

The public will have its say on special planning guidance for a unique energy energy destination to the north of Aberdeen as consultation into new draft documents is launched.

Planning guidance has now been published for all proposed development within Energetica- – a new energy community stretching north from the Bridge of Don to Peterhead and west to the airport.

Energetica Placemaking Supplementary Guidance was unveiled in May by ACSEF (Aberdeen City and Shire Economic Future) and, after being reported to the Enterprise, Planning and Infrastructure Committee at Aberdeen City Council and at Aberdeenshire Council's Area Committees, extensive consultation is now taking place.

The documents, which include Energetica placemaking planning policy and detailed planning advice as well as an overview document, translate the vision for the corridor into clear, concise planning guidance on the desired low carbon standards that should be adopted when planning new developments within the corridor.

Sara Budge, Energetica project director, said: "The overall aim is to ensure that development in the Energetica corridor leads by example on issues such as the mixture and co-location of facilities, environmental sustainability and performance, landscaping and greenspace management, travel and the form of buildings

"Energetica will offer a unique, attractive and sustainable environment based on low carbon dependency with exceptional leisure and retail facilities."

One of ACSEF's flagship projects, Energetica is set to become a world-leading energy technology destination combining high quality, energy efficient living with dynamic energy focused businesses that could generate £750 million in investment in the first ten years with the

potential to create an additional £500 million of annual GVA in the region.

All comments on any of the Energetica Placemaking documents are welcome and the consultation will run until 23 September 2011.

Copies of the papers and response forms are available from Aberdeen City Council, Marischal College, Broad Street or Aberdeenshire Council, Woodhill, Westburn Road and local libraries in the Energetica area.

Further information can be found at www.energetica.uk.com/placemaking.html