

SITE NUMBER: K63

NAME: The South Meadows, Kirkton of Maryculter

Assessment undertaken by: Sarah MacRitchie

Proposer: Christie Property Limited

Nature of the proposal: Residential: 6 dwellings

Recommendation: Preferred

Reasoned justification:¹ The site has is on green belt land but has no other constraints. The site scores 2 on the GAM. The site scores 0 in the SEA.

Kirkton of Maryculter has been identified in Appendix 2 as a settlement requiring a flexible provision of plots, so the settlement can receive an allocation, but there is no requirement to allocate land.

The proposal fits within the settlement pattern and the recent direction of development to the East of the settlement.

The site is preferred to allow some affordable housing in the settlement.

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Constraints mapping

| | Criteria | Score | Justification |
|---|--|-------|--|
| Capacity study site? | | | Which study: |
| Sustainable Economic Development | Accessibility of Existing centres of Employment | -1 | |
| | Provision of Business Land | -1 | |
| | Distance to Key Service Centres | 0 | |
| | pedestrian/cycle links to key services, employment land and surrounding developments | 0 | Easily provided within the village, Difficult to employment |
| Encourage and Support Regeneration | Brownfield Development | -1 | |
| | Enhancement of Heritage | 0 | |
| | Supporting quality of Services including primary schools | 0 | Primary school is about 5km away, other services? |
| | Resolves Issues of Contamination on Site | 0 | |
| Maintain and Enhance the Quality of the Natural Heritage and Built Environment | Quality of Agricultural Land Lost | 1 | Classification 4.1 |
| | Degree of loss of Biodiversity | 0 | |
| | Setting of Historic Buildings Affected (SAM's) | 0 | |
| | Archaeology Affected | 1 | |
| Landscape | Shelter from cold winds | 0 | Woodland to South / West |
| | Potential for Passive Solar Gain | 0 | North East facing slope |
| | Visual Considerations | 0 | Adjacent to existing development |
| | Designed Landscapes Affected | 1 | |
| Technical Issues | Availability of Water Supply | 1 | Invercannie WTW capacity for 892 |
| | Ease of Providing Drainage | 0 | No info |
| | Costs of Providing Access | 0 | Road improvement to North of site |
| | Provision of New Community Services Required | 1 | |

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| Constraint | Ok | Relative Constraint | Not Ok | Notes |
|--------------------------------|----|---------------------|--------|------------------------|
| Hazardous site | x | | | |
| Transport safeguarded site | x | | | |
| Pipeline constraint | x | | | |
| | | | | |
| SEPA Fluvial Flood risk (0.5%) | x | | | |
| SEPA coastal Flooding (0.5%) | x | | | |
| | | | | |
| SAC | x | | | |
| SPA | x | | | |
| Ramsar site | x | | | |
| SSSI | x | | | |
| Local Nature Reserve | x | | | |
| SESA SINS | x | | | |
| | | | | |
| Woods for people | x | | | |
| Ancient Woodland | x | | | |
| “Protected” open space | x | | | |
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| Other Constraints | | x | | Green belt land |

Other constraints include potential impact on critical environmental or social capital of the settlement identified through the characterisation process

| SEA Objectives | Effect | Comments |
|---|--------|--|
| SEA Topic: Air | | |
| 1 Protect and improve local air quality. | +/- | Potential increase in commuter traffic in Aberdeen which has poor air quality Close to service centre |
| SEA Topic: Water | | |
| 2 Sustain and enhance water quality to good ecological status. | 0 | |
| SEA Topic: Soil | | |
| 3 Improve and safeguard soil quality. | 0 | |
| 4 Reduction in the amount of waste going to landfill | 0 | |
| <i>Summary of effect:</i> | 0/+/- | |
| SEA Topic: Biodiversity | | |
| 5 Conserve, protect, maintain and enhance biodiversity (including ecosystems, habitats, species and genetic). | 0 | |
| SEA Topic: Climatic factors | | |
| 6 Reduce the causes of adverse climate change (e.g. reduction in CO ₂ levels and NE global footprint). | 0 | |
| 7 Reduce vulnerability to the effects of climate change (e.g. flooding, public service provision, and habitats). | 0 | |
| <i>Summary of effect:</i> | 0 | |
| SEA Topic: Human health | | |
| 8 Safeguard and improve accessibility to open spaces. | + | Open amenity land proposed. New footpath |
| 9 Decrease deprivation/social exclusion. | 0 | |
| <i>Summary of effect:</i> | 0/+ | |
| SEA Topic: Population | | |

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|---|---------------|--|
| 10 Improve the supply of housing land to accommodate in-migration, an aging population, and the predicted increase in households. | 0 | |
| SEA Topic: Cultural heritage | | |
| 11 Protect, and where appropriate enhance the historic environment. | 0 | |
| SEA Topic: Landscape | | |
| 12 Protect, enhance and where appropriate restore the quality & distinctiveness of the area's landscape and townscapes. | 0 | |
| SEA Topic: Material assets | | |
| 13 Promote the creation of fixed, commercial and industrial assets. | 0 | |
| 14 Regenerate derelict, vacant or contaminated land. | 0 | |
| 15 Promote the use of sustainable materials and the adoption of Lifetime standards. | 0 | |
| Summary of effect: | 0 | |
| Overall effect: | 0 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Largely a neutral impact • Positive: open space |

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¹ Reasoned Justification

Why should this site be considered or dismissed in the Local Development Plan? Please ensure you cover issues relating to the preferred settlement strategy as part of this justification, particularly where you are making a “Preferred” recommendation. Please also embed (copy and paste from GGP) any suggestion you might wish to make regarding allocating only part of the site, or on phasing.

Please see the spreadsheet “Target housing and employment allocations.xls” for guidance on the indicative scale of allocations to be sought in each area (Use the TRIM search facility to find this). For each of the 8 areas a report on settlement strategy options will have to be prepared that outlines the principles and options that have been considered. I believe that this is an iterative process which starts with the “targets” as modified first by availability of sites and our technical evaluation, and thereafter by the views of members as to what they wish to achieve. I have started that report.

Please maintain a record of your progress in “Spreadsheet to record progress on completing bid assessments Jan 2009.xls”.

Modification of the reasoned justification will be undertaken to reflect the desired settlement strategy following the Member seminars in March 2009 and for the final draft of the main issues report in May, when the sheets will form part of the evidence base for the main issues “proposals” maps (published separately as a technical appendix.