

Settlement Summary: Methlick

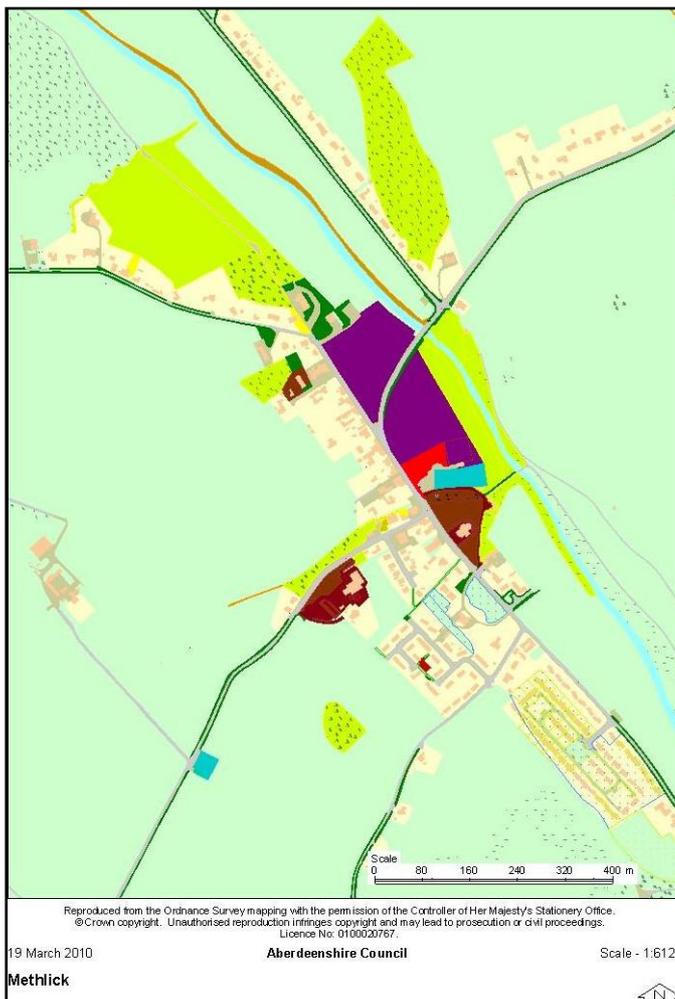
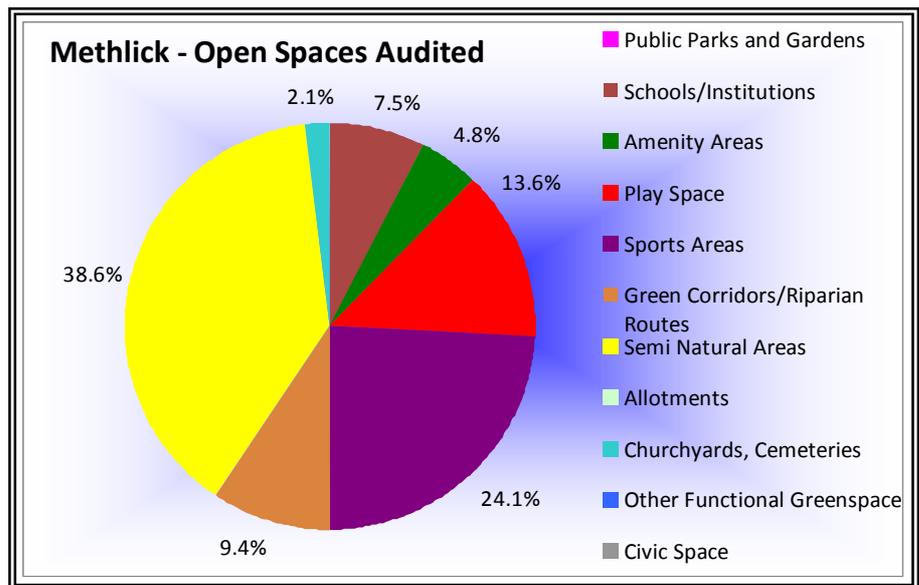
Population: 442

Observations (of Community Council)

None received

Green Network Links

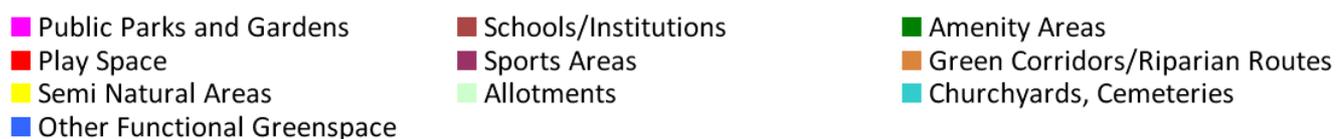
Like many smaller settlements in Aberdeenshire, the basic form of the village is linear, with gardens backing onto surrounding farmland. As such, there are no significant concerns regarding green network links. In the event of further development, care should be taken to retain natural corridors to core green areas, wherever practical.



With the River Ythan flowing through the village, there is potential for improving access to the riverside; however, auditors noted littering along the stretch northeast of Methlick Bridge, and strategies for reducing this may need to be considered alongside any potential improvements. The Core Paths Plan for this area highlights further opportunities for local access, including an intended link through woodland to the south, to the network of paths within Haddo Country park.

Open Space Requirements

The existing range of open space types appears adequate for the community. The only improvement suggested is that of improving the riverside, as above.



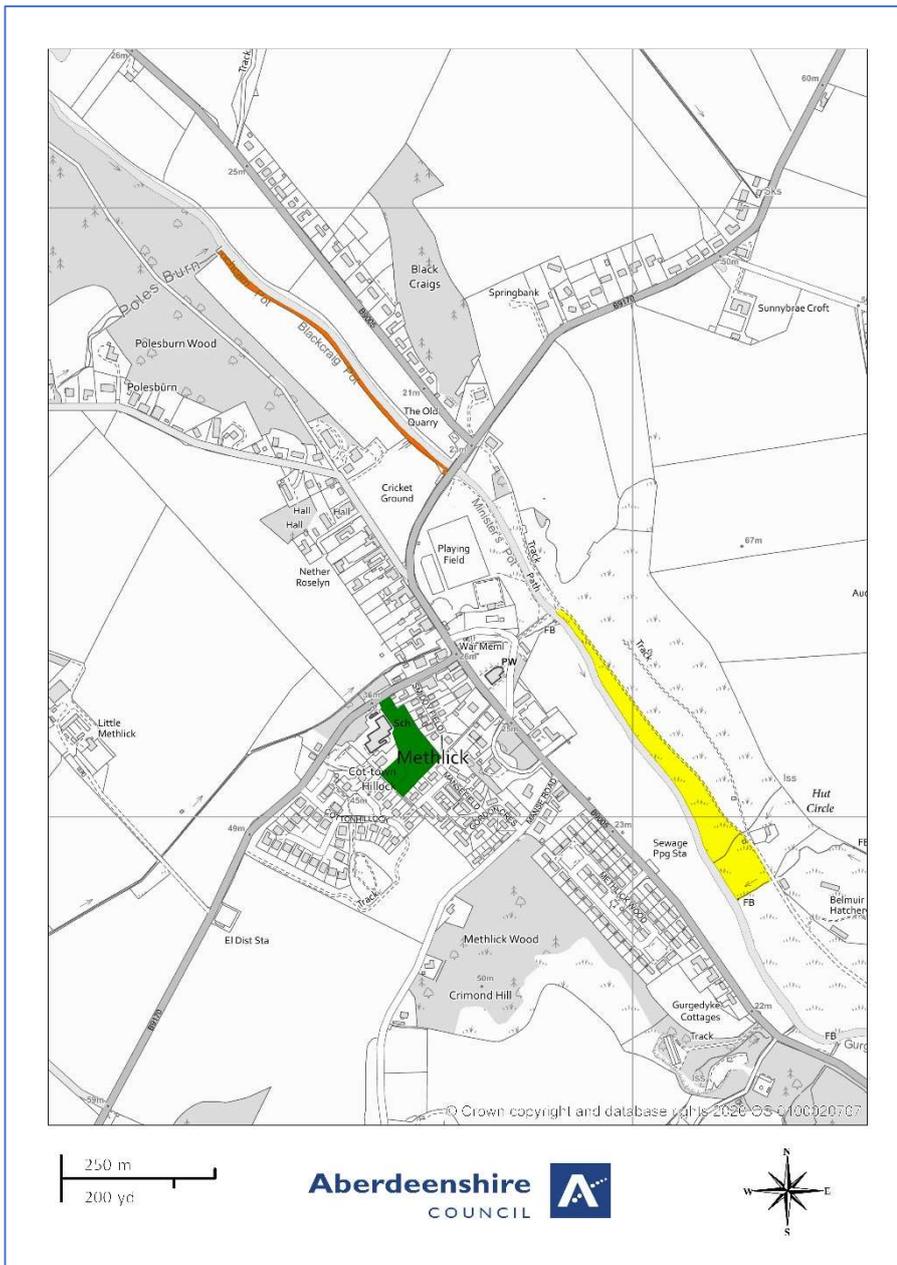
Open Space Audit Update 2019: Methlick

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 | | |