

## Settlement Summary: Inverurie

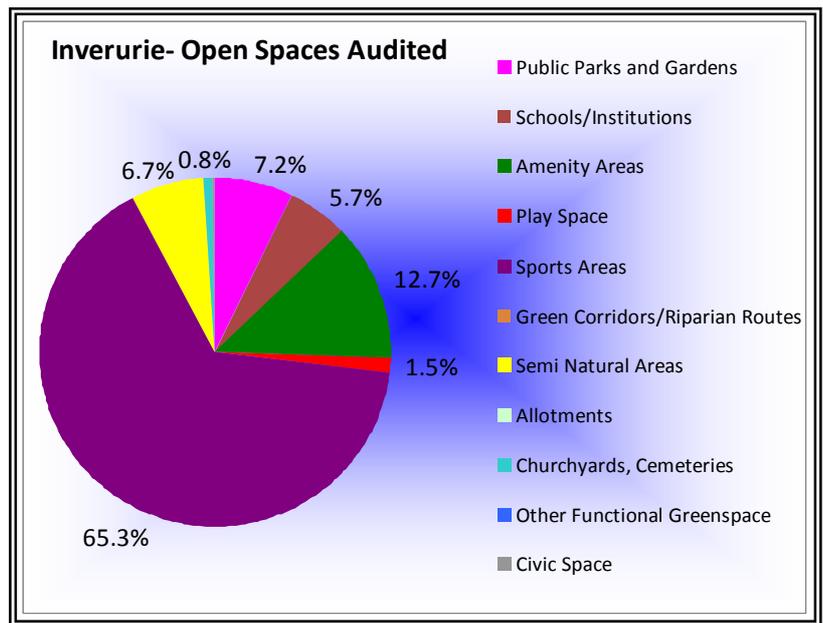
Population: 11,533

### Observations (of Community Council)

None received.

### Green Network Links

Greenspace within Inverurie is relatively well linked: for example, Kellands Park connects through to the River Don, and the nearby Keithhall estate roads are used daily by the community. In the event of new development occurring, it will be important to retain and extend such provision.



Although paths run beside the River Don to the south, these do not currently link through to other areas of the town. There are however, aspirations for additional core paths alongside the River Ury pending the formalisation of the Uryside Park proposals.

Links to a local viewpoint at Hill of Davah can be gained from the golf course west of the A96, where they may also be potential to connect to the Gordon Way.

### Open Space Requirements

The following suggestions are based on auditors' observations; note that not all of these are listed, as some have already been considered, and rejected, by the Authority and local community:

- Maitlands Park: improvements to steps needed.
- St Andrew's amenity grass area: could benefit from installation of benches.

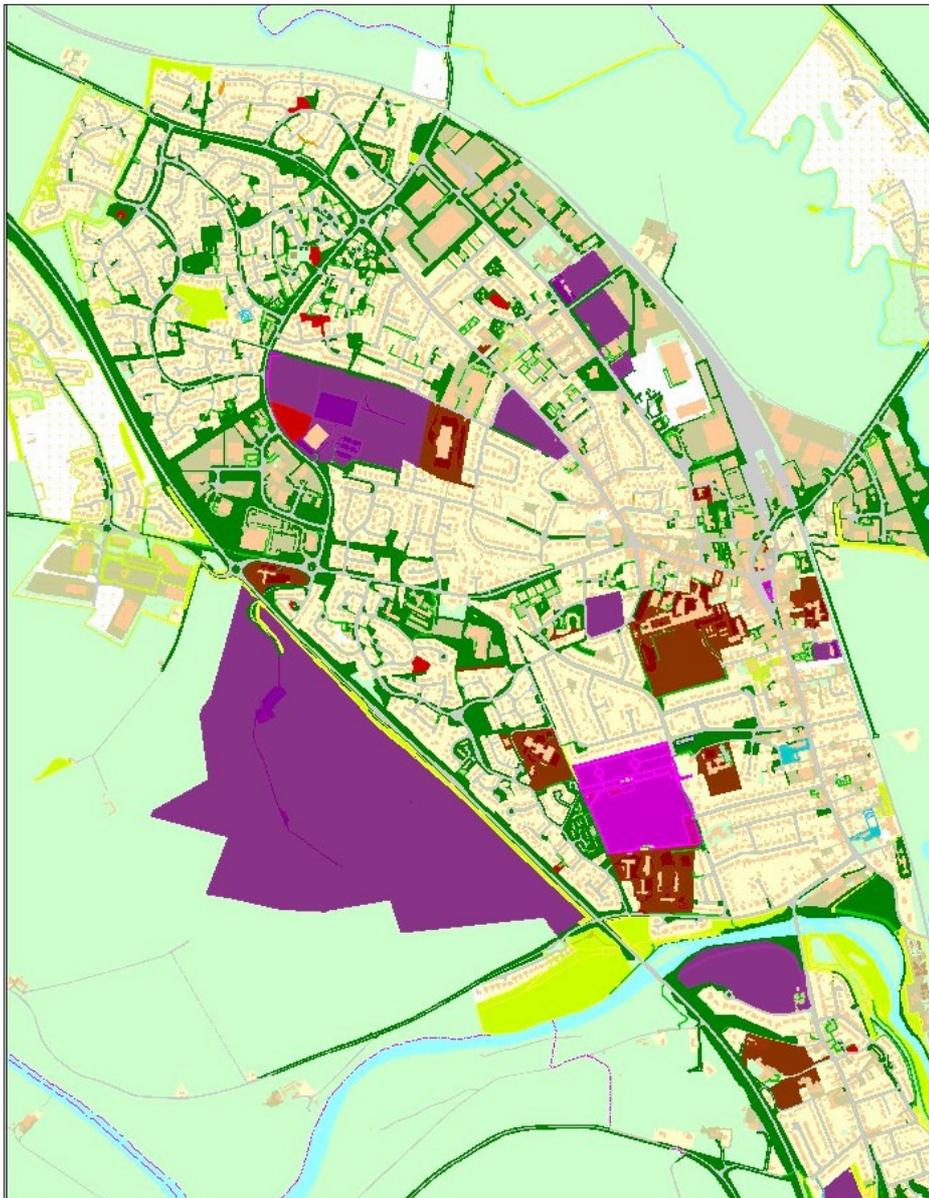
Although no recommendation was made by auditors regarding the Market Place war memorial garden, noted nonetheless as well maintained and attractive, the only seating in this area is outwith the garden itself facing onto the traffic. An additional or alternative area of seating in the garden, which is much safer for children and within a green setting, could increase the attractiveness of the town centre for a range of users.

Inverurie is well provided with sports areas relative to other types of open space and the average proportion for the Shire (13%). By contrast, the proportion of natural and semi natural areas within the town (14%) is less than half that of Aberdeenshire as a whole. The creation of a further, easily accessible riverside park at Uryside will help to create a better overall balance of open space types for the community.

Overall, the northern end of town seems to be at a relative disadvantage in terms of local green spaces for relaxation. To the south, the River Don walks and Kellands Park offer trees,

benches, picnic opportunities and access to water; and the old cemetery provides a tranquil setting to a well preserved heritage site on the banks of the Ury, The Bass, which attracts tourists and historians, as well as local visitors.

By contrast, in the north, seating facilities at Strathburn and Market Green are limited to those associated with play parks, and are located very near to traffic. Greater use of these spaces, especially Strathburn, would be encouraged through the provision of seating well away from the roads, and the addition of features to add interest (such public art, natural play features and maintenance to enhance biodiversity). Such provision should be considered in addition to any park at Uryside, which may not be readily available to the elderly or very young living in areas to the north of the town, without easy access to transport.



Although beyond the audit boundary, an allotment site on the urban fringe of Uryside, east of Boynds Farm, was proposed by the adopted Uryside Development Framework (2006).

Reproduced by permission of Ordnance Survey on behalf of HMSO. © Crown copyright and database right 2009. All rights reserved.  
Ordnance Survey Licence number 0100020767

22 September 2010

**Aberdeenshire Council**

Scale - 1:13527

Inverurie



- |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|
| <span style="color: magenta;">■</span> Public Parks and Gardens | <span style="color: brown;">■</span> Schools/Institutions | <span style="color: green;">■</span> Amenity Areas                    |
| <span style="color: red;">■</span> Play Space                   | <span style="color: purple;">■</span> Sports Areas        | <span style="color: orange;">■</span> Green Corridors/Riparian Routes |
| <span style="color: yellow;">■</span> Semi Natural Areas        | <span style="color: lightgreen;">■</span> Allotments      | <span style="color: cyan;">■</span> Churchyards, Cemeteries           |
| <span style="color: blue;">■</span> Other Functional Greenspace |   |   |

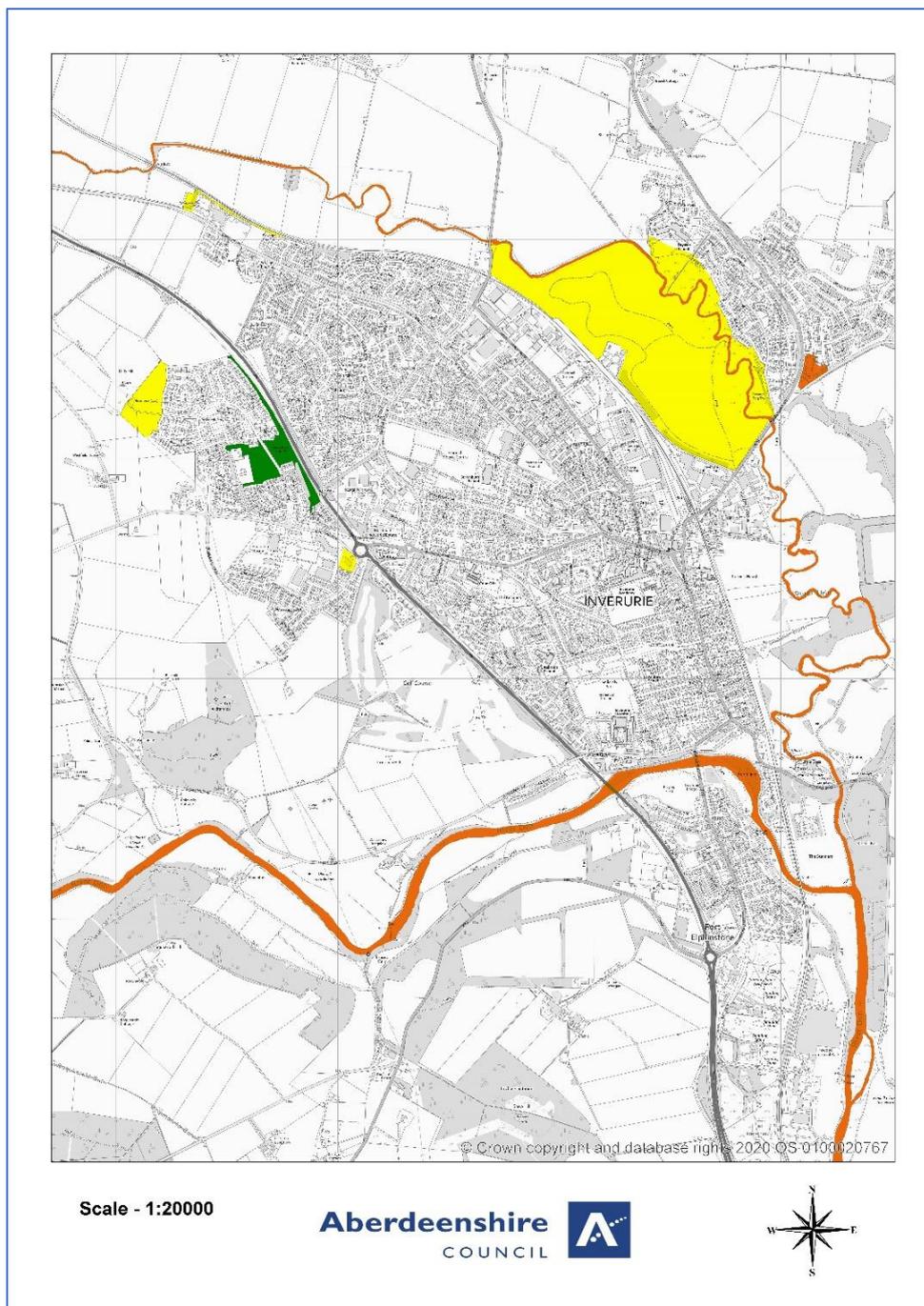
## Open Space Audit Update 2019: Inverurie

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 settlements.

Allotments are excluded as these are audited separately as part of the Food Growing Strategy 2019-2030.



- |  |  |  |
|--|--|--|
|  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 |  |  |