

Settlement Summary: Pitmedden

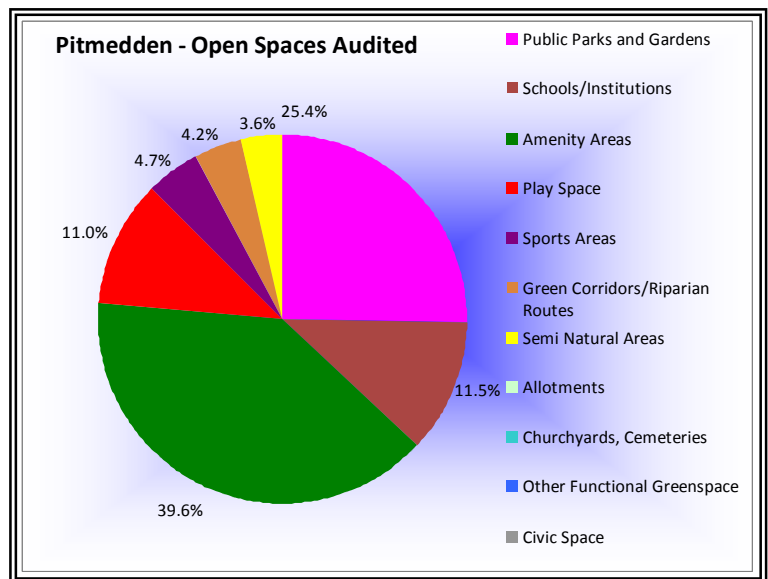
Population: 1424

Observations (of Community Council)

None received.

Green Network Links

The majority of green spaces within the village are isolated both from each other, and the surrounding countryside. The trend is somewhat better to the east of the village, where some spaces are connected, and the corridor along the Bronie Burn allows for some access and natural space. With limited scope for improvement to the existing layout, the provision of green links will be a key part of any future development.

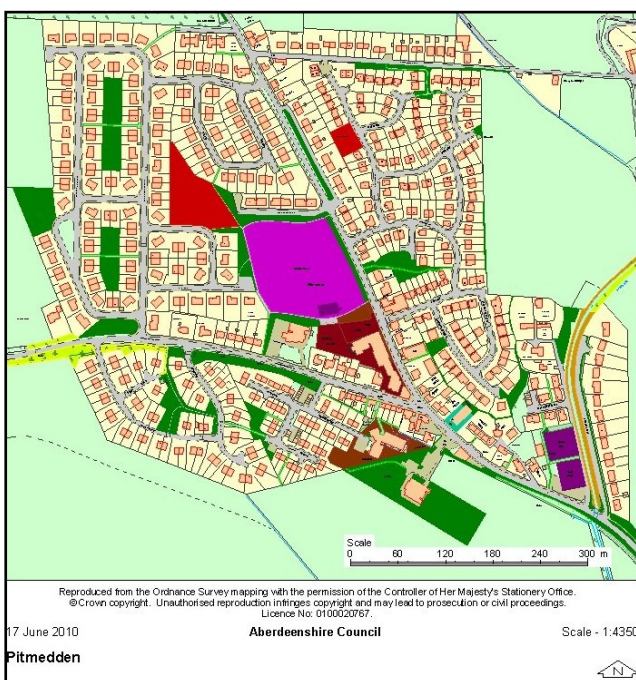


The Core Path Plan identifies links to Tarves, Udney Green and Pitmedden Garden.

Open Space Requirements

Pitmedden is served by a range of open space, over a quarter of the total (under the category 'public parks and gardens') being provided by Pitmedden Village Park, centrally located within the village, and providing a range of facilities. The park appears well used, although clearing graffiti from the skate ramp and teenage shelter would improve its appearance. Reseeding of the football pitch around the goal posts is also recommended.

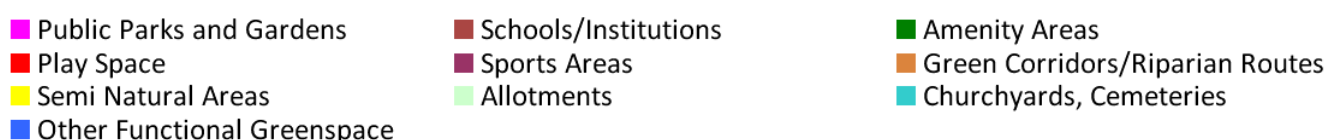
At Keithleigh Gardens, the purpose of the amenity area is unclear, and there may be scope here for community allotments. Any change of use however, would be subject to the further views of the community,



Pitmedden appears well provided with play areas, which although well used, will be improved overall by an increase in seating provision, which was noted by auditors and is being addressed.

In common with several villages in Aberdeenshire, the bowling green lacks disabled access, and a ramp to the pavilion would help address issues of accessibility.

The provision of lighting at the tennis courts, which otherwise appear to be in good condition following a Sports Scotland renovation, would extend the opportunity for usage by local residents.



Open Space Audit Update 2019: Pitmedden

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.

There are no updates to the Open Space Audit 2010.