

## Appendix 4

<b>Appendix 4</b>	<b>Energetic Placemaking</b>
<b>Development plan reference:</b>	<b>Overview</b>
<b>Body or person(s) submitting a representation raising the issue (including reference number):</b>	
<p>3 – Knight Frank on behalf of various landowners and developers          6 – SITA UK          9 – Halliday Fraser Munro on behalf of ANM Group Ltd          10 – Halliday Fraser Munro on behalf of Harper &amp; Cochrane Ltd          11 – Baxter Design          14 – Royal Society of the Protect of Birds (RSPB)          15 – Transportation Strategy and Programmes, Aberdeen City Council          16 – Stewart Milne Homes          17 – Environmental Policy, Aberdeen City Council.          20 – Colin Tawse          21 – Kirkwood Homes          22 – [Bridge of Don] Community Council          25 – Homes for Scotland</p>	
<b>Provision of the development plan to which the issue relates:</b>	<p>Aberdeen City Aberdeen City Local Development Plan -Directions for Growth – Bridge of Don/Grandhome, and Directions for Growth – Dyce, Bucksburn and Woodside.</p> <p>Aberdeenshire Local Development Plan Policy 1: Business Development and Supplementary Guidance LSD2: Layout, siting and design of new development.</p>
<b>Planning Authority’s summary of the representation(s):</b>	
<p><b>Question 1</b></p> <p><b>3, 6, 9, 10, 11, 14 and 17:</b> Are aware of the Energetic Concept and what it is trying to achieve.</p> <p><b>16:</b> Is aware of concept but is not sure what it is trying to achieve.</p> <p><b>22:</b> Is not aware of concept.</p> <p><b>Question 10: Other comments relating to the Overview</b></p> <p><u>Background</u></p> <p><b>6:</b> Notes that this section mentions the Structure Plan, but also suggests it discusses the Strategic Growth Area, which largely coincides with the Energetica corridor, and clarifies what the relation is between the two.</p> <p><u>Quality of Life</u></p> <p><b>14:</b> Notes that a lot of emphasis is placed on the proposed concept on “quality of life”, but this is defined almost entirely by the reference to creating green space. Suggests the document should set out clearly the environmental and biodiversity resources present within the area, and the measures that the Energetica initiative will take to protect and enhance them, based on an assessment/audit of these resources in the area. Also suggests that this audit of resources is supplemented by an action plan to protect and enhance them.</p> <p><u>Economy</u></p> <p><b>6:</b> The third paragraph talks about the seven areas of guidance but does not define what theses are or where they are set out.</p> <p><b>15:</b> There is no mention of the need to comply with the City and Shire’s road standards. This</p>	

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needs to be made explicit where reference is made to Designing Streets (page 6).

### Key Ideas

**6:** Suggests the five key principles listed should match the wording and layout of the six criteria in the Supplementary Guidance.

### Environmental Performance

**14:** The concept of ecological footprint is the only significant environmental reference. However, to properly reduce the ecological impact full account must be taken of the important natural features present within the area and assess the impacts which could occur. A plan to reduce these impacts and enhance habitats and species should form a clear part of Energetica.

### What's next

**15:** Notes that the document suggests that it "will" be adopted by the two councils. Suggests this is a matter for the two councils to decide.

### Other Comments

**16 & 21:** Suggest that in order for Energetica to come forward there needs to be significant investment in infrastructure projects that will open up the A90 north corridor. This will primarily be the AWPR and its related projects such as Balmedie, Tipperty and the Haudagain. Further delays in this process will compromise Energetica.

**25:** Is unable to assist in consultation as no feedback has been received from the Grampian Housebuilders Committee.

### **Modifications sought by those submitting representations:**

#### **Question 10: Other comments relating to the Overview**

### Background

**6:** Add text to explain the relationship between the SGAs and Energetica.

### Quality of life and Environmental Performance

**14:** Add additional text to identify environmental and biodiversity resources present in the Energetica corridor through an assessment examining what natural habitats are present within the area. Supplement this information with an action plan to protect and enhance these important existing features.

### Key Ideas

**6:** Amend the five key principles listed to match the wording and layout of the six criteria in the Supplementary Guidance.

### Economy

**6:** In the third paragraph define what the seven areas of guidance are or where they are set out.

**15:** In the third paragraph, page 6, mention the need for new development to comply with the City and Aberdeenshire's road standards.

### What's next

**15:** Amend wording to reflect that the document will be submitted to the two councils for consideration of adoption.

### **Summary of responses (including reasons) by Planning Authority:**

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### Question 1

It is welcoming to note that the majority of the respondents to this question are aware of the Energetica concept.

### Question 10: Other comments relating to the Overview

#### Background

It is not agreed that additional text should be added to the document to set out the relationship between the Energetica corridor and the two Strategic Growth Areas (SGAs), as identified in the Structure Plan, as the SGAs are a land use allocation and Energetica Placemaking is a design tool and bears no resemblance to them.

#### Quality of Life and Environmental Performance

In relation to protecting natural heritage, an Energetica Natural Environment and Historic Environment Asset Audit was commissioned by the management group of one of the Energetica concept's work streams 'Lifestyle and Leisure'. The purpose of the study is to provide baseline information on the historic and natural environment of the Energetica corridor using available information on designated sites, recorded archaeology, habitats and species of interest with a view to:

- using the identified sites of conservation interest and historic remains more effectively as a positive element of the landscape framework and environment of Energetica; and
- positively connecting these areas to the Energetica recreation network, and improving visitor facilities and management of these features.

In light of this, no further change to the document is required.

The Energetica Placemaking supplementary guidance is a design orientated policy, and where relevant, new development will be appraised against this, and other policies and supplementary guidance in the Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire Local Development Plans, including those that protect and enhance biodiversity. There is minimum benefit duplicating environmental policy.

#### Economy

It is agreed that the third paragraph should clarify what the seven areas of guidance are. The consultants who wrote the Overview will be requested to expand on what they are.

A brief mention on the need to comply with the City and Shire's road standards could be mentioned in the third paragraph.

#### Key Ideas

It is agreed that the five key principles listed in this section should match the wording and layout of the six criteria in the Supplementary Guidance to ensure consistency between the Overview and supplementary guidance.

#### What's next

Both local authorities have been working together on the production of the Energetica Placemaking documents with the full intension of adopting them as part of each Council's local development plan.

#### Other Comments

The comments made by the respondents are noted. It is acknowledged that for major development projects to come forward in the Energetica corridor significant investment in infrastructure will be required, but these projects are already identified in the regional and local transport strategies with a commitment to bring them forward in the Structure Plan and local development plans.

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<b>Any further plan changes commended (this work will be undertaken by consultants WMUDD):</b>
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Under Economy, the third paragraph will be expanded upon to clarify what the seven areas of guidance are. This will be undertaken by the consultants who wrote the document.
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Under Economy, third paragraph, add a new sentence at the end, "However, any street design would need to have regard to the Council's road standards."
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Under Key Ideas, amend the five key principles to accord the wording and layout of the six criteria in the Supplementary Guidance.
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<b>Committees' decision:</b>
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<b>Committees' recommendations:</b>
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