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## MAIN ISSUES REPORT ADDENDUM RESPONSE FORM

As part of the development of the Proposed Local Development Plan a "Main Issues Report" was published in October 2013. This contained 19 questions, the responses to which we are using to inform the content of the new plan. Importantly the 2013 Main Issues Report was based on a draft Scottish Planning Policy document, which was published by Scottish Ministers in April 2013.

The publication of the final Scottish Planning Policy in June 2014 raised a very small number of new issues on which we would welcome your views. Because of this we have chosen to publish an addendum to the Main Issues Report to highlight possible local interpretations of Scottish Planning Policy.

We are not reopening consultation on the range of other issues that were considered as part of the 2013 Main Issues Report, and ask that you only consider the limited number of additional issues set out in the Main Issues Report Addendum in any response you make.

Please note that further comments on any of the other issues that were included in the 2013 Main Issues Report will not be considered at this stage.

All comments received will be carefully assessed and will be used to inform the preparation of the Proposed Aberdeenshire Local Development Plan. There will be a further opportunity to comment on the specific proposals contained in this plan when it is published, in January 2015.

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Please use this form to make comments on the Aberdeenshire Local Development Plan Main Issues Report Addendum 2014. If you are making comments about more than one topic it would be very helpful if you could fill in a separate form for each comment.

Please email or send the form to reach us by 19th September 2014 at the following address:

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## YOUR COMMENTS

Please provide us with your comments below ensuring you highlight the issue you are commenting on. Please feel free to add any extra pages you may require, ensuring you highlight the issue. We will summarise long comments and in our analysis will consider every point that is made. Once we have done this we will write back to you with Aberdeenshire Council's views on the submissions made. We will publish your name as the author of the comment, but will not make your address public.

Are you answering a question? Yes / ~~No~~

Question Number being answer

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2.1 of the MIR Addendum considered that comments received in the initial MIR indicated the level of concern that households in Aberdeenshire had regarding the impact of wind turbines on residential amenity. However, not all communities are of that opinion across all potential wind turbine sites, especially those for single turbines. The MIR addendum suggests that SPP2014 requires significant revision of the proposed spatial framework for wind energy development and goes on to suggest a revised Spatial Framework, including a constraints based plan for all wind turbine developments.

SPP2014 clearly distinguishes between "wind farms" and small-scale wind energy developments. The requirements set out in the revised MIR Preferred Option refers to "wind turbines" and applies criteria across the board. That is not what is proposed by SPP2014. It states (para. 161) that planning authorities should set out a spatial framework and identify areas likely to be most appropriate for onshore "wind farms" and, importantly, that development plans "should indicate the minimum scale of onshore wind development that their spatial framework is intended to apply to". SPP even includes the example from Loch Lomond National Park where only wind turbine developments greater than 1 turbine and over 30m are considered as large-scale commercial developments. If a national park doesn't apply their spatial framework to single turbines then there is no justification for Aberdeenshire to do so. SPP2014 also clearly discusses the criteria in relation to wind farms rather than single wind turbines. The development plan should, as per SPP requirements, clearly indicate the minimum scale of wind energy proposal to which the spatial framework applies. **It should not be applied to single or small-scale wind turbine applications.** These should be considered as per para 169 of the SPP and additional criteria suggested below.

On visual impact any spatial framework should only consider that on the basis of it clearly having an "unacceptable" impact rather than just an impact. It should also consider the balance between the benefits of proposed small-scale turbines and potential impacts. Para. 169 of SPP clearly sets out that development management decisions should be based on the relative scale of the proposal and area characteristics. The MIR Addendum simplifies this too much and doesn't reflect the requirements of SPP, especially in respect of small-scale and single wind turbine proposals. It should also include the criteria set on para 169 of SPP2014 and an additional criteria that supports the clean up of derelict or contaminated sites on the back of renewable energy development.

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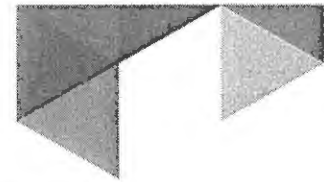
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