

## Settlement Summary: Insch

Population: 1757

### Observations (of Community Council)

None received.

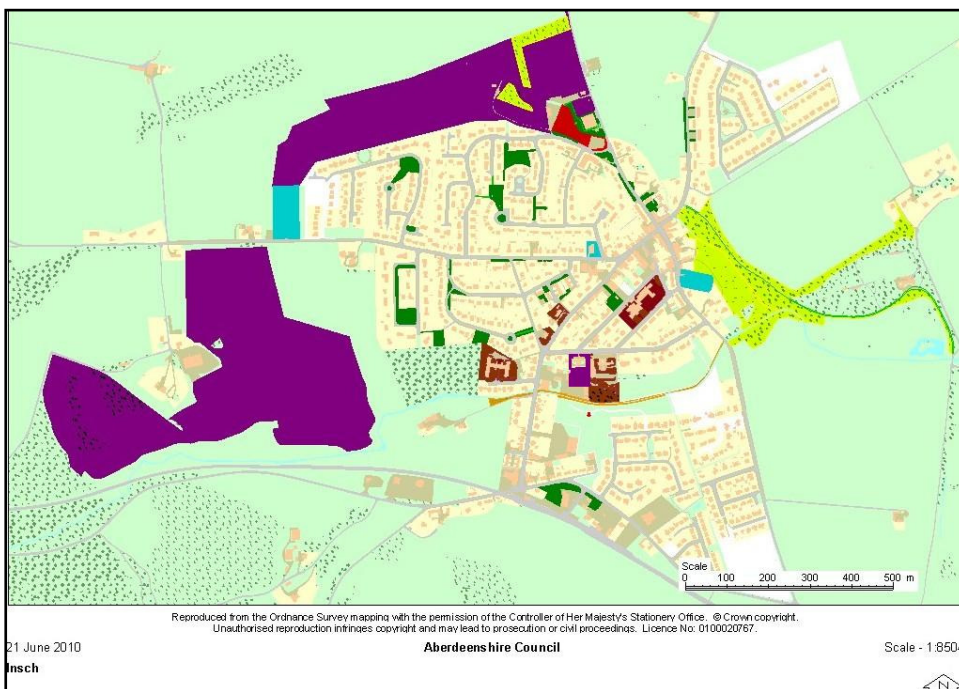
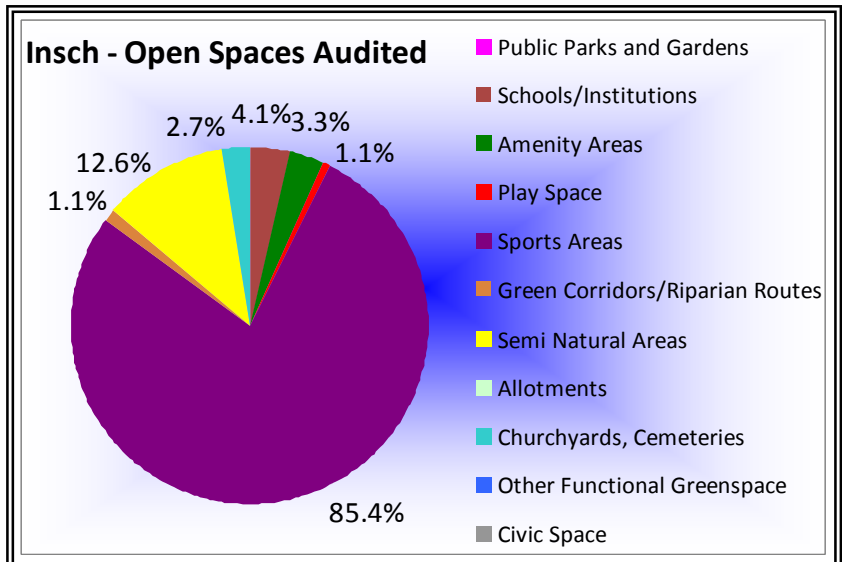
### Green Network Links

There are few obvious links between existing open spaces in Insch. The Shevock burn runs west to east through the village, and while some opportunities for access and habitat creation have been lost due to culverting, better access is available towards the east of the village. The Core Path Plan contains proposals for paths in the surrounding area, including access to the Hill of Dunningdeer fort and settlement.

### Open Space Requirements

Auditors noted that an additional access at the tennis courts may be of benefit, and that the provision of benches could be considered at St Droston's churchyard.

Notwithstanding the absence of input from the Community Council on audit findings, there appears to be some interest from local residents for walks, particularly in the area around the Meadows.. In the event of applications for minor developments in the village, it may be appropriate to consider contributions towards path upgrading and creation in this area, rather than the formation of new recreation sites and additional equipment.



Other than the above, there were no notable deficiencies in the provision of open space.

The high proportion of sports areas recorded in the village is due to the golf course to the north and western areas of the village. Remaining open space types are fairly evenly distributed; and, although not included on the map due to its distance from the village, Beatrice Wood, lying to the southwest, is also accessible to residents.

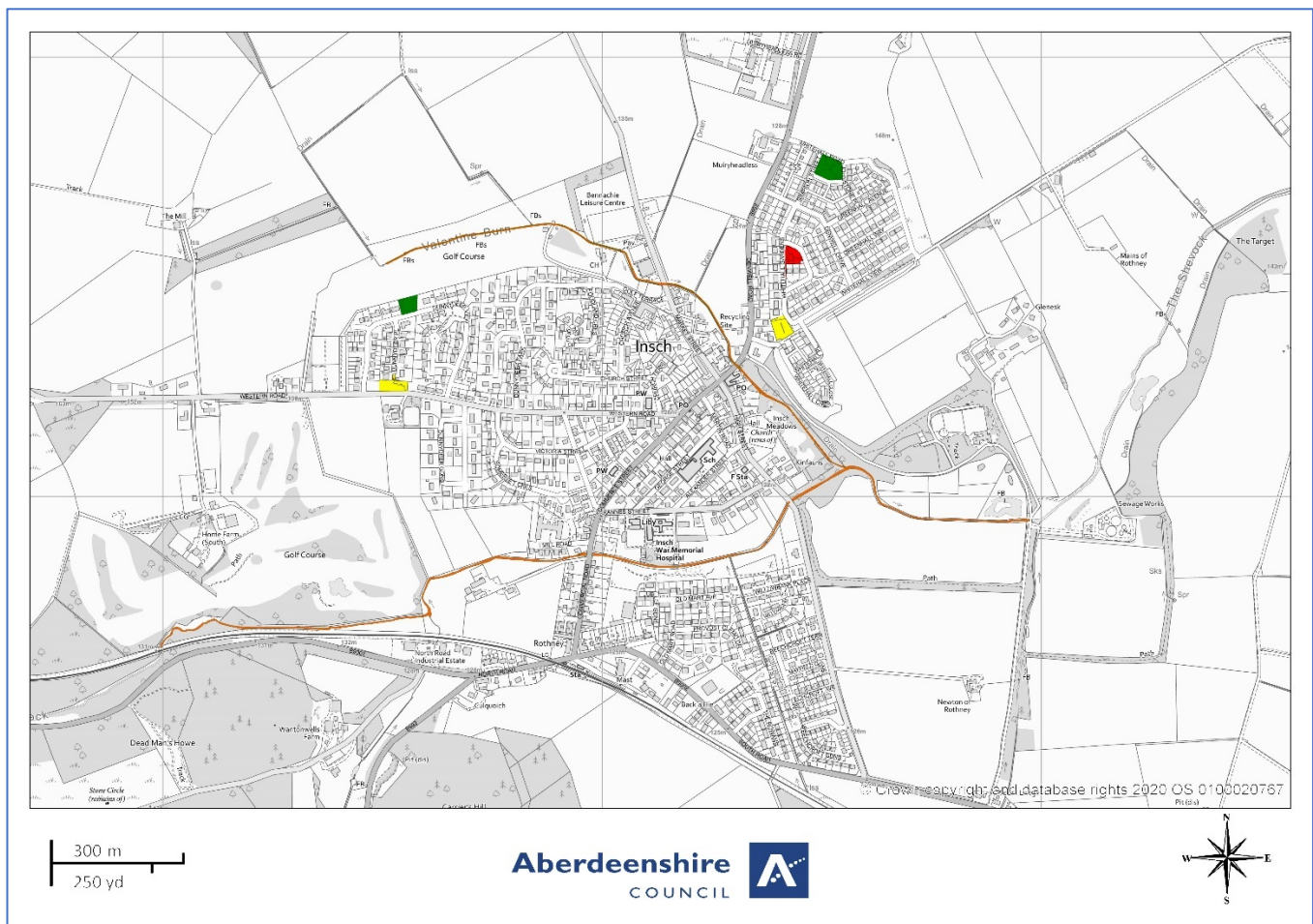
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## Open Space Audit Update 2019: Inch

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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