

Settlement Summary: Echt

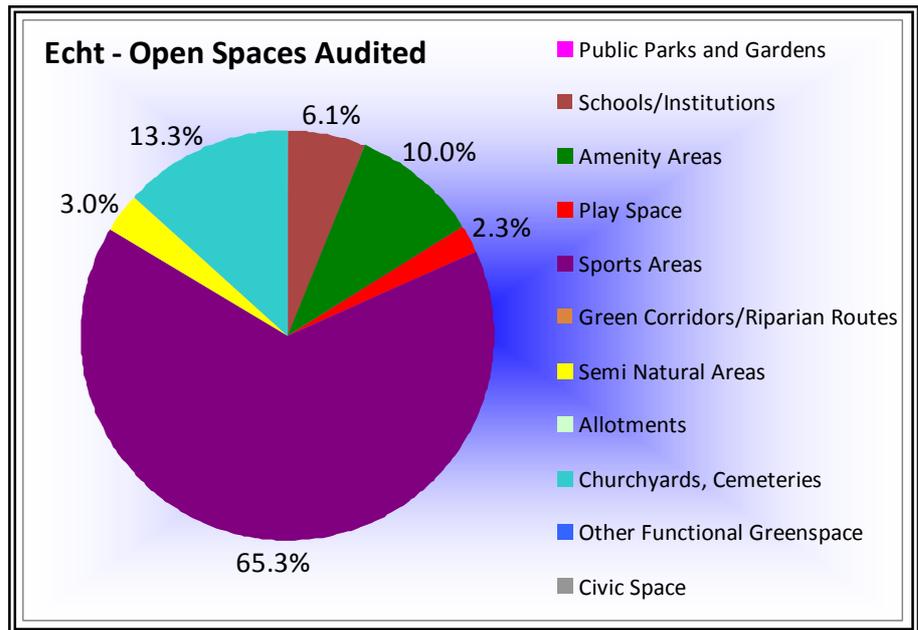
Population: 209

Observations (of Community Council)

None received.

Green Network Links

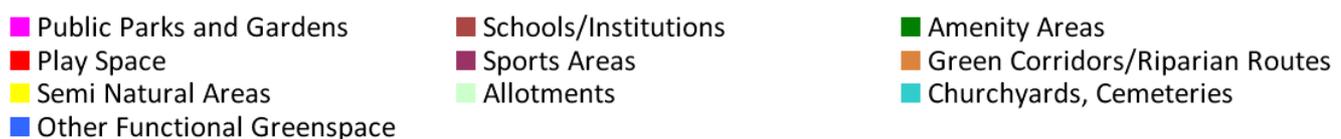
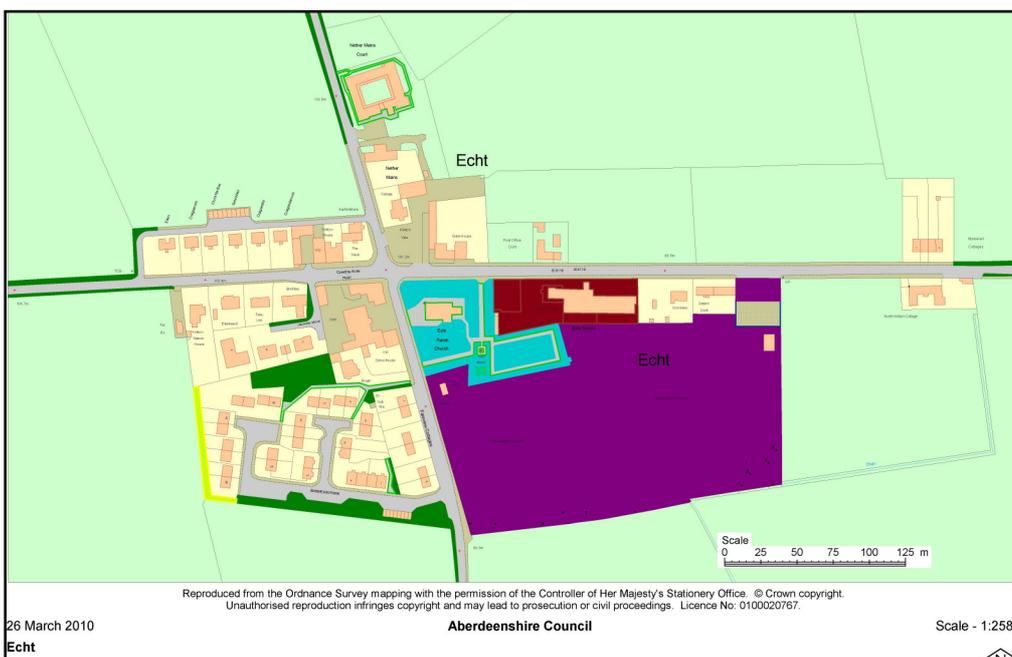
Within a village of this size, linkage between greenspace is not a significant issue; nonetheless, most of the amenity and sports area occupies an edge of settlement location.



Open Space Requirements

There is a good range of open space types in Echt, with the high proportion of sports area attributable to the playing field - a good standard of facility for a small village, and used for the annual Echt show. Although assessed on its primary land use, the playing fields score highly in relation to pitches elsewhere Aberdeenshire, due to the availability of play equipment, toilets, seating and mixed planting on the same site. These factors increase accessibility for a range of users and age groups, and enhance biodiversity, as well as the pitches' contribution to the landscape setting of the village.

Overall, there was no obvious open space deficiency within the village.



Open Space Audit Update 2019: Echt

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.