

Draft Aberdeen City and Shire Structure Plan

Consultation Questions

We have set out below a number of questions that you might find it helpful to answer as you consider your response to the draft structure plan. However, please do not feel constrained to answer any or all of these questions if you do not find them useful.

VISION

1. Do you agree with the draft plan's vision (p5)? Is it sufficiently clear and aspirational?

AIMS

2. The six aims of the plan are set out on p5. Are these the right aims and do you agree that the first two should be identified as the main aims – reflecting the importance of the growth & diversification of the economy and the urgent challenges of sustainable development and climate change?

SPATIAL STRATEGY

3. The spatial strategy is described on p6-8. Do you agree that this approach with three strands (strategic growth areas / local growth and diversification areas / regeneration priority areas) is an appropriate response to the future of the area?
4. Half of the growth in the area is directed to Aberdeen City, split between brownfield sites, greenfield sites and regeneration areas (see p22). Do you think that this is appropriate?
5. One proposal and two potential alternative patterns of development have been presented for Aberdeenshire on p22. Do you have any reasons to prefer one of these and do you have any comments about the scale or timing of growth in particular areas?
6. The parts of Aberdeenshire outside the strategic growth areas are defined as 'local growth and diversification areas' on p8. Is the planning response to the issues faced by these areas appropriate – allowing sufficient flexibility to identify locally appropriate responses to particular issues while achieving strategic objectives?
7. Have the right areas been defined as 'regeneration priority areas' and do you feel the strategy outlined for these areas on p8 is appropriate?
8. Could one or more new settlements play a role in helping to deliver the draft plan?

OBJECTIVES

9. The draft plan has tried to be clear about what it is trying to achieve while not being too prescriptive (leaving appropriate matters to be determined by each council individually). Have we achieved an appropriate balance?

10. Six objectives have been set (see p9-18) - are these clear and will they help meet the vision? Are there any missing?
11. Do you support the strategy for growth and the targets for population growth in particular (p13&14)?
12. Are the targets SMART (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Realistic and Time-bound?) and will they help us achieve our vision? Are there any additional targets that we should consider setting?

PUTTING THE PLAN INTO PRACTICE

13. A wide range of proposals are outlined on p20 - these are seen as critical in helping the area achieve its potential. Do you feel this list is complete, or should other projects be added?

PRESENTATION

14. We have tried to produce a draft structure plan which is both clear and easy to read. Have we achieved this?

All responses to the draft structure plan and associated documents should be with us by 5pm on 12 September 2008. Responses can be posted, faxed, emailed or submitted online via our website.

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