

**REPORT TO: PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE –
2 DECEMBER 2002**

**REPORT ON: THE DUNDEE LOCAL PLAN REVIEW CONSULTATIVE DRAFT 2002 –
FEEDBACK FROM PUBLIC CONSULTATION PROCESS**

REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION

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1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To update the Committee on progress towards the preparation of the Finalised Dundee Local Plan Review and in particular, to inform the Committee of the public consultation exercise recently undertaken and the range and nature of comments received and to gain approval for taking matters forward.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Committee:
- a notes the details of public consultation undertaken by the Planning and Transportation Department associated with publication of the Dundee Local Plan Review Consultative Draft 2002;
 - b notes that responses were received from 169 interested parties including community groups, individuals and businesses covering a broad range of land use planning matters;
 - c approves the Director of Planning and Transportation's responses to the comments made, as detailed in papers that have been placed in the Members lounges; and
 - d remits the Director of Planning and Transportation to bring forward the Finalised Dundee Local Plan Review for approval at the Planning & Transportation Committee on 27 January 2003.

3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 There are no financial implications for the City Council, as a direct result of this Report.

4 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The Dundee Local Plan Review is a vitally important document for the identification and progression of the City Council's aims and objectives on a wide range of economic, social and environmental issues. The advancement of the Dundee Local Plan Review will positively influence, to a greater or lesser extent, the achievement of virtually all of the key themes identified in Dundee 21.

5 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The Dundee Local Plan Review represents a major land use planning document through which the City Council can advance many of its corporate strategies. In taking forward the Local Plan Review, policies to promote equality of opportunity will be developed.

6 BACKGROUND

- 6.1 Members will recall that at the meeting of the Planning and Transportation Committee on 24 June 2002, the Dundee Local Plan Review Consultative Draft 2002 was approved for public consultation purposes (report 242-2002 refers). The Consultative Draft Local Plan was subsequently published on 20 August 2002 and a six week period of public consultation ended on 30 September 2002.
- 6.2 During this period, extensive efforts were made to encourage a full range of interested parties to become involved in the process and to express opinions on the Draft Local Plan.
- 6.3 Some 175 copies of the Draft Local Plan were sent, free of charge, to statutory consultees and community organisations. Copies of the Draft Local Plan were also made available in all public libraries in Dundee, as well as at the reception of Tayside House. In addition, the Draft Plan was published on the Council's website. Finally, copies of the Draft Plan were available for purchase at a cost of £5.00.
- 6.4 A summary leaflet of the Draft Plan and a leaflet focusing on the approach in the Draft Plan to greenfield housing land release were prepared. These leaflets were issued to all consultees as well as being made widely available at libraries, at various public meetings held to consider the Draft Plan and on the Council's website.

Consultation Meetings

- 6.5 A significant number of meetings were held during the public consultation period. The purpose of these meetings was to explain the Local Plan process, to outline the main provisions of the Consultative Draft Plan and to encourage debate on a full range of matters. Particular effort was made to involve members of the public in meetings arranged at the Wellgate Library. These meetings were publicised in newspaper articles and adverts, on publicity material such as letters and leaflets, and were advertised on Radio Tay.
- 6.6 In addition, officers from the Planning and Transportation Department discussed the Draft Local Plan at meetings organised by the Broughty Ferry, West End and Fowls, Liff and Balruddery Community Councils. A meeting to discuss the Draft Plan also took place with the Dundee Federation of Tenants Associations whilst the view of young people on land use planning in the City were gained at a meeting of the Pupil Council.
- 6.7 The local development industry was also encouraged to participate in the process and meetings were held with Housing Associations, Architects and Business representatives.

- 6.8 The main points raised at each of these meetings have been recorded and are included in the papers that have been placed in the Members' Lounge.

Consultation Responses

- 6.9 In response to the Consultative Draft Local Plan Review, some 169 submissions were received. These responses included comment forms, letters and e-mails. Many of the submissions made comments on a number of issues. The breakdown against each of the main themes in the Draft Local Plan is as follows :

Living in Dundee	205 comments
Working in Dundee	62 comments
Shopping in Dundee	325 comments
Open Space in Dundee	28 comments
The Environment in Dundee	50 comments
Accessibility in Dundee	51 comments
General Strategy/Other Comments	21 comments

In a departure from the experience of previous Local Plans, there were no particular issues that dominated the responses.

- 6.10 A document has been prepared that contains a summary of each of the comments received and, where appropriate, a recommendation as to any change that should be made to the Finalised Local Plan as a result. In many instances however, further investigation, as part of the preparation of the Finalised Local Plan, is required before a decision on a response to a comment can be given. A copy of this document has been placed in the Members' Lounge.
- 6.11 Whilst the majority of comments received express concern over particular aspects of the Draft Local Plan, there is an encouraging level of support for the format of the Draft Local Plan and the principles of conciseness and clarity that set the context for the Plan's preparation.
- 6.12 Members will recall that the Draft Local Plan sought to identify all potential housing opportunities as a means of encouraging feedback and debate. Whilst this approach stimulated a number of comments, it is felt that the public's reaction to the development of certain sites, notably those on greenfield land, have not been truly expressed through the consultation process. It is anticipated therefore that, notwithstanding the limited level of comment in relation to particular sites at this stage in the process, the allocation of sites in the Finalised Local Plan is likely to result in a number of objections being submitted.

7 CONCLUSION

- 7.1 The publication of the Dundee Local Plan Review Consultative Draft 2002 was a key stage in the advancement of the Local Plan and presented a significant opportunity for interested parties to participate in the Plan preparation process. The feedback from this stage will be an important consideration in the preparation of the Finalised Local Plan.

- 7.2 It should also be noted that the approval of the Dundee and Angus Structure Plan by Scottish Ministers on 18 October 2002 (see Report 813-2002) provides a clear strategic planning context for the preparation of the Finalised Local Plan.
- 7.3 It is intended that the Finalised Dundee Local Plan Review will be submitted to the Planning and Transportation Committee for approval early in 2003 and at this stage, the Plan will be a material consideration in the determination of planning applications. Thereafter, formal objections to the Local Plan will be invited and these will be considered at a Local Plan Inquiry, which is likely to commence later in 2003.

8 CONSULTATIONS

- 8.1 The Director of Finance, Director of Support Services and Director of Corporate Planning, have been consulted and are in agreement with the contents of this report.

9 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 9.1 Dundee Local Plan Review Consultative Draft 2002.

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