


APPENDIX 4
TOWN CENTRE FIRST IMPACT ASSESSMENT (TCFIA)

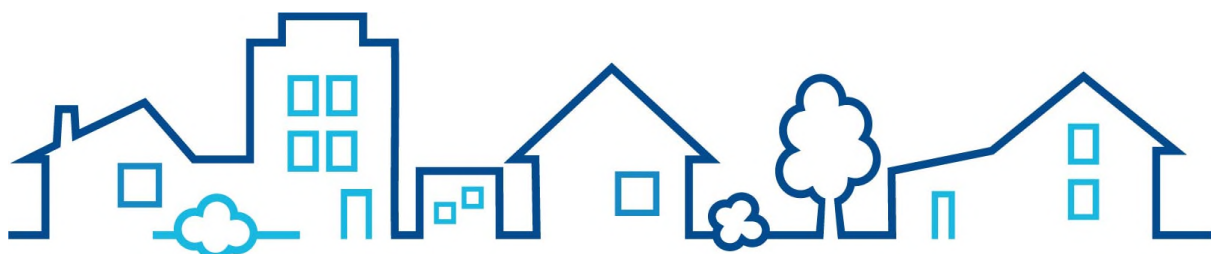
Aberdeenshire Council recognises that town centres have an important role to play in the sustainable development of local economies.

The Town Centre First Impact Assessment (TCFIA) allows officers in all services to identify the detrimental and beneficial effects that decisions we take may have on our town centres. It will allow officers to consider any implications that council decisions may have on Aberdeenshire's key town centres. Examples of this include changes to: the provision of civic and community facilities, employment land, retail, residential buildings, cultural assets, transportation, leisure and tourism.

A Town Centre Ambassador has been nominated within your service, you can locate your Town Centre First Ambassador through the Town Centre First Principle Arcadia pages.

Project Information	
Title of Committee Paper	Aberdeenshire Local Development Plan 2021- Analysis of responses to the Main Issues Report 2019
Service	Planning and Building Standards (as from 22 July 2019 – Planning & Environment Service)
Department	Infrastructure Services
Author	Piers Blaxter
Have you consulted your Town Centre First Ambassador?	Yes

1) Could your Project Paper cause an impact in one (or more) of the identified town centres? – Peterhead, Fraserburgh, Inverurie, Westhill, Stonehaven, Ellon, Portlethen, Banchory, Turriff, Huntly, Banff, Macduff.	
Yes	The Main Issues Report contains a range of actions designed to support existing town centres and complies with Aberdeenshire Councils Town Centres First policy by promoting Town centres as vibrant, multi-use locations for leisure, retailing, office development and housing





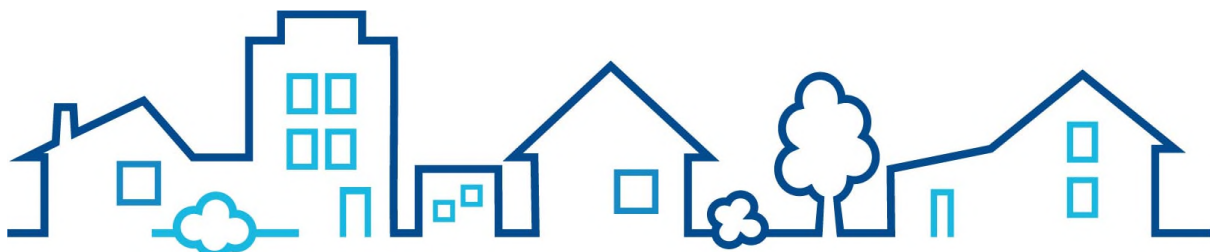
2) If approved would your project cause an impact (either positive or negative) with regards to the footfall of any of these town centres?	
Yes	Yes.

3)	
Please describe the aims of the committee paper?	Seek approval of recommendations from the consultation on the Main Issues Report to feed into the Proposed Local Development Plan

4) What are the positive and negative impacts?		
Impact	Describe the positive impact?	Describe the negative impact?
Town centre first policy	Positive- Direct support for Town Centres first.	None
Identification of the extent of town centres	Positive- this information is not provided in any other forum.	None

5) What mitigating steps will be taken to reduce or remove negative impacts? If none see Q6	
Mitigating Steps	Timescale
No mitigation required	

6) Set out the justification that the activity can and should go ahead despite the negative impact.





Not applicable

Question 7: Sign off and Authorisation

<p>3) Author: I have completed the TCIA impact assessment for this policy/ activity.</p>	<p>Name: Piers Blaxter Position: Policy Team Leader Date: 19/07/2019 Signature: <i>Piers Blaxter</i></p>
<p>4) Consultation with Service Manager</p>	<p>Name: Mairi Stewart Position: Service Manager Date: 19/07/2019</p>
<p>5) Authorisation by Director or Head of Service</p>	<p>Name: Robert Gray Position: Head of Service Date: 19/07/2019</p>
<p>6) Have you consulted with your Town Centre First Ambassador?</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>7) TCFIA author sends a copy of the finalised form to: tcfia@aberdeenshire.gov.uk</p>	<p>Date Sent: 26/7/2019</p>

