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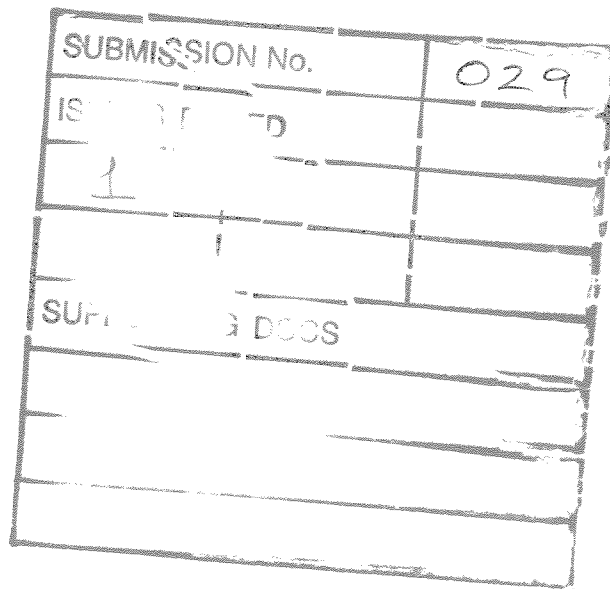
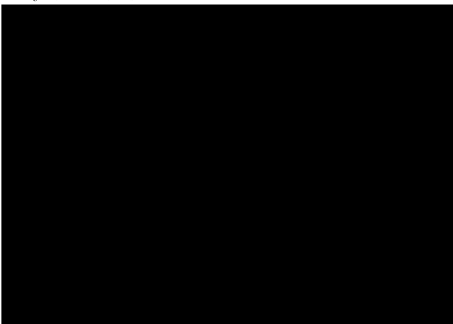
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Enquiry Text

Formstack Submission for form Local Development Plan

Submitted at 09/17/14 3:43 PM

Submission date:
Sep 17, 2014 03:16 PM



Are you responding on behalf of another person?:

No

Please state who you are representing:

The objectives of the Plan / The settlement strategy to be adopted:

Question 1: Do you have any comments on the Revised Spatial Framework for Wind Energy Development, or the proposal to require the development industry to assess the "visual envelope" of settlements through the planning application process?

Question 1 Comments:

- Revised spatial framework -

The council's consultee Ironside Farro's report shows Aberdeenshire to have over reached capacity for wind energy development. However the government new revised spatial framework shows increased areas available for wind energy development throughout Aberdeenshire. Many thousands of objections from effected residents have demonstrated that wind energy developments are against the residents' wishes. Without the Resident's consent, government and council have usurped residents' rights - without any acknowledgement of doing so. This dysfunction and inefficiency in government and local government is a problem that is not being addressed.

People have the right to amend how governments operate to better represent their democratic voice and avoid policy and decision making which overrides legitimate public concerns (SPP para 32). Residents have no resource to alter what is for them a distressing ongoing situation causing misery - taking their peace and quality of life, degrading their home environment, devaluing their assets.

A Resident's Initiative is a known process in other countries (for info e.g. <http://www.cusdi.org>). They aren't based upon authority, power and interest groups - they raise solutions which alter and amend government procedure to ensure resident's democratic rights.

A 2,500 metre settlement buffer zone between homes and commercial/industrial wind turbine development won't protect residents from noise and visual impact, nor the devaluing of their property. Worse - those properties which are not defined as a settlement give residents basically no protection at all.

Residents in homes near to industrial and commercial development should be compensated for the losses imposed upon them. Presently government and council are ignoring the loss and damage they cause by not taking responsibility.

- Development industry to assess the "visual envelope" -

The development industry has financial interests in promoting results to their benefit. Planning Officers stated to local residents that they do not go through environmental reports for wind energy developments but take the developer's information in 'good faith'. This has meant that residents have had to raise the developer's mistakes and inaccuracies with the planning department - otherwise no one notices them!

The development industry assessing the 'visual envelope' would be an unfair hit and miss process.

Developers' assessments must include how much compensation they will give the residents for the loss of property value and quality of life they would impose.

The visual envelope criteria must be from the windows of all people's property, the extent of their land, all the approaches from land, paths, tracks and roads to the settlement - i.e. the residents' environment. A Resident's Initiative might oversee the criteria for a visual envelope by sampling from a proportion of settlements with participation of the residents living there - to determine a fair criteria.

If government policy and council authorisation are determined to make Aberdeenshire a character landscape of wind turbine industrialisation, whilst devaluing residents' property value and quality of life, then something is very wrong.

Question 2 Comments:

Question 3 Comments: