

Aberdeen Local Development Plan Aberdeenshire Local Development Plan

Supplementary Guidance Development in the Energetica Framework area

Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire Councils, in association with ACSEF, Scottish Enterprise, and other stakeholders, support the “Energetica Framework”, as promoted in the National Planning Framework 2. Within this framework area, as defined on the attached map, development must make a contribution to the quality of life, environmental performance and economic development targets. This contribution will result in the transformation of the Energetica corridor into a high class lifestyle, leisure and, ultimately, a global business location. The aim is to create a technology lifestyle community with innovative transport links showcasing the latest low carbon technologies.

Planning and design is not the only means to achieve these aspirations for change. Promotion of activity in relation to lifestyle and leisure, energy technologies and the development of a network of companies to supply and service them, and marketing and branding is also being undertaken. A specific project team has been established staffed by senior staff from the two Councils, Scottish Enterprise and Aberdeen City and Shire Economic Futures (ACSEF) with a responsibility for major projects.

It is recognised that many of the planning and design actions required to achieve this ambition are common for all developments across Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire. In addition it is expected that development in the Energetica framework area will lead by example on issues such as: the mixture and co-location of facilities to create business villages; environmental sustainability and performance; landscaping and greenspace management; travel; and built form.

While all development in the Energetica Corridor is subject to the policies and strategies of the relevant constituent authority, in order to achieve this vision the following supplementary guidance also applies in the Energetica Framework area. We will approve the development in the Energetica Framework area, subject to other policies, if:

- 1. It is demonstrated, through a range of mixes and uses, and design of structures, that innovation and experimentation have been employed in the pursuit of the highest levels of economic, social, and environmental sustainability; and**
- 2. It is demonstrated that the energy performance has been carefully considered in the design process to result in buildings and layouts which have exemplary energy performance or introduce innovation in this regard; and**

3. Buildings demonstrate future-proofing through flexibility in their design to allow for easy extension or conversion to other uses over the full life-span of the building; and

4. It is demonstrated that the layout and design of buildings promotes the creation of social hubs, civic spaces, streets as places, and active frontages within developments; and

5. It is demonstrated that the implementation of open space requirements emphasise the aspiration for active lifestyles within the corridor: and

6. There is a commitment to the provision of high quality landscaping which contributes to a unified sense of place within the framework area.

Planning advice is published separately as a guide to achieving these specific requirements. This advice also sets out appropriate responses to meeting other, more general, planning policy requirements.

In order to demonstrate compliance with this policy an Energetica compliance statement must be submitted that details, at least, how the six points above have been addressed. This may be a stand-alone document, or included as a specific part of a Design and Access statement. Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire Councils accept that the scale of contribution made by the development to the Energetica framework principles should be proportionate to the scale of the development proposed. Where documents are subject to an agreed masterplan or other design document as defined in the Council's Supplementary Guidance on masterplanning, these should translate Energetica's aspirations into layout and design of new developments to ensure a coherent identity along the corridor. It does not apply to householder planning applications, advertisement consent or planning applications of an agricultural nature.

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THE ENERGETICA FRAMEWORK AREA



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