

# ***ABERDEENSHIRE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN - AN UPDATE COMMUNITY INPUT WELCOMED***

Back in January we held a series of open meetings in the hall relating to the Aberdeenshire Local Development Plan and commented back to the Council our views regarding proposed local developments at that stage. The development of this plan is an ongoing process (outlined in diagram) and we are now at the stage whereby the council has approved the main issues report for consultation. This will be out as a paper copy on May 18 (a copy is available now, online at [www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/ldp](http://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/ldp)).

Following its release there is to be a 7-week consultation period with the public (18<sup>th</sup> May 2009- 6<sup>th</sup> July 2009), including a series of open, explanatory meetings hosted by Aberdeenshire council.

Ellon 25<sup>th</sup> May 2009  
Oldmeldrum 28<sup>th</sup> May 2009  
Balmedie 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2009  
Turriff 8<sup>th</sup> June 2009

Whilst the Slains And Collieston Community Council will be formally invited to respond to the Main Issues Report on behalf of the community, the more people who can attend any meetings the better so we can all understand the process and key issues directly. All relevant information is also available on the website.

The Local Development Plan is still at an early stage but our ability to influence lessens as time passes, so also included with this note is an extract from the Main Issues Report – relating to Collieston. It is not an approval to develop at this stage, rather an indication of what is technically preferred for Collieston, by the Aberdeenshire Council Planning Division.

**To quote a local councillor:**

**‘This is perhaps the most important thing you may ever have to consider’**

**For any more info or input at this stage please contact Rachel Hitchcock (751323) or Sian Earlam (751344) or any other Community Council member**