Settlement Summary: Balmedie

Population: 1909

Observations (of Community Council)

The Community Council submitted comments in respect of the following local woodlands:

- Lumsden Way: improve paths to north of woodland (not in Council ownership)
- Beachfield Woods: woodland management needed, and footpath link from Old Aberdeen Road to Keith Avenue. Ground would need to be acquired from homeowners on Keith Avenue to make this possible.

Other improvements suggested:

- Oldmill Crescent amenity space: picnic bench and dog bins
- Football pitch near beach: create off-road cycle track
- Eigie Road park: clear weeds from banks of Eigie burn and rubbish from burn; maintain path through to beach

Green Network Links

A footpath is needed between Old Aberdeen Road and Keith Avenue, as well as a path through to the beach along the Eigie Burn.

Open Space Requirements

Taking into account both the findings of the audit and feedback from the community, woodland management and path creation appear to be significant issues in Balmedie.

In addition to these key issues, enhanced facilities could make Oldmill Crescent amenity space more useable to residents, and a cycle track in the football pitch areas would improve options for young people.

Vegetation around the Eigie Burn, and indeed along smaller watercourses throughout Aberdeenshire, is left unmanaged to encourage wild flower growth and promote biodiversity.