

Settlement Summary: Fordoun

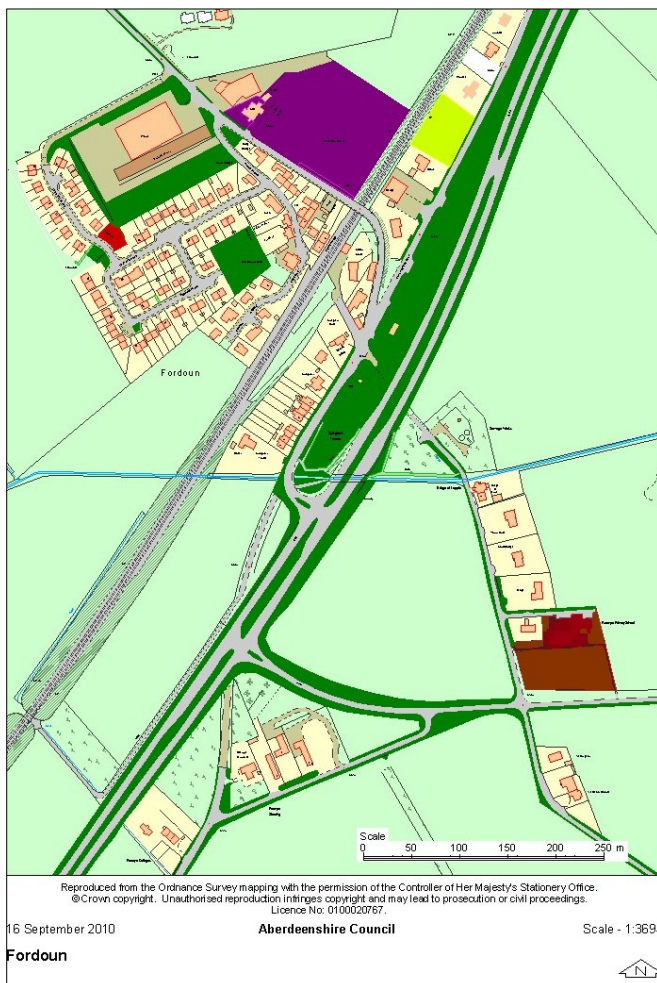
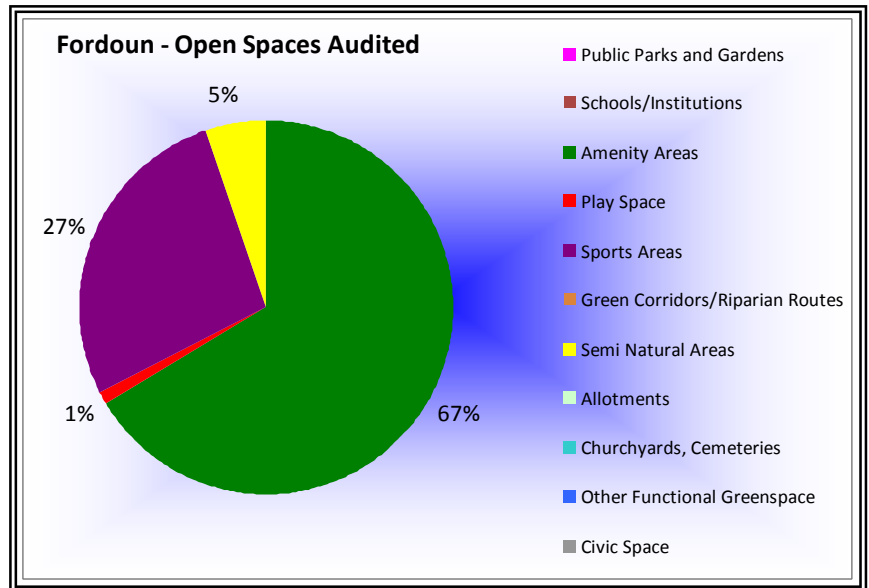
Population: 305

Observations (of Community Council)

None received

Green Network Links

The Core Path Plan advises that there are no readily identified links in this area, but that a pedestrian/cycle route links to the village school via the A90 underpass. The preferred site for development within the Aberdeenshire Local Plan is at the southwest of the village, though not directly adjoining the Burn of Leppie due to flooding constraints. There may nonetheless be an opportunity here to consider some access to the adjacent semi natural area/burn side.



Open Space Requirements

Auditors noted that the playing fields seemed reasonably well used, but that there may be potential to improve usage with repairs to the tennis courts and the provision of seating. Similarly at Toch-hill, there may be scope for extending the range of play equipment. Although Fordoun appears to have an adequate amount of greenspace, a significant proportion of is effectively unusable, being transport corridor along the A90. Of the remainder, there is very little semi-natural space (5%), compared to the Shire's average of 43%. In the event of further development, the integration of accessible semi-natural areas should be carefully considered.

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| Public Parks and Gardens | Schools/Institutions | Amenity Areas |
| Play Space | Sports Areas | Green Corridors/Riparian Routes |
| Semi Natural Areas | Allotments | Churchyards, Cemeteries |
| Other Functional Greenspace | | |

Open Space Audit Update 2019: Fordoun

An update exercise was carried out in 2019 to account for new open spaces arising from major developments completed since the Open Space Audit 2010, and to address any known disparities/gaps in information. The scope of the update exercise did not include a review of the Open Space Audit 2010. The Audit update 2019 has been used to assist in the preparation of the Proposed Aberdeenshire Local Development Plan 2020.

This is an interim Audit. Whilst this information will feed into a future comprehensive Open Space Audit, at this stage there may be some auditing inconsistencies across settlements due to factors such as community interest, and landscape/topography influencing how open spaces are identified, particularly at and around the edges of settlement.

Allotments are excluded as these are audited separately as part of the Food Growing Strategy 2019-2030.

There are no updates to the Open Space Audit 2010.