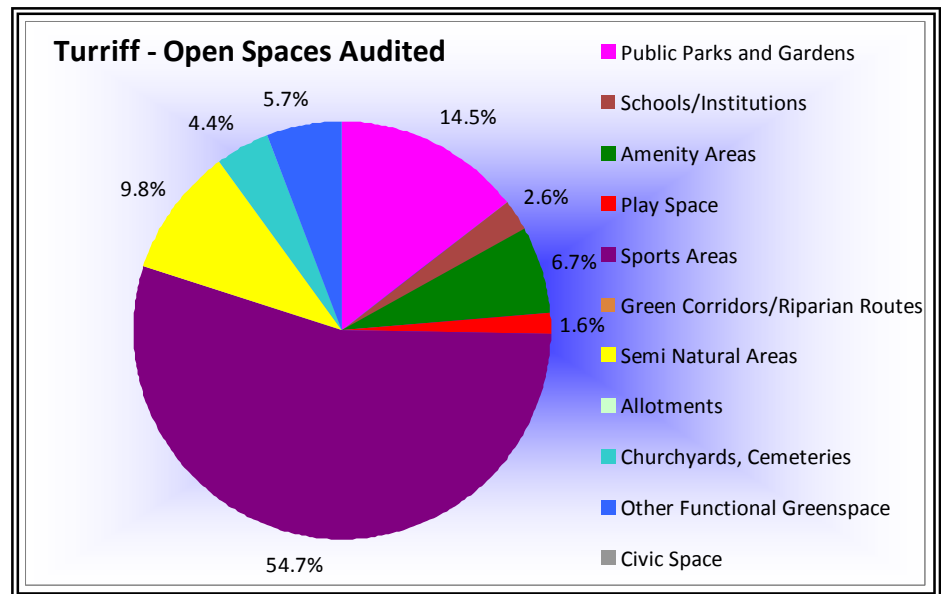


Settlement Summary: Turriff

Population: 4688

Observations (of Community Council)

- The Haughs: litter, glass and vandalism are a problem, especially at grandstand, boating pond, pavilion and hut. Glass causes risks to children, pets, and equipment.
- The Haughs needs more litter bins and a 'litter patrol'.
- Turriff central play area also suffers from vandalism, and has poor fencing. It would benefit from more challenging play equipment, and some cutting back of vegetation to increase natural light.
- The Millennium Gardens would benefit from improved maintenance (weeding) and removal of glass.



Green Network Links

The networks of open space in Turriff are fairly well linked at present, especially to the northwest and southeast of the town. Wherever possible, greenspace in new areas of development should link through to existing open spaces and the surrounding countryside.

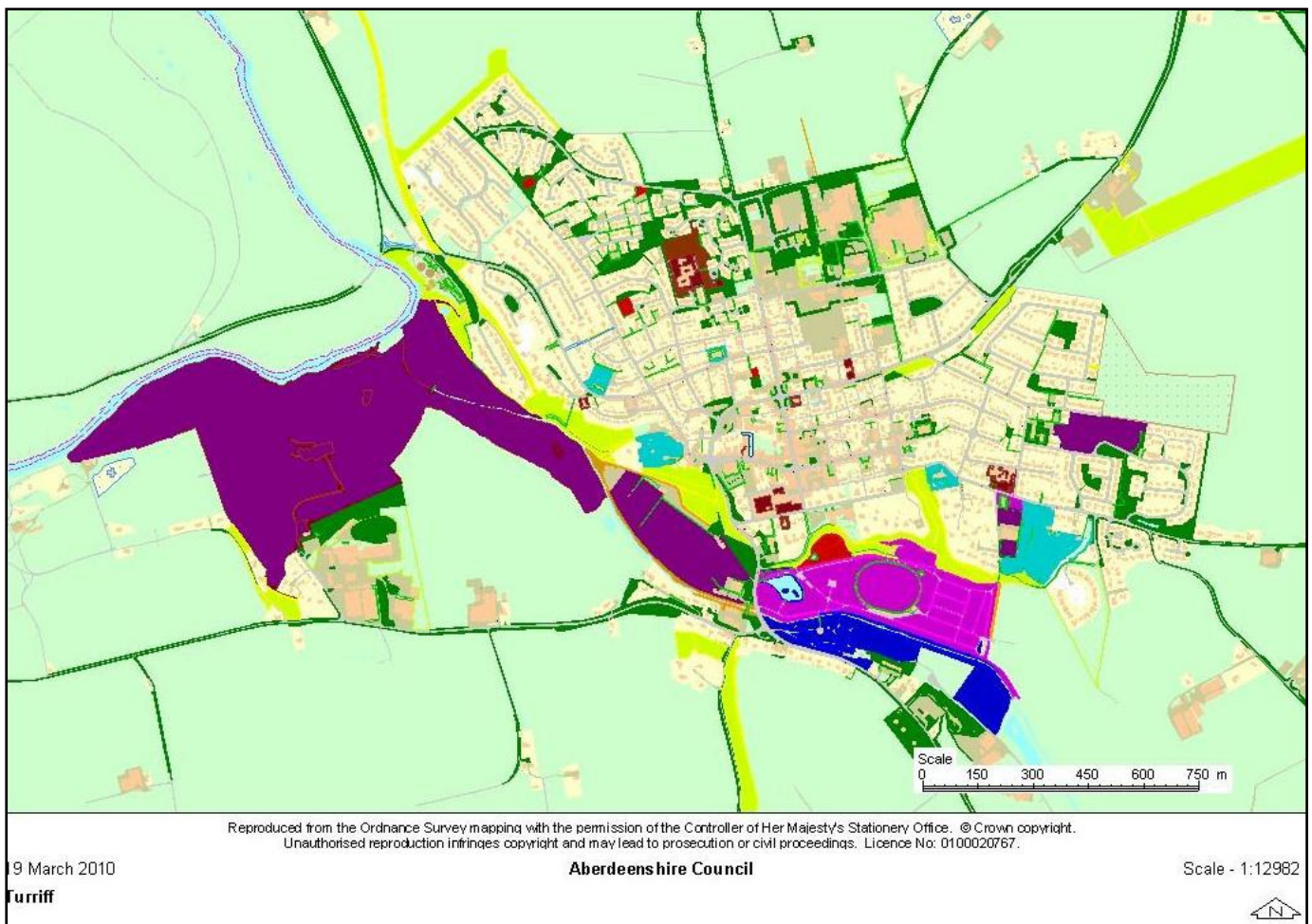
Open Space Requirements

A feasibility study carried out into Turriff Haughs in 2008 identified the same issues that have been raised by the Community Council in this consultation response, along with others. Amongst its conclusions were that it was unlikely that the community's aspirations could be fulfilled under the present management regime, and in particular that the Council's maintenance regime needed to be supplemented by voluntary action. The report advised that action be taken forward through the formation of a community development trust, although no initiatives appear to have been brought forward in Turriff following publication of the report. However, a proposed Woodland In and Around Towns (WIAT) project, seeking funding in January 2011, aims to upgrade the steps and footpaths in the Haughs. The site's tendency to flood will be a key consideration with regard to any future investment.

Auditors noted the need for more upgrading existing equipment, and the need for more challenging activities at the central play area (One item has already been added since the audit).

In the event of new developments in the town, in particular those falling below the major applications category, there would be a case for considering upgrades to the central play park, rather than the provision of new areas. This would depend however, on the distance of any new development from the central site.

Turriff is estimated to have in the region of 43% open space, a good allocation for a community of this scale. The notably high proportion of sports areas (54%) compared to the average for Aberdeenshire (13%) can be explained by the presence of the sports centre grounds and the golf course to the south of the town.



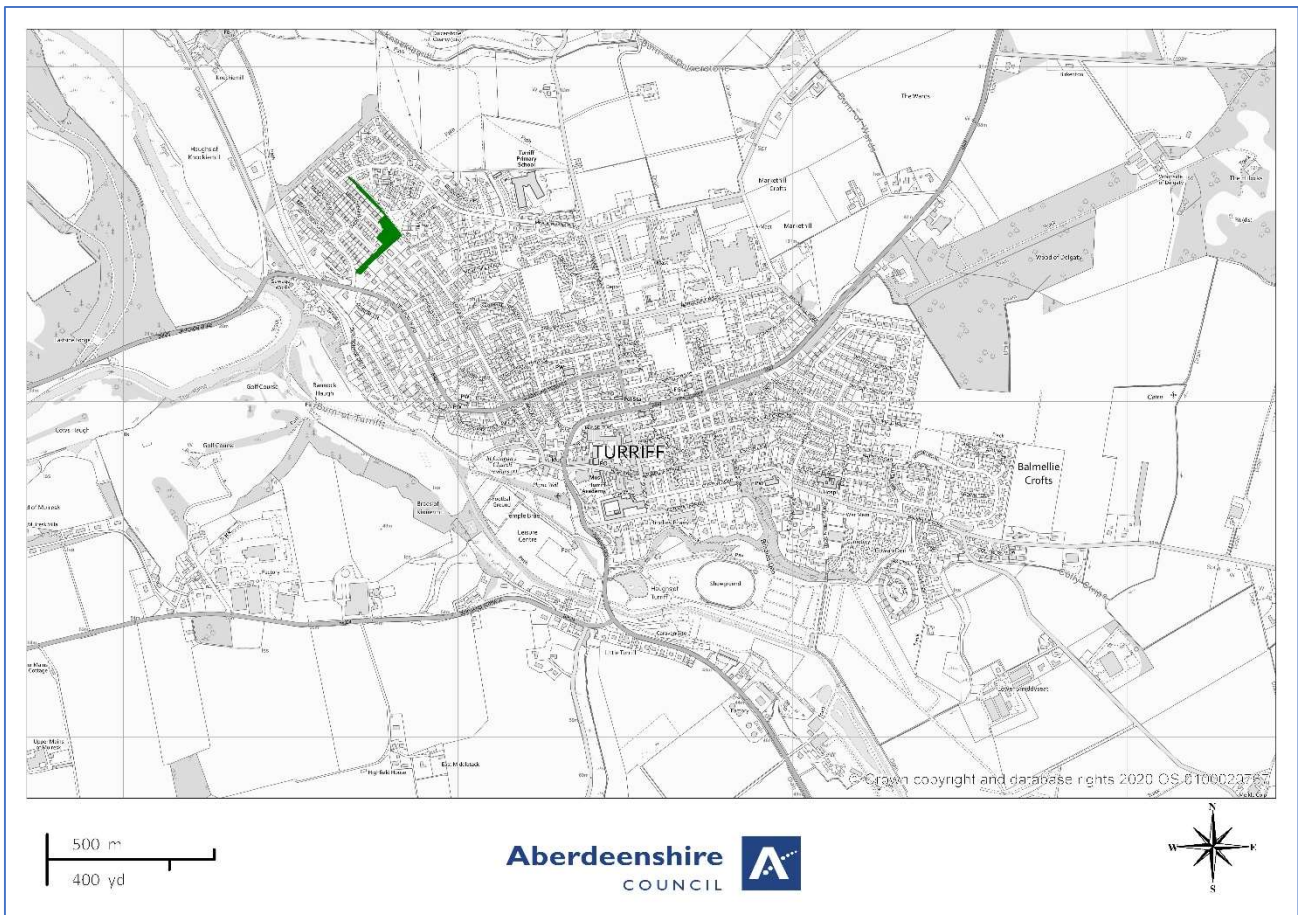
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| ■ Other Functional Greenspace | | |











Open Space Audit Update 2019: Turriff

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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