

DRAFT Old Aberdeen Action Plan for 2010

19 January 2010

Category	Action issue	Outcome sought
Community Facilities	Bus services – concerns over cost, frequency and regularity. Particular concerns that FirstBus are likely to withdraw the new No.29 over the summer months	That FirstBus commit to provide an improved service. That we receive assurance from FirstBus that the 20 / 29 will continue to run a half hour service over the summer
	The area requires facilities to encourage use of the Old Aberdeen area into the evening	Support applications to provide a bistro or restaurant type facility.
	That all available housing is being acquired by the University and others to provide temporary accommodation for the student population, so reducing the urban mix	Better provision of affordable housing and rental accommodation is needed in the area
Community Safety	After several years campaigning by the Students representatives and the OACC, many streets in the area still have poorly lit streets	Complete the replacement of street lights on University Rd, Elphinstone Rd, and Don Street
	Improve pavement condition (trip hazards).	Identify and reset paving stones
	Roads surface poor in many areas, potholes appearing and the stone sets on Chanonry, High Street and College Bounds are in urgent need of maintenance – Filling in of gaps between sets).	Road condition is stabilised, thus delaying a major road works. Potholes filled.
	Clearing of leaves etc. from roads and gullies considered to be poor	Council to make more effort to clear road gullies, particularly in Autumn to winter.
	There are continued concerns raised regarding traffic speed and traffic management in the area.	Remove College Bounds chicanes and replace with alternative solution. Replace current traffic light 'bus gate at College Bounds / University Row junction with a more effective solution
	Snow clearing on pavements was grossly inadequate, especially for the residents of Bede house and other vulnerable people.	Council to prioritise clearing and gritting of routes required by vulnerable people (e.g. Bede House to Spar shop). Council to clarify their responsibilities and liabilities (and house owners' responsibilities?) with regard to pavement clearing
Environment	Resolve chronic rat-run problem of traffic entering High St from College Bounds.	Replace current traffic light 'bus gate at College Bounds / University Row junction with a more effective solution
	Support the redevelopment of St Machar Outdoor Centre / Sunnybank Park.	Council agrees that Sunnybank Park is retained as a green space for the community.

Category	Action issue	Outcome sought
	Seaton Park needs to be rejuvenated and developed to meet peoples needs.	A partnership for management and support of Seaton Park is put in place and funds are made available for developing additional services (e.g. a barbeque area)
	The Old Aberdeen Conservation Report (issued in 1993) needs be reviewed and updated to address current needs and pressures	The Old Aberdeen Conservation Report is reviewed and updated with full input from the local communities.
	Concern over the proposed 3 rd Don crossing damaging the environment we live in	That any new proposals for a third Don Crossing address the concerns of the local communities
Health & Well Being	The City Council seem to be destroying the heritage of public toilets previously developed. This has impact on public behaviour, tourism and hygiene.	Public toilet is provided for tourists and the general public
	Air pollution at St Machar / King Street roundabout and St Machar Drive.	City Council makes greater efforts to achieve modal shift towards public transport.
Lifelong Learning	The current intentions of the City Council would appear to be the general removal of library services. While this seems to be a very retrograde step the council has not ought to help the public understand the issues	City Council makes available to OACC the usage statistics for local libraries? Possibly develop a means to retain access to local library services? Or perhaps the provision of public computer access is the key issue?
Local Democracy	There is dissatisfaction in how little the City Council involves the Community Council in decision making concerning issues with local interest. Recent examples are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o The Neighbourhood Action Plan o The Controlled Parking Zone o General proposed road alterations are never discussed with OACC. 	the City Council will more actively involve the Community Council in decision making, and sufficiently early and with sufficient openness for such involvement to be able to make difference.
	The Old Aberdeen Conservation Report (issued in 1993) needs be reviewed and updated to address current needs and pressures	The Old Aberdeen Conservation Report is reviewed and updated with full input from the local communities.
	Concern over the proposed 3 rd Don crossing being progressed without due consideration to the impact on the local environment	That any new proposals for a third Don Crossing address the concerns of the local communities

Category	Action issue	Outcome sought
Prosperity and Jobs	That tourism is inadequately supported in the Old Aberdeen area	Develop better facilities for tourism, including public toilets, short term parking, encourage appropriate shops and services.
	There is concern that the Old Aberdeen area is loosing its diversity of facilities, and mix of housing	Encourage economic diversity in area around university. Reverse empty building stockpiling by Uni. Encourage provision of affordable housing and rental accommodation is needed in the area Support applications to provide a bistro or restaurant type facility.