

Royal Burgh of Forfar Community Council

Sub group meeting held 26th February 2020 Forfar Community Campus

Subject: National Planning Framework 4 (NPF4) Spatial Strategy 2020 to 2050

Closing date for submission: 31/03/20

In attendance: L. Clark: G. Clark: E. Feltham: J. McMillan

Background: The Scottish Government prepared the following five questions and above members discussed with some suggestions for further discussion at next full members meeting date of 17th March 2020.

1. WHAT DEVELOPMENT WILL WE NEED TO ADDRESS CLIMATE CHANGE?

- Build housing on higher grounds and avoid flood plain developments.
- Consider residential developments house designs whereby ground floor levels are for storage or garage purposes only and better insulated to retain heat. Maximise solar gain designs in new builds.
- Solar panels/domestic windmills or community large scale wind developments for local use.
- More natural boundary planting and trees including wildlife corridors.
- Reduce waste
- Dredging and drain maintenance responsibilities to be enforced in planning regulations.

2. HOW CAN PLANNING BEST SUPPORT OUR QUALITY OF LIFE, HEALTH AND WELL-BEING IN THE FUTURE?

- SAFE STREETS USING TACTILE CROSSING AREAS AND ANY OTHER APPROPRIATE MEASURES
- ENSURE ADEQUATE AND ACCESSIBLE LOCAL HEALTH CARE PROVISION ESPECIALLY IN RURAL AREAS
- ANY PUBLIC SERVICE BUILDINGS TO BE ACCESSIBLE TO PEOPLE OF ALL MOBILITIES.
- PAVEMENTS SHOULD BE PRIORITY FOR MAINTENANCE AND BE KEPT CLEAR OF ANY OBSTRUCTIONS
- WI-FI AVAILABILITY FOR BUSINESS/PRIVATE .

3. WHAT DOES PLANNING NEED TO DO TO ENABLE OUR INVESTMENT AND ECONOMY TO BENEFIT EVERYONE?

- STAKEHOLDERS i.e. LOCAL COMMUNITY SHOULD HAVE A VOTE IN LOCAL DECISIONS.

4. HOW CAN PLANNING IMPROVE, PROTECT AND STRENGTHEN THE SPECIAL CHARACTER OF OUR PLACES?

- CONSIDER MIX OF RETAIL UNITS TO ENSURE LARGE GLOBAL CHAINS DO NOT ALTER PLACES.
- LIMIT SHOP FRONTAGES COLOUR CHOICES TO BLEND WITH THE CHARACTER AREAS
- ENCOURAGE BROWNFIELD RESIDENTIAL PROVISION WITHIN SPECIAL CHARACTER AREAS.

5. WHAT INFRASTRUCTURE DO WE NEED TO PLAN AND BUILD TO REALISE OUR LONG TERM ASPIRATIONS?

- MORE CROSS COUNTRY/CITY RAIL LINKS/ PASSENGER AND FREIGHT
- PROVIDE BETTER ROAD NETWORKS TO INCLUDE PEDESTRIAN/CYCLE ROUTES/BUS LANES TO ALLOW MULTIPLE CHOICES OF TRAVEL TO SUPPORT EMPLOYMENT AND TOURISM
- PROVIDE ROAD BYPASSES WHERE APPROPRIATE.
- VEHICLES: ELECTRIC CHARGING UNITS AND HIRE OF E CARS TO BE AVAILABLE EVEN IN RURAL AREAS.