

Settlement Summary: Torphins

Population: 1134

Observations (of Community Council)

The Community Council provided the following feedback in response to the open space audit consultation:

The Village Park:

- the pitch suffers from poor drainage
- the park would benefit from the addition of a toilet block and drinking water supply
- more seating and planting required within the park
- the car park is on a poor state of repair and requires an upgrade

Other sites:

- Kinnairdy Close play park, is insufficient to accommodate the local children, and additional play equipment is requested.
- Woodside Crescent amenity area would benefit from seating and more planting
- Craigmyle Road woodland – access is restricted due to a broken gate and wiring.

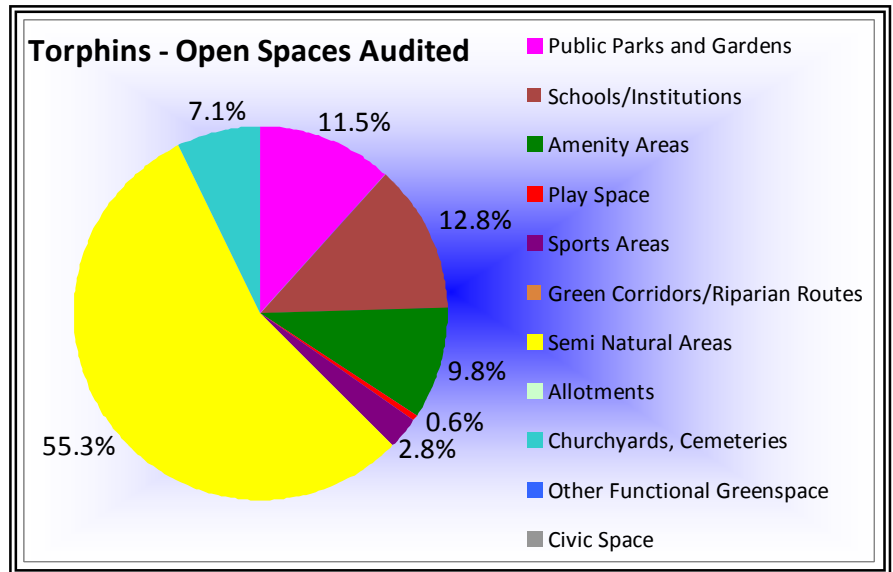
Green Network Links

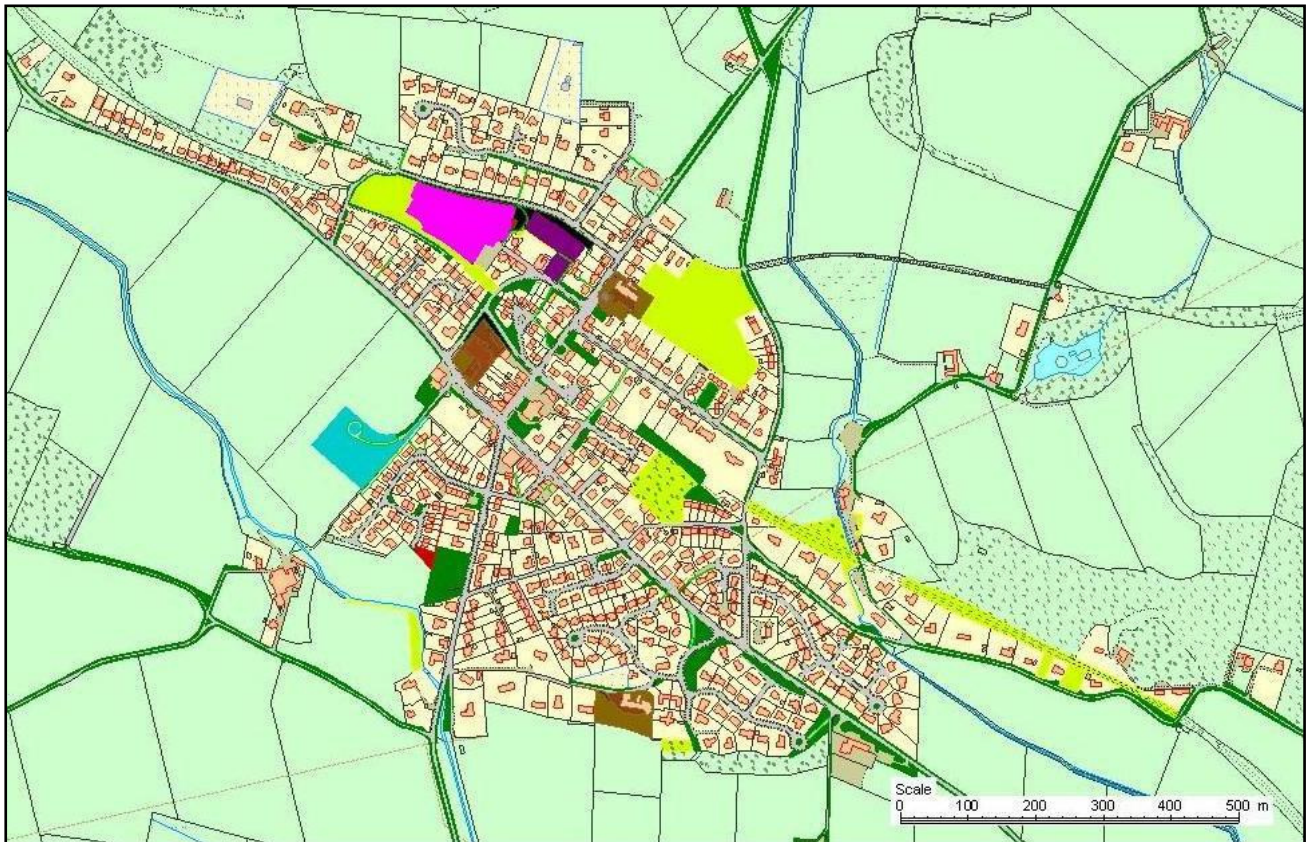
Torphins has good green space networks within the village with well connected amenity greenspaces and roadside verges which not only provide pedestrian linkages but also enable the passage of wildlife and biodiversity. The rural nature of Torphins provides for good links to the surrounding countryside and in the case of future development within the village these links should be protected, enhanced and maintained.

There are currently two existing proposed core paths around the village; the circular route through Torphins Woods, and the cemetery to Waulkmill circular route. A further core path has been proposed, leading from the village through Kirkbrae and Church Woods and whilst this path is not yet confirmed, they are currently subject to discussions with the landowner.

Open Space Requirements

The auditors' recommendations are mainly included in the feedback from the community council, however they made further suggestions for improvement of the tennis court area, namely cleaning up the graffiti and installing lights and benches in the area. Overall, Torphins has a good range of open space, and the high levels of natural/semi natural areas are reflective of a rural village of its size.





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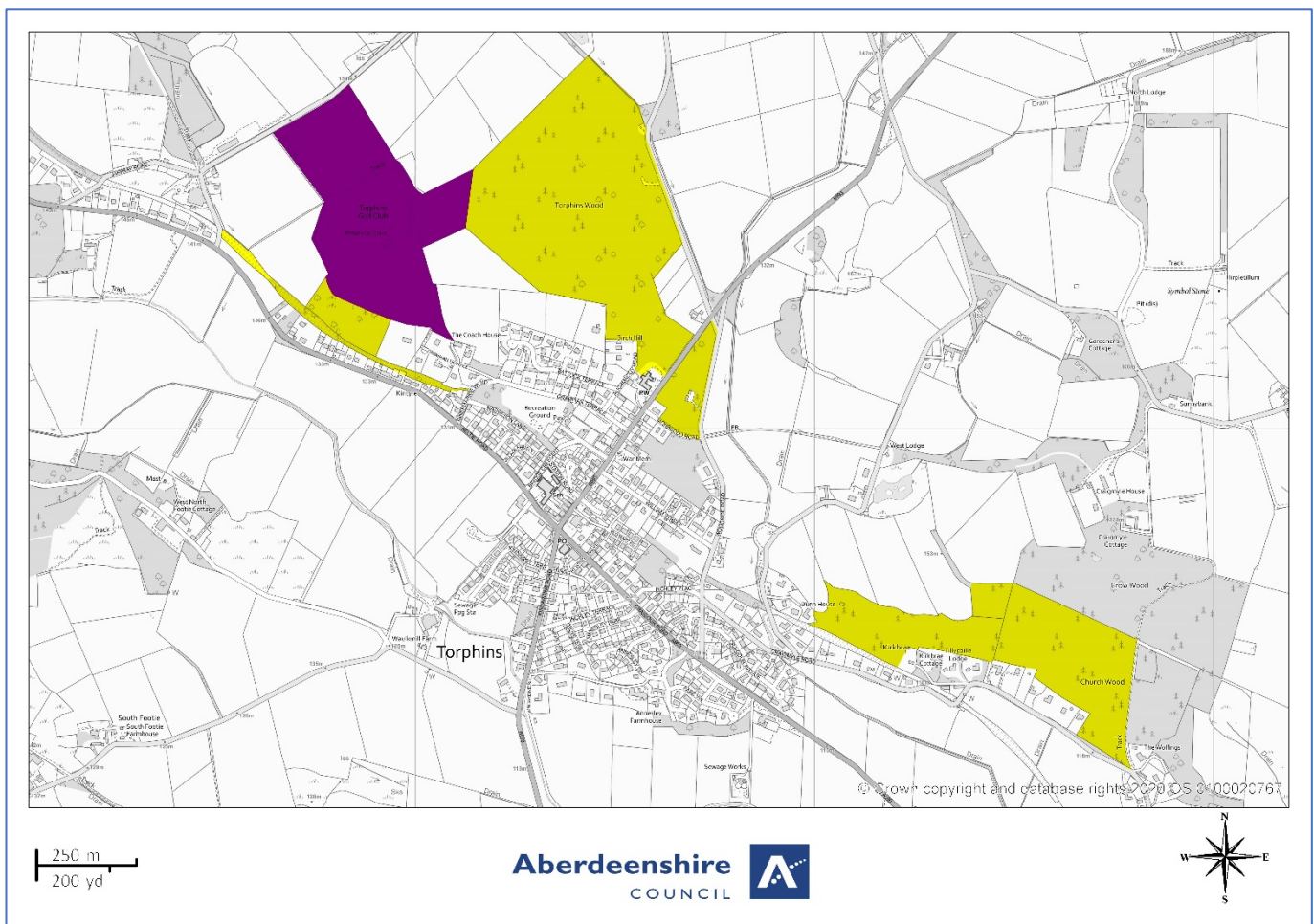
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Open Space Audit Update 2019: Torphins

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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