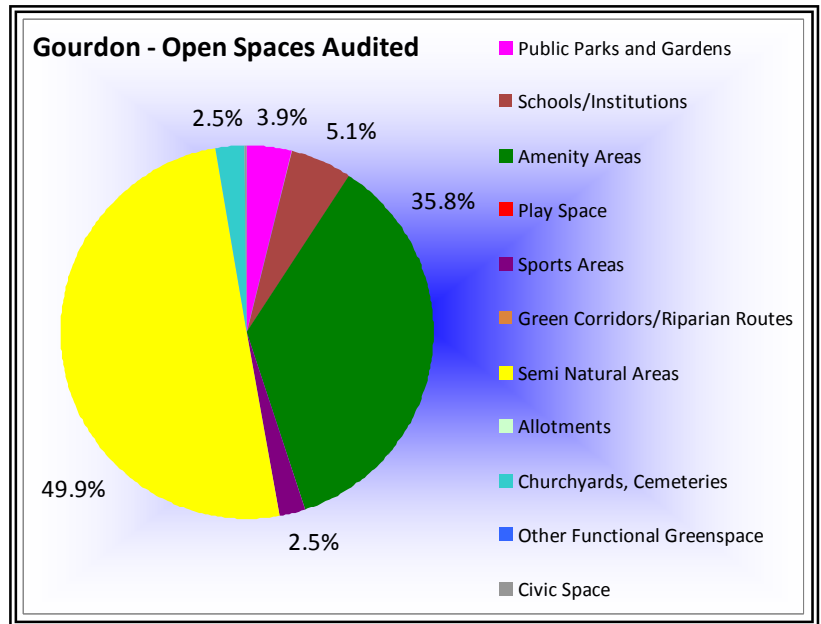


Settlement Summary: Gourdon

Population: 631

Observations (of Community Council)

- Thom's Building (Queen's Road): dual purpose litter bin requested.
- Cemetery: possible extension required; request signage advising parking for cemetery visitors only.
- Shore tack: would benefit from resurfacing and change of use to car park.
- Play areas generally: request more challenging equipment and shelter(s) for older children. (Arbroath play park is cited as a good example)
- Village paths (generally): request more benches on paths overlooking the sea.
- Public convenience on coastal path



Green Network Links

Although Gourdon is a relatively compact settlement, it is important to protect, enhance and maintain links to the surrounding countryside in the event of additional development.

Open Space Requirements

Gourdon is well provided with access to open space overall given its coastal location; that said, steps could be taken to improve the quality of existing sites to better serve the community and visitors. In particular, the provision of more challenging equipment and a shelter for older children should be a priority. The upgrading of tennis facilities at the pavilion, and goal posts at the football pitch, with the possible installation of benches here, would also improve provision for this group.

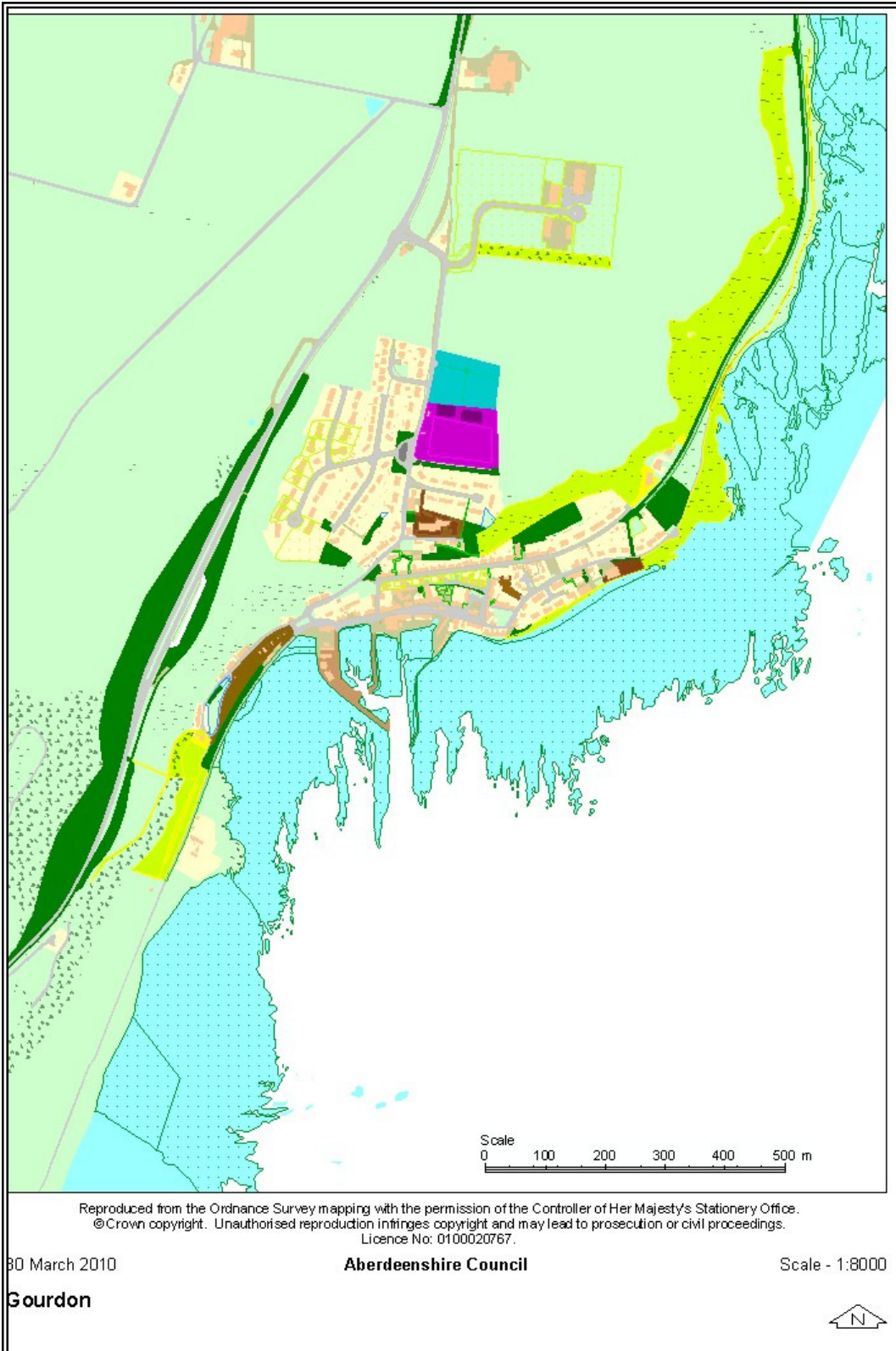
The installation of benches on the coastal path to the north and south of the village is recommended. As the coastal stretch is part of the Nortrail long distance route, and Gourdon lies on a popular section between St. Cyrus/Jonhshaven and Inverbervie, this would be an appropriate location for public conveniences. The provision of benches and public conveniences, together with formation of a car park with interpretation at Shore Tack, would combine to make both the village, and this stretch of the coastal path, more attractive and accessible across different user groups.

Such improvements would be of particular relevance given Gourdon's location within a regeneration priority area, as identified in the Aberdeenshire Local Development Plan.

The semi natural area/green corridor at Thom's buildings would benefit from clearing up of the site, erection of a fence and positive management for biodiversity.

A cemetery extension is proposed for Gourdon within the Local Development Plan, and it would be appropriate to consider additional dedicated parking as part of this proposal.

A relatively high proportion of Gourdon's open space is classified as natural/semi natural area, due to its open coastal location. It is important that any additional provision focuses on maximising the quality of existing play and amenity areas.



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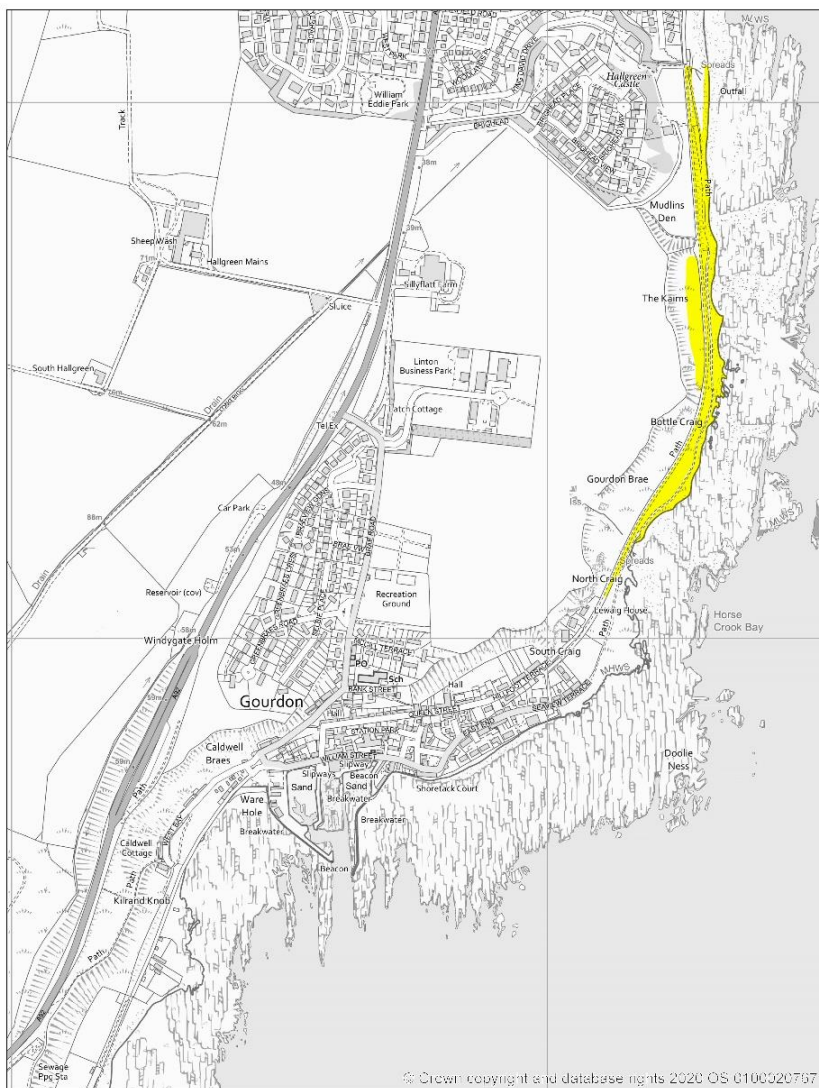
Open Space Audit Update 2019: Gourdon

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.

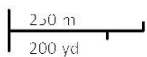
This is an interim Audit.

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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