

» Grandhome & Whitestripes

+ **Location:** Aberdeen

+ **Proposer:** The Grandhome Trust

+ **Local Authority:** Aberdeen City Council

» Description

The Grandhome & Whitestripes proposal involves 6,000 to 7,000 new homes with an emphasis on providing family housing within mixed sustainable community hubs to reinvigorate the area. The proposal aims to prevent population loss and support the provision of existing services alongside new community facilities.

The greenfield site lies on the edge of Aberdeen City with excellent links to existing facilities in the city centre and neighbouring areas. Careful consideration has gone into the place making agenda and design parcels will be used to give sections in the area a distinct character. A co-ordinated plan for streets, places and neighbourhoods means that the location will achieve an identity that will give it durability across generations and development cycles. These distinctive areas will accommodate a range of densities and design typologies and combine to form a stimulating and memorable place.

The community have been directly involved in progressing the proposals including the future management of the area. Proposals include the innovative aspiration to reintroduce power generation from the river and develop a community wood heating system as well as maximising the building envelope to reduce energy demand.

The site is allocated in the draft Local Plan as an opportunity site and the developer is to promote it through the Aberdeen City and Shire Structure Plan. The land is in the single ownership of a Trust that seeks to establish and support both commercial and non-commercial aspects, enabling the creation of a diverse community with excellent access to local facilities and services.

» Assessment Findings

This submission clearly demonstrates a long-term commitment from the landowner to deliver sustainable mixed-use development as an expansion of Aberdeen. Plans for significant development in this location are still at an early stage, however the submission outlines an approach which accords with SSCI, including inherent sustainability in site layout, building design and development of facilities which will support existing communities as well as new residents. The proposal has support in the Structure Plan which seeks to focus large scale housing growth within the City.



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