

Settlement Summary: Drumoak

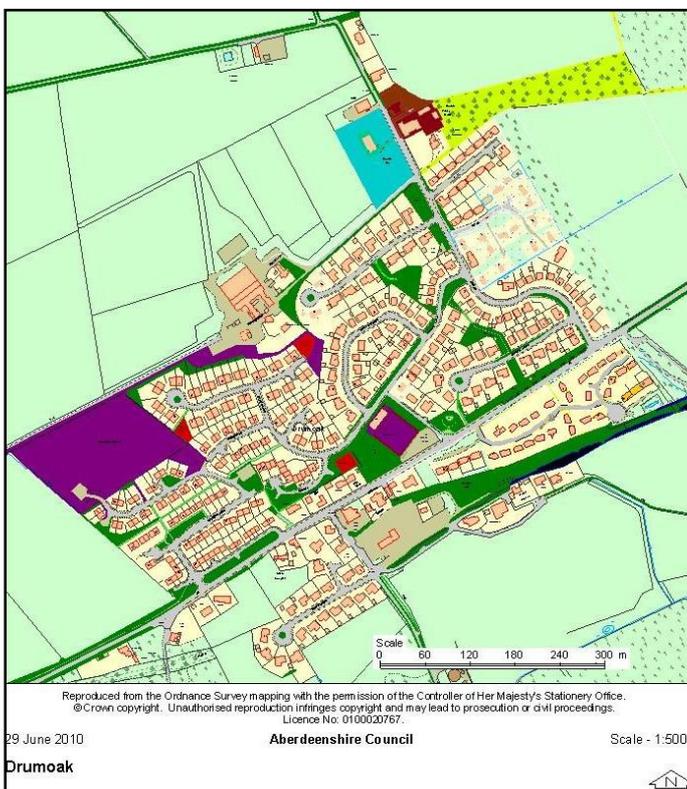
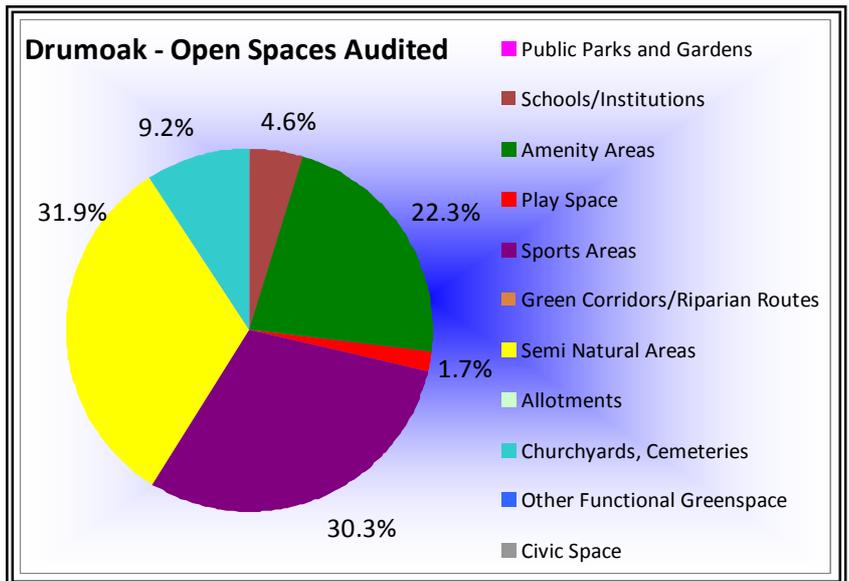
Population: 817

Observations (of Community Council)

None Received

Green Network Links

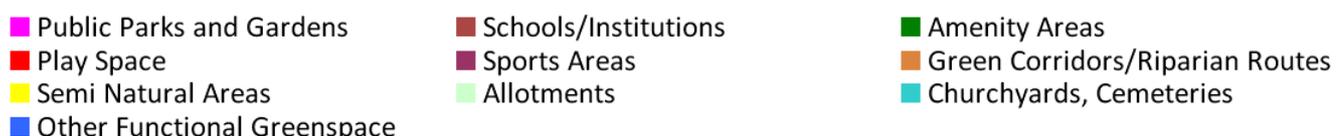
Drumoak is a rural village surrounded by open countryside and farmland. The surrounding countryside is easily accessible from the village. The circular walk leading from the caravan park through woods leading to the River Dee is particularly well used by the local community; this walk links onto the east leading section of the Deeside Way. The Drumoak to Crathes section of the Deeside Way can be accessed from the west of the village, opposite the shop. Within the village itself, green spaces are well connected, providing a cohesive network for the passage of pedestrians, wildlife and biodiversity. Keithmuir Gardens and the Sunnyside development are particularly strong in terms of providing green linkages, whereas smaller residential areas to the south of the A93 have good access to the countryside to the south of the village.



Open Space Requirements

For a village of its size, Drumoak has a good range of open space, including a large village park, a bowling green, and various small play parks within residential areas. Overall Drumoak scored well during the audit, particularly in terms of attractiveness, quantity and range of open space types; however the following observations/recommendations were identified:

- The concrete area within the village park could be converted into a sports court (eg tennis, basketball)
- The Sunnyside footpath network would benefit from installation of dog bins
- The addition of picnic benches and bins on the grassy area between Sunnyside Lane and Sunnyside Avenue

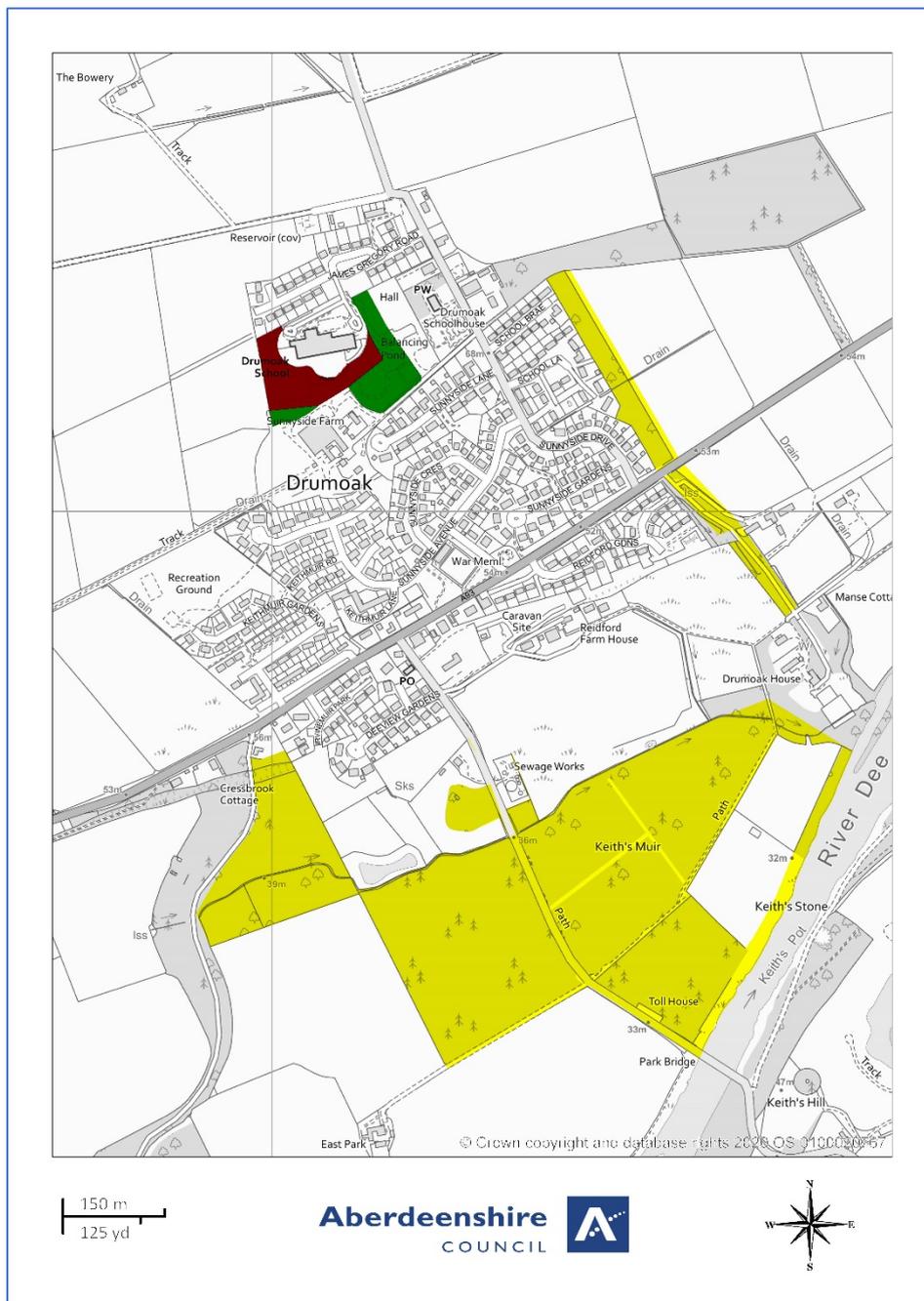


Open Space Audit Update 2019: Drumoak

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 | | |