

Settlement Summary: Drumlithie

Population: 350

Observations (of Community Council)

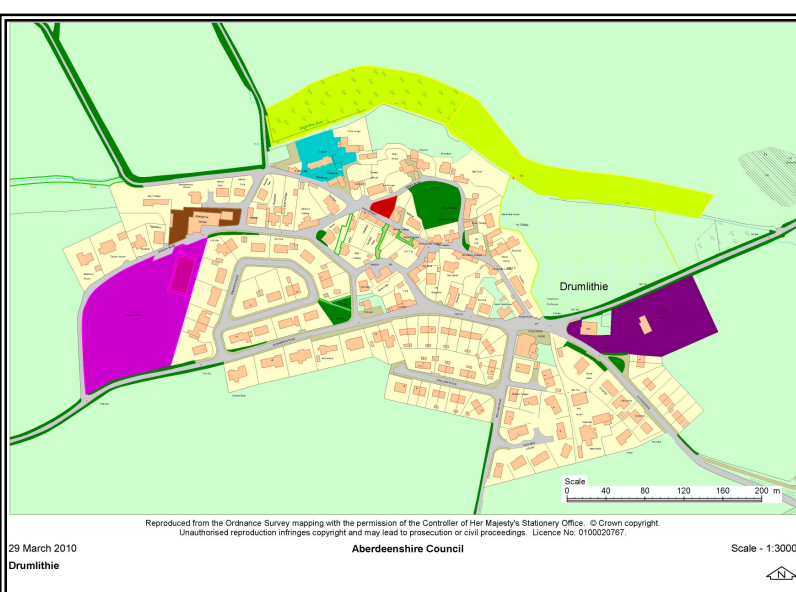
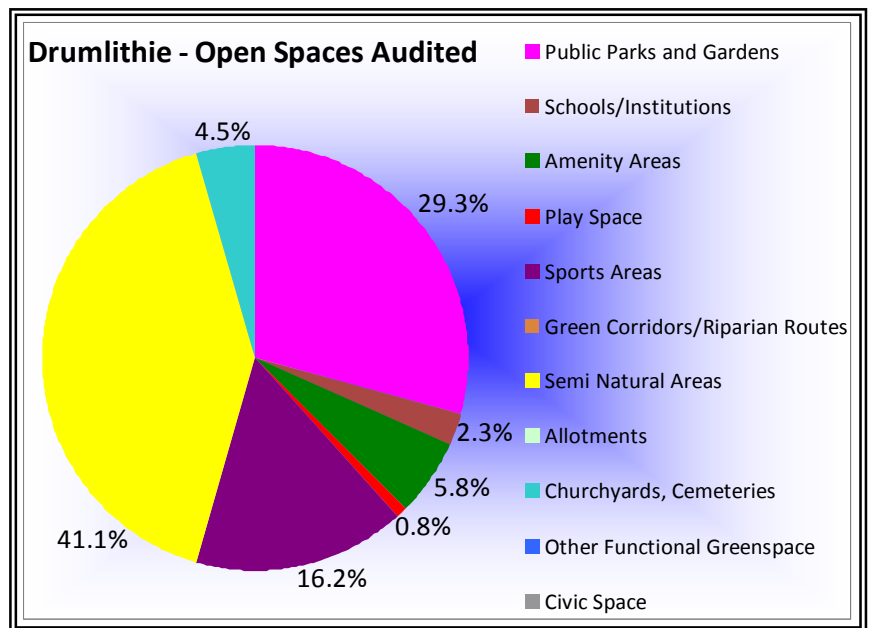
- Croft Road site is private, and unused, but should be tidied up.
- Woodland behind church requires maintenance, such as weed killing on path and repair of picnic bench.
- Roundabout in park has never turned properly.
- Smiddy Road is not adopted by the Council and not maintained.

Green Network Links

Given the relatively small and compact layout of Drumlithie, and taking account the role of private gardens in creating green linkages, there would not appear to be any deficiency in the green network. However, in the event of further development occurring, it will be important to protect, enhance and maintain green links to the surrounding countryside.

Open Space Requirements

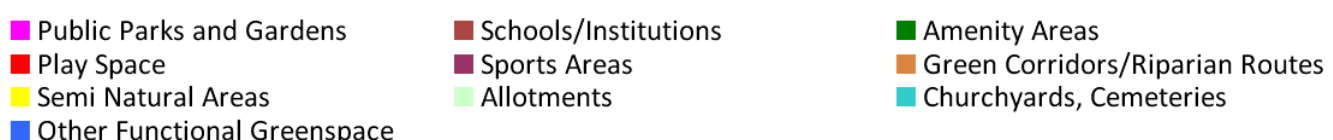
The principle issue to address in Drumlithie is maintenance of the woodland area to the rear of the Church. If this was gifted to the community, then it would be appropriate for a community group to form, with the role of maintaining the paths and repairing any equipment. (The Auchenblae Parks Committee's management of the Auchenblae Parks Woodland is a useful comparison, and they may be able to offer advice on setting up a committee). Were such a group to become established, it may also be able to apply for grant funding where appropriate.



The functioning of the play equipment in the village is likely to be reviewed as part of the play value audit of existing play areas.

Given that the Croft Road site is in private ownership, there is little that can be done in terms of Aberdeenshire Council intervention, with regard to its state of maintenance.

The majority of open space within the village is comprised of semi natural space, parkland and sports areas, due to a combination of the woodland, village park, sports field and the bowling green.

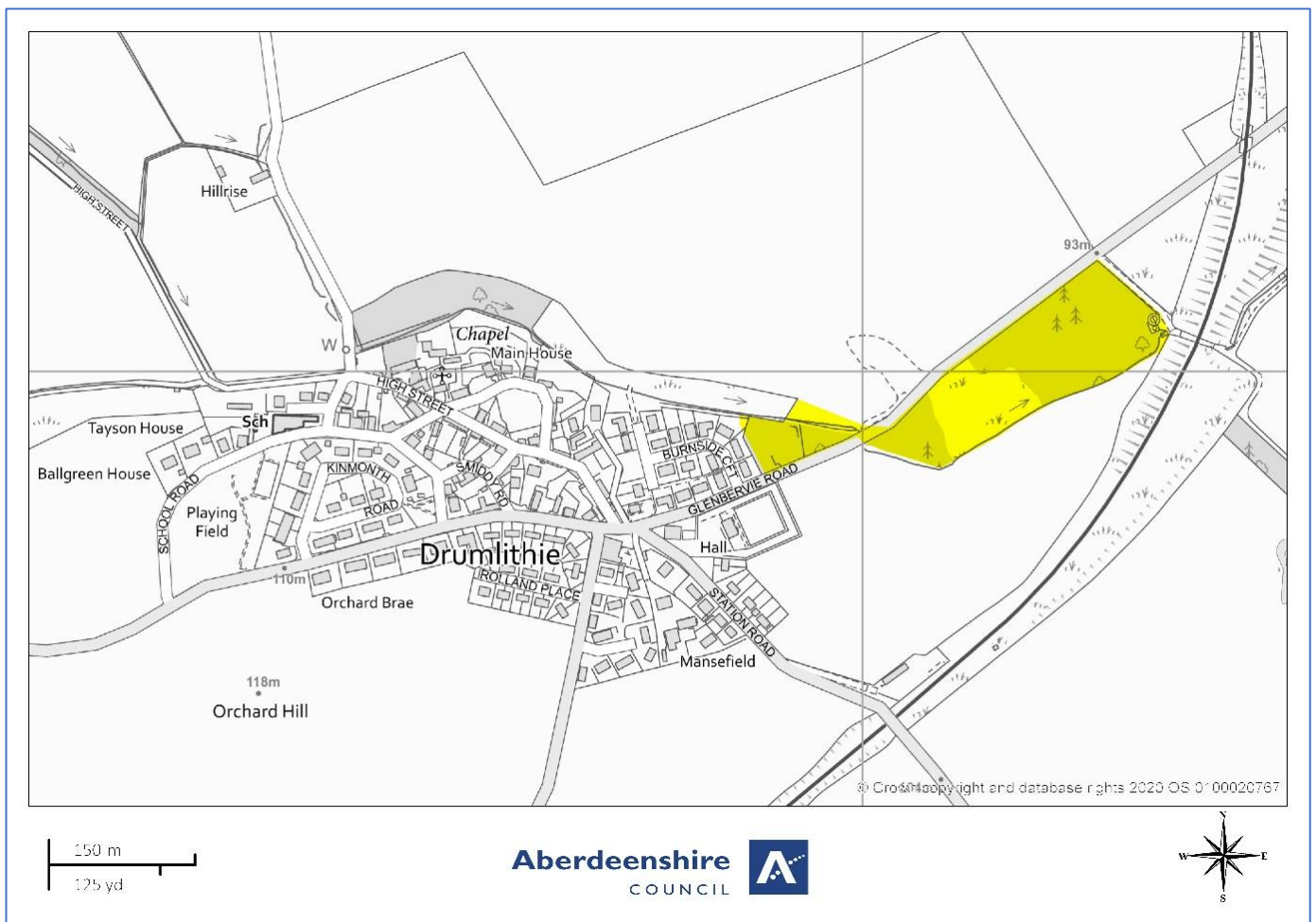












Open Space Audit Update 2019: Drumlithie

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.



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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 | | |