public consultation. Giving us your views will help to shape the future strategy for development and the policies by which future planning applications are determined.

**You can view a copy of the Main Issues Report on our website at:**  
<http://www.aberdeencityandshire-sdpa.gov.uk/CurrentWork/CurrentConsultations.aspx>

**Copies are also available to view at all Council Offices and Libraries within the Strategic Development Plan Area.**

A series of accompanying documents, including an Interim Environmental Report, Monitoring Statement, Housing Needs and Demand Assessment and Interim Cumulative Transport Appraisal can also be viewed on our website (by following the above link).

## How to Respond

The Main Issues Report contains a series of issues and questions on which we would like to hear your views. Please use this form to respond to these, or any other issues raised by the Main Issues Report or any other accompanying documents.

**Consultation Responses must be received by 12pm on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2018**

You can make your views heard in a number of ways:

- **By Post - please return a completed version of this form to:**  
Aberdeen City and Shire Strategic Development Planning Authority, Woodhill House, Westburn Road, Aberdeen, AB16 5GB
- **By Email - please return a completed version of this form to:**  
[team@aberdeencityandshire-sdpa.gov.uk](mailto:team@aberdeencityandshire-sdpa.gov.uk)  
If you choose to fill out our online Word form, please be aware that you must download the form and save any changes before submission.

Letters and emails which do not make use of this form will also be accepted, however please make sure include your name, address, telephone number and email address (if applicable), as well as the details of anyone you are representing, if you would like us to be able to contact you with any queries on your submission.

### Using your Personal Information

Information you supply to the Strategic Development Planning Authority (SDPA) by responding to this consultation will be used to prepare the next Strategic Development Plan for the area. The SDPA will not share the personal information provided in response to this consultation with other parties or organisations. The SDPA will not disclose any contact information about you to any organisation or person unless it is authorised or required to do so by law.

The SDPA Officers may use your contact details to contact you about the comments you have made. Your name and organisation may be published alongside your comments but contact details will not be made public. If you chose not to provide a name or contact details, your comments will still be valid but we will not be able to contact you in the future.

For further information on how your information is used, how the SDPA maintain the security of your information, and your rights to access information the SDPA holds about you, please contact: Claire McArthur, Acting Team Leader, Strategic Development Planning Authority, Woodhill House, Westburn Road, Aberdeen, AB16 5GB.

**Contact Details**

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Please tick this box if you wish further correspondence to be directed to this address:

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## Your Views

Please use a separate box for each issue/question you wish to respond to. If you wish to continue on a separate sheet, please attach to the paper copy or email.

<b>Main Issue / Question Number:</b>	<b>1</b>
<p>Main Issue 1 – The Vision</p> <p>Q.1 We agree with the objective for the vision to be updated so that it better recognises the importance of social and environmental issues, and does not focus only on the economy.</p> <p>However, the changes to the wording of the vision do not go far enough - merely changing the words “robust and resilient economy” to “robust and diversified economy” in the final paragraph does not, in our view, achieve the stated objective since these descriptors are applicable only to the economy. There is nothing to indicate that resilience also applies to social and environmental matters, as is claimed in paragraph 3.4 of the MIR.</p>	

<b>Main Issue / Question Number:</b>	<b>2</b>
<p>Main Issue 2 – The Spatial Strategy</p> <p>Q.2 We strongly agree that the existing spatial strategy remains fit for purpose and should be carried forward into the next SDP. The challenges in terms of transportation infrastructure for Westhill will be made significantly worse by AFC’s new stadium (if it is built) so this area should not be identified for growth unless and until the transport challenges are properly understood and resolved</p>	

**Main Issue / Question Number:**

**3**

Main Issue 3 – Aberdeen Western Peripheral Route

Q.3 We strongly support the Preferred Option of giving explicit protection against speculative high footfall-generating uses for the areas near the AWPR junctions. It's a pity this wasn't included in the 2014 SDP since the development pressure is already having an impact.

**Main Issue / Question Number:**

**4**

Main Issue 4 – Regeneration Priorities

Q.4 We agree with the Preferred Option to focus regeneration on the towns of Banff, Macduff, Fraserburgh and Peterhead.

<b>Main Issue / Question Number:</b>	<b>6</b>
<p>Main Issue 6 – Employment Land</p> <p>Q.6 We agree with the stated objective to make efficient use of the existing supply of employment land first, and to safeguard the land previously identified for the post-2027 period for longer i.e. until at least post-2030, The plan should focus on regeneration of some of the existing employment areas where older buildings are lying empty or have been demolished to avoid business rates.</p>	

<b>Main Issue / Question Number:</b>	<b>7</b>
<p>Main Issue 7 – Tourist Development</p> <p>Q.7 We agree that the tourism development should be better facilitated by the Strategic Development Plan.</p> <p>Q.8 The Regional Economic Strategy has the aim of developing 4 sectors for economic growth in order to try and diversify the economy away from the oil and gas sector. Where competition for resources arises between the higher margin oil and gas industry and other sectors, the former invariably prevails. If the objective is to develop the lower margin sectors then the SDP should perhaps seek to ensure that oil and gas does not take priority simply on the basis of its higher margins.</p>	

<b>Main Issue / Question Number:</b>	<b>8</b>
<p>Main Issue 8 – Housing Supply Target</p> <p>Q.10 We think the region will see lower levels of migration in the next 20 years compared to the last 20 years due to the decline in oil and gas reserves in the North Sea and to the effects of Brexit causing a reduction in migration from the rest of the EU. Therefore we think the housing supply target should be based on Scenario 1 from the Housing Need and Demand Assessment and not on a composite scenario envisaging increasing levels of migration over time.</p> <p>This would be consistent with the preferred option for holding employment land allocations back to the post-2030 period.</p>	

<b>Main Issue / Question Number:</b>	<b>10</b>
<p>Main Issue 10 –Housing Land Requirement</p> <p>Q.12 If the Housing Supply Target is set on the basis of the Preferred Option of a composite migration scenario, then we think a generosity level of 10% should be sufficient. If the Housing Supply Target were set at a lower level then a 20% generosity level should be set. Future plans will always review these in the light of experience.</p>	

**Main Issue / Question Number:**

**11**

Main Issue 11 – Housing Land Allowances

Q.13 We think you are over-estimating the future demand for housing in the region and therefore we support the Alternate Option, which is to have no further housing allocations beyond what has already been identified.

Q.14 For the reasons stated in Q.10 and Q.13 we don't think there should be any new greenfield allocations.

**Main Issue / Question Number:**

**13**

Main Issue 13 – Transport

Q.16 We agree that the SDP should continue to identify regionally significant long-term transport projects and cumulative transport interventions.