

Settlement Summary: Muchalls

Population: see Newtonhill

Observations (of Community Council)

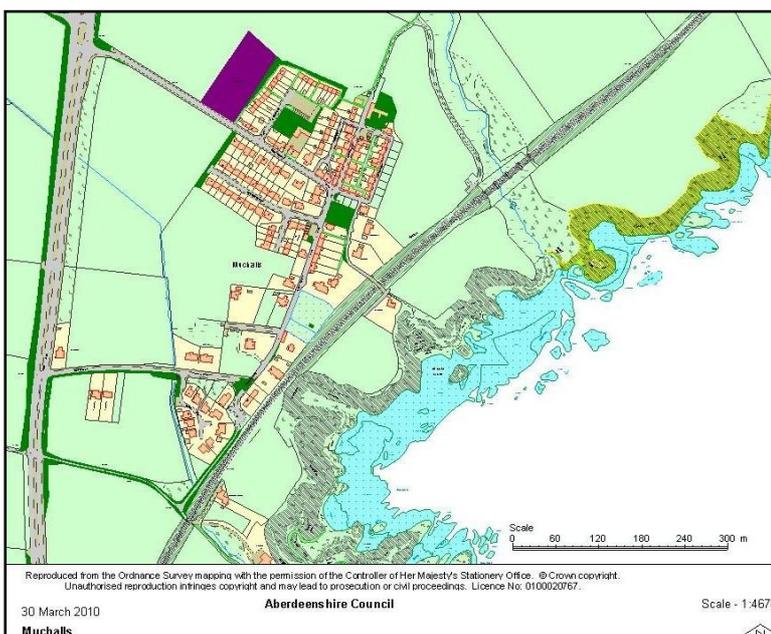
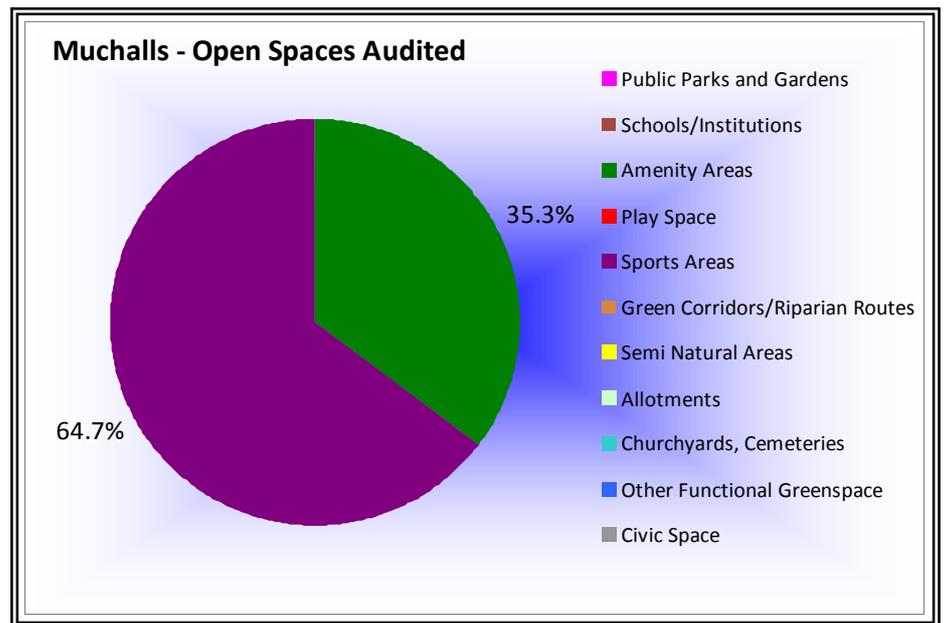
- Coastal path in need of maintenance
- No need for additional play area at Marine Terrace given proximity of main play park at Dunnyfell Road.

Green Network Links

In the event of further development to the south of Nethermain Road, consideration could be given to extending the footpath from Dunnyfell Road southward to the Burn of Muchalls, along the burn, and back to Marine Terrace to create an off-road link around the village. This may be constrained by ownership issues, and buffer areas will be a consideration.

Open Space Requirements

Although there would be little justification for a second play space within Muchalls, the village does seem to lack a central focus, and potential for this is available within the amenity space at Marine Terrace. The provision of seating, planting, and possibly a public art feature, could help to create a focus for the village here. Any such initiative would be subject to further consultation with the local elected Member and Community Council.



Auditors' suggestions also include changing the access gate, and repainting the goal posts at the play park. Maintenance of the coastal path – Kevin: re any specific issues in this area.

Overall, although Muchalls itself does not have a large amount of public open space, this is countered by ready access to beaches and coves, and to coastal paths north and south of the village. Improved local access to greenspace within Muchalls could be addressed by extending the paths, and creating a central area with seating.

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| Play Space | Sports Areas | Green Corridors/Riparian Routes |
| Semi Natural Areas | Allotments | Churchyards, Cemeteries |
| Other Functional Greenspace | | |

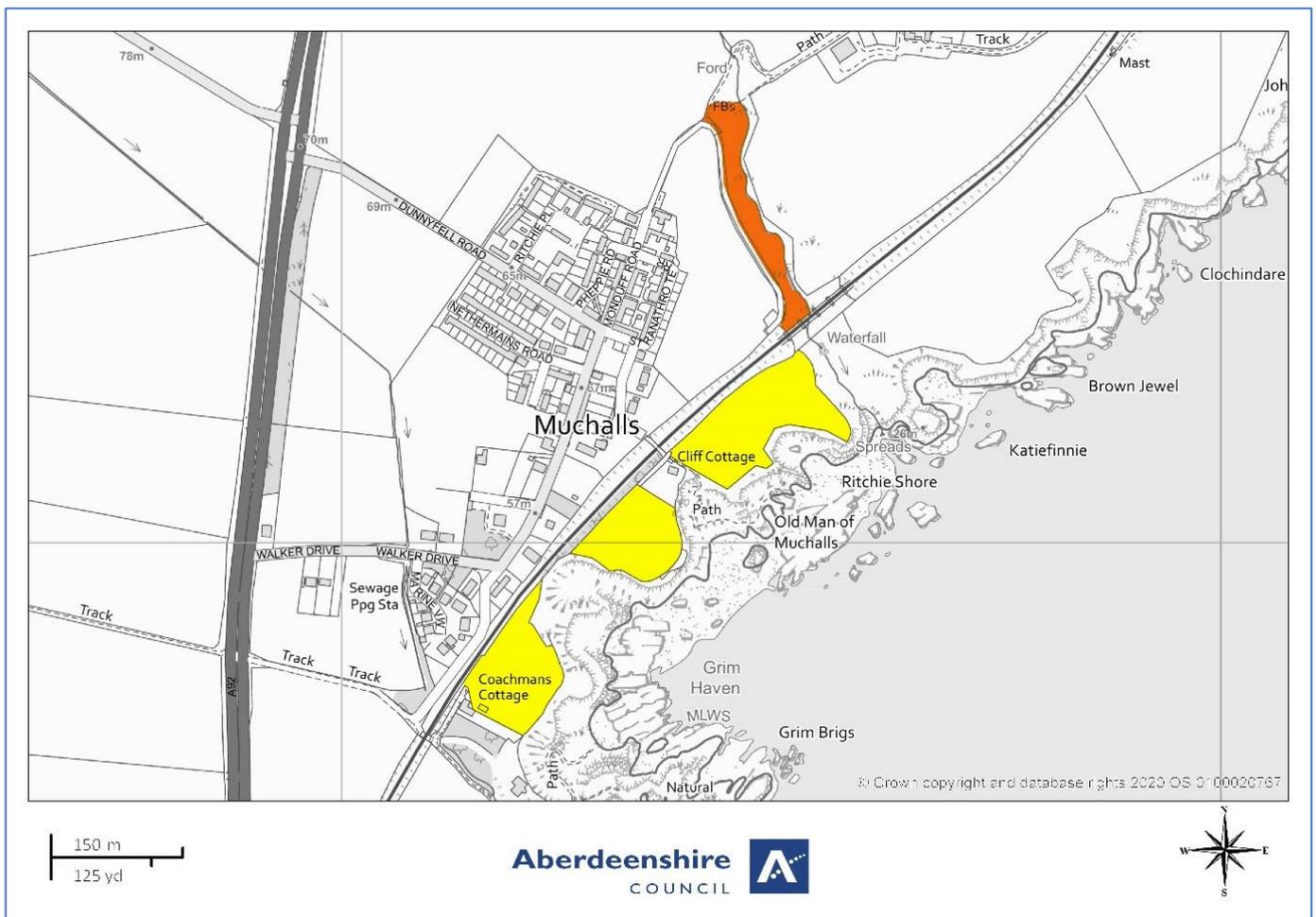
The pattern of open space types for the settlement is dominated by 'sports areas' and 'amenity space', due to the extent of the playing field at Dunnyfell Road, and the transport amenity (verges) along the A90. The *primary* land use allocation of sports and amenity areas masks the presence of play parks at the playing fields, and the village amenity space at Marine Terrace.

Open Space Audit Update 2019: Muchalls

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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