

Settlement Summary: Whitehills

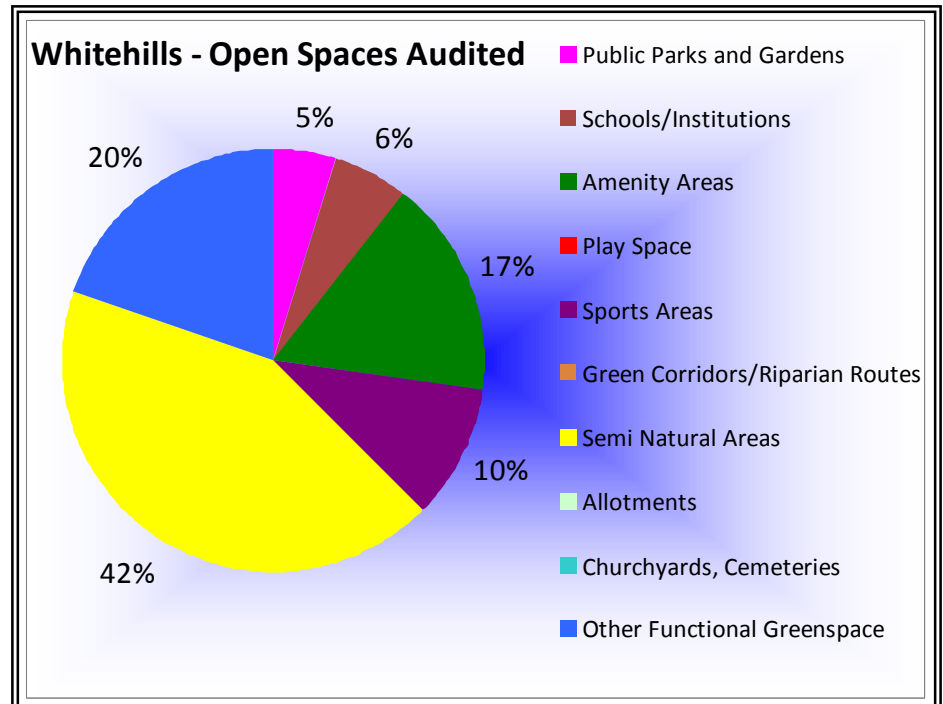
Population:

Observations
(of Community Council)

None received.

Green Network Links

The established fabric of the village has resulted in most of the smaller areas of amenity space being isolated, with little potential to create links. However the largest greenspaces (playing field and school grounds) are located on the periphery of the settlement, and recreational routes are available along the coast, and southward from Westend, Whitehills to Ladysbridge.



Open Space Requirements

Auditors have listed a number of sites where further planting is recommended (eg: Ladybrae, Knock Avenue and Craigneen Place), and areas which could benefit from the provision of benches and bins; for example, at Alba Court. The provision of play equipment, or additional equipment, is raised in relation to Knock Avenue, Forbes Road play area and at Reidhaven Street, where there may also be potential for a community garden. The Council's Landscape Services section will consider all the recommendations as part of its annual review of public space.

Suggestions for the provision of formal paths are made in relation to The Knock and the caravan park, and attention is drawn to an unkempt site at Craigneen Place where use is unclear. Management and use of this area would be a matter for the owners.

Overall, Whitehills has a reasonable proportion of open space, with much of this being unmanaged land along the coastal strip. The caravan park also accounts for a significant proportion of greenspace. In considering any areas for improvement of additional provision, findings would suggest that some access to play equipment in more sheltered locations, installation of seating on the seafront, and the provision of paths could all increase access to existing areas.



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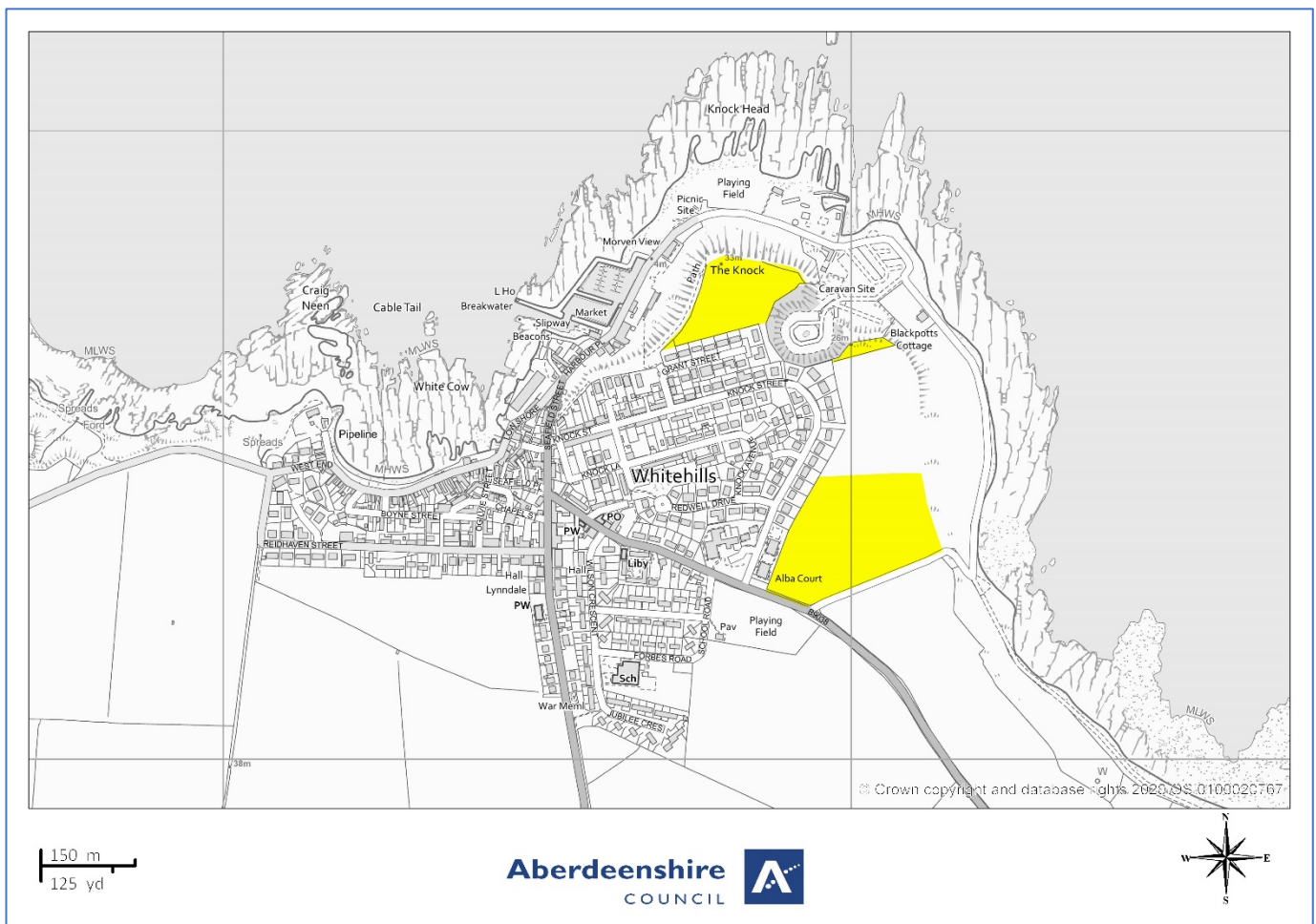
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| ■ Other Functional Greenspace | | |

Open Space Audit Update 2019: Whitehills

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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