

Settlement Summary: Cuminestown

Population: 442

Observations (of Community Council)

None received.

Green Network Links

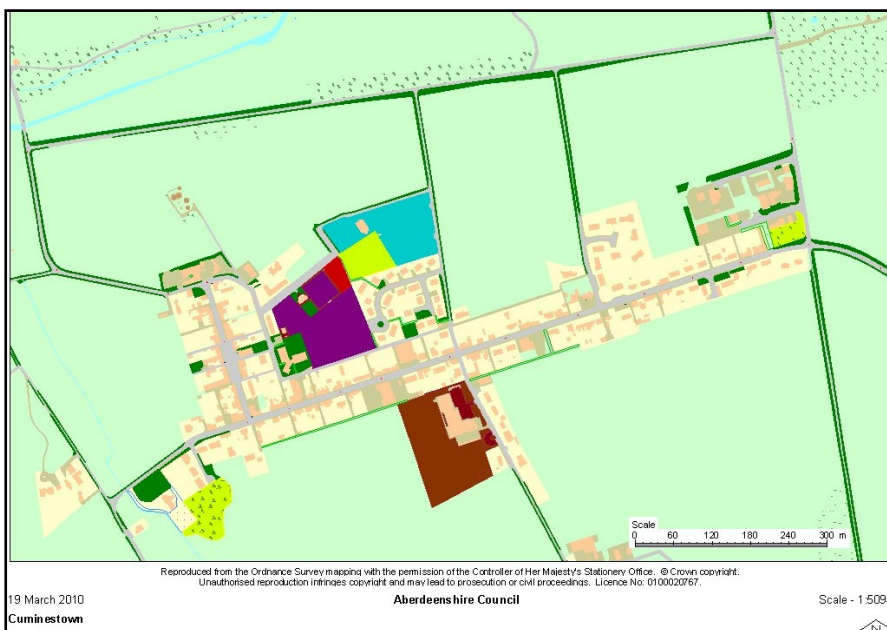
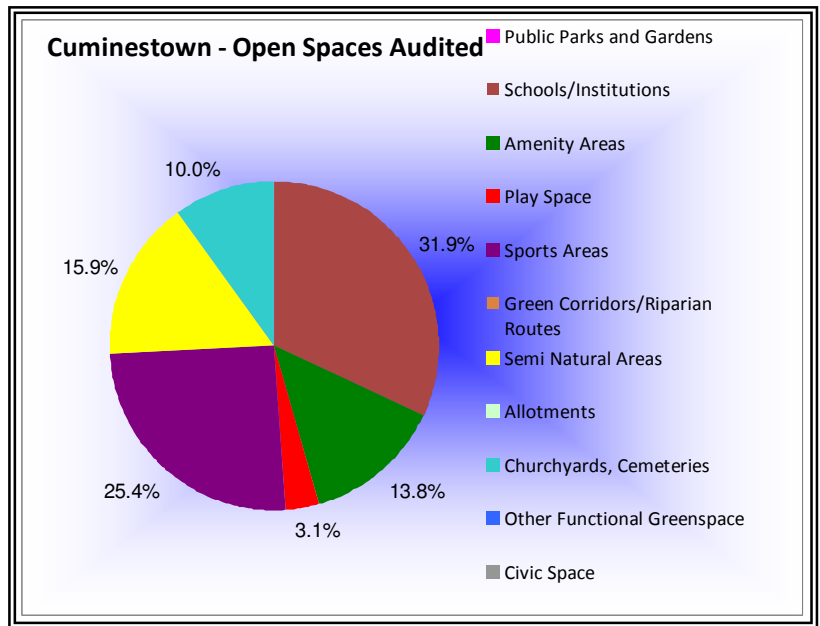
Due to its linear form, there are no obvious gaps in green network provision within the village. However, in the event of further development, it will be important to retain green links to the surrounding countryside.

Open Space Requirements

The need to upgrading the play park was noted by auditors as the main issue in Cuminestown. However, the issue is already being addressed by the Council's Landscape Services section working together with the Community Council. Both the park and the football pitch were adopted for maintenance by the Council in July 2010.

The football pitch, although identified as 'well maintained and well used', scores no higher than 50 points overall, and fails to emerge as the 'best' sports area. This trend is common throughout Aberdeenshire: although pitches may achieve top marks for being 'fit for purpose', they score either not at all, or poorly, in terms of, for example: providing for a range of uses, providing for diverse play, sports and recreational opportunities; providing for social interaction; providing for a range of ages; having potential for other uses; and offering an attractive setting. There may be scope for considering whether this space could offer access to a wider range of users.

Overall, for a village of its size, Cuminestown has a wide range of open space types, which appear well used by residents.



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| Public Parks and Gardens | Schools/Institutions | Amenity Areas |
| Play Space | Sports Areas | Green Corridors/Riparian Routes |
| Semi Natural Areas | Allotments | Churchyards, Cemeteries |
| Other Functional Greenspace | | |

Open Space Audit Update 2019: Cuminestown

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.