

Settlement Summary: Blackdog

Population: 211

Observations (of Community Council)

No major issues identified. Although problems were not identified at the play park, it was noted that additional facilities are planned on a nearby site, including a football pitch/ kickabout area.

Blackdog Forest and natural space is due to have a new link road built through it as part of the AWPR and A90 upgrade. The road is to have a bank planted with trees to screen it from housing.

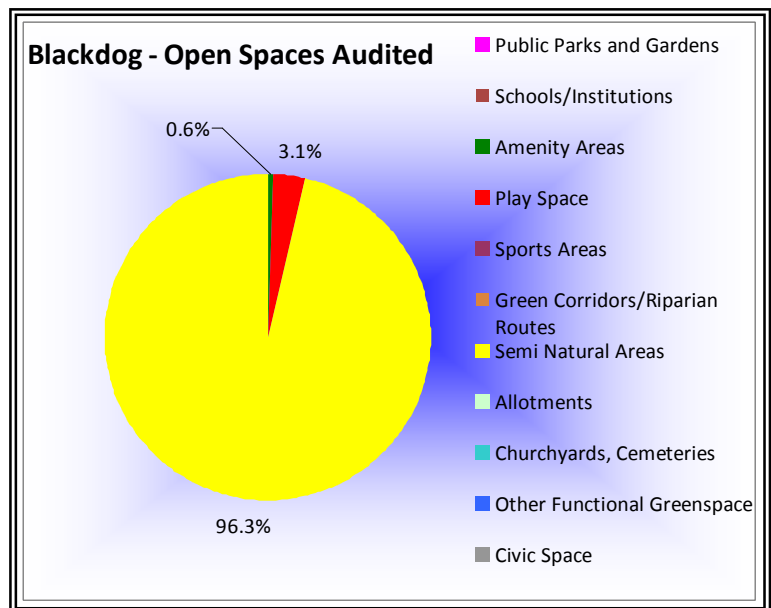
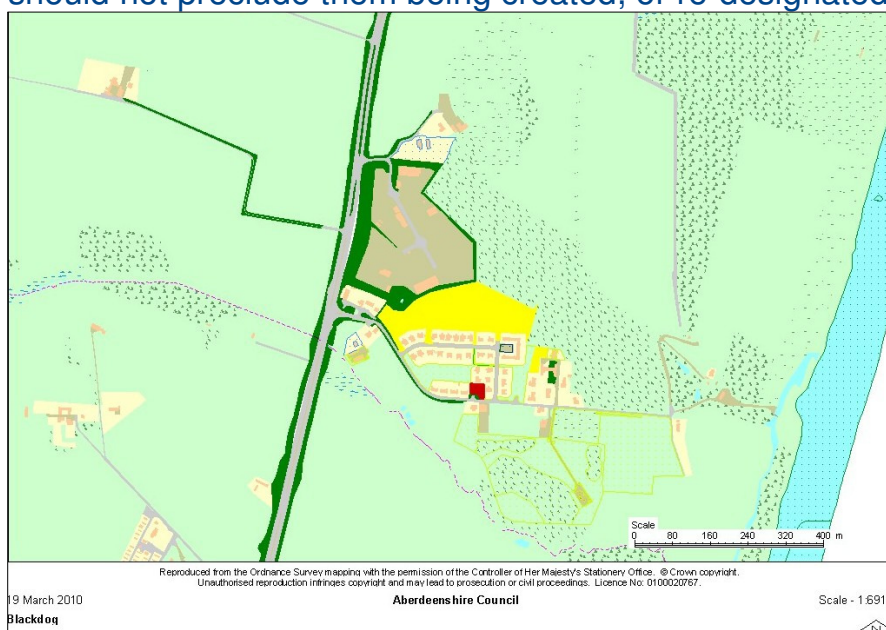
Green Network Links

Blackdog has a network of informal paths through the community woodland surrounding the settlement, which was created in conjunction with housing development in the early 2000s.

Open Space Requirements

Although no specific problems or needs are highlighted by the community, auditors have recommended some provision for teenagers. There may be potential to incorporate this at the proposed kickabout area between Hareburn Road and Hareburn Terrace.

Note that where is no local authority budget available to maintain such spaces, this should not preclude them being created, or re-designated, and maintained by the local community; in many cases, this may be a more sustainable solution for a site, and one which the local authority would support in principle. Communities are encouraged to contact the Landscape Services Section at an early stage to identify any issues they may need to be aware of.



- Public Parks and Gardens
- Play Space
- Semi Natural Areas
- Other Functional Greenspace

- Schools/Institutions
- Sports Areas
- Allotments

- Amenity Areas
- Green Corridors/Riparian Routes
- Churchyards, Cemeteries

residential areas and the industrial estate. There are no specific problems or opportunities raised in connection with this area, either by the community or the auditors. However, in the event of further development to the north in conjunction with delivery of the Aberdeen Western Peripheral Route (AWPR), as proposed in the Local Development Plan, this area, together with the adjacent woodland, appears well placed to provide strategic links (including full non motorised access) between existing and new areas of the settlement.

Open Space Audit Update 2019: Blackdog

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.