

Technical Appendices

During the production of the Local Development plan a large amount of background information has been used to inform the plan. Some of the background information has been produced as assessments for the plan or have been produced as a part of the local development plan.

The technical appendices and supporting documents used are detailed in the table below. This table also contains a summary of how the appendix has been used to inform the plan and at what stage in the process.

Appendix	Description of appendix and its use in the process
Development options assessment report 2010	Developers and landowners were invited to submit proposals for future development. An assessment against set criteria was undertaken.
New Development options assessments	During the consultation on the Main Issues Report 19 new development options were submitted. An assessment of each of these new options was undertaken to allow a judgement to be reached on whether the site should or should not be included in the Local Development Plan.
Responses to comments	Consultation on the Main Issues Report for the emerging Aberdeen Local Development Plan took place over an eight week period from 16th October to 11th December 2009. 1,000 written submissions about the content of this document were received. The feedback from these meetings and the written responses we received during the consultation period was reviewed responses prepared for agreement to publish by the committee. These comments have guided the development of the proposed Local Development Plan.
A guide to the LDP Transport Framework 2010	The Transport Framework aims to ensure that development proposed in the LDP can help to deliver the objectives of the National, Regional and Local Transport Strategies. It has assisted in identifying the most sustainable and accessible locations for development and alongside other criteria used in the site assessment process, has provided evidence to support decisions over site selection. The Transport Framework has also helped to identify the transport infrastructure required to support future development and, in turn, contribute to the calculation of developer contributions.
Landscape Strategy part 1	The landscape Strategy has been used during the assessment of the development options, to guide assessments of the impact of development on the landscape.
Greenbelt Review	Given the requirements for significant Greenfield housing releases a Greenbelt Review has been

	undertaken. This has used the findings from the development options assessment report and the consultation on the development options to guide the boundaries for the Greenbelt.
Open Space Audit 2009	An open space audit is an assessment of how much open space exists, how it is distributed and how accessible it is to the communities around it. An open space audit also measures the quality of open spaces. The Open Space Audit has influenced policies on open space, and green space network.
Strategic Environmental Assessment	Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005 requires all plans programmes and strategies to undertake a strategic environmental assessment. The Environmental Report has assessed the impact of all the elements of the plan on environmental indicators. The assessment has identified significant impacts on the environment as a result of the plan, and outlines the mitigation measures to reduce the impacts. This has fed back into the policies and proposals contained in the Local Development Plan, and is an important stage in the process.
School Roll Forecasts 2010	Aberdeen City Council produces annual School Roll Forecasts. These have been used in the development of the spatial strategy and the infrastructure requirements for education provision.
Aberdeen and Aberdeenshire Retail Study 2004	This study was completed in 2004. The objectives of the study were to: assess the retail capacity, need and demand for new retail development within the Aberdeen City Region to 2011; assess the qualitative and quantitative characteristics of retail centres throughout the study area; benchmarking of Aberdeen City Centre and other retail centres; and to inform future local plan policies. This study has been used to guide policy and land allocations for the Local Development Plan.
Housing Need and Demand Assessment 2010	The Scottish Government requires that development plans are informed by Housing Need and Demand assessments. The Housing Need and Demand Assessment has been produced by both Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire Council working in partnership with stakeholders to provide an evidence base that can be used to inform policy discussions and decisions. The core outputs of the assessment are to provide an estimate of total future households, estimate of household groups with specific housing requirements, e.g. families, older people, minority ethnic groups, etc., estimate of total households in housing need, estimate of future households requiring market housing and estimate of future households requiring market housing. This

	assessment has been used to judge the scale of allocations for housing that need to be made. It outlines what the level of housing need is likely to be in order policies on affordable housing to be developed. It also provides evidence on specific housing requirements and the mix of housing that may be in demand during the period of the local development plan.
Housing Land Audit 2007	The Structure Plan base year was 2007 and the housing allowances have been made in addition to those sites identified as effective in the 2007 housing land audit. Therefore, this document was used to identify which sites will count towards meeting the housing allowances in the local development plan.
Brownfield Urban Capacity Study 2010	This is an assessment of the potential of the main urban area of Aberdeen to absorb further housing development. It will help us to identify brownfield sites which will meet the structure plan requirements for the period up to 2016. The focus of this study is on previously developed land and the conversion of buildings within the settlement boundaries in Aberdeen. Trends have been examined to see if there have been any changes in the provision of greenfield and brownfield housing. Although this in itself cannot be used to predict future development rates, it does give an indication of Aberdeen's development over the last 26 years.
Equalities and Human Rights Impact Assessment	This is an assessment of the potential equalities and human impacts that the Plan could have on the citizens of Aberdeen. It helps us to explain the measure the Council do throughout the Local Development Plan process to minimise these impacts on the community.