

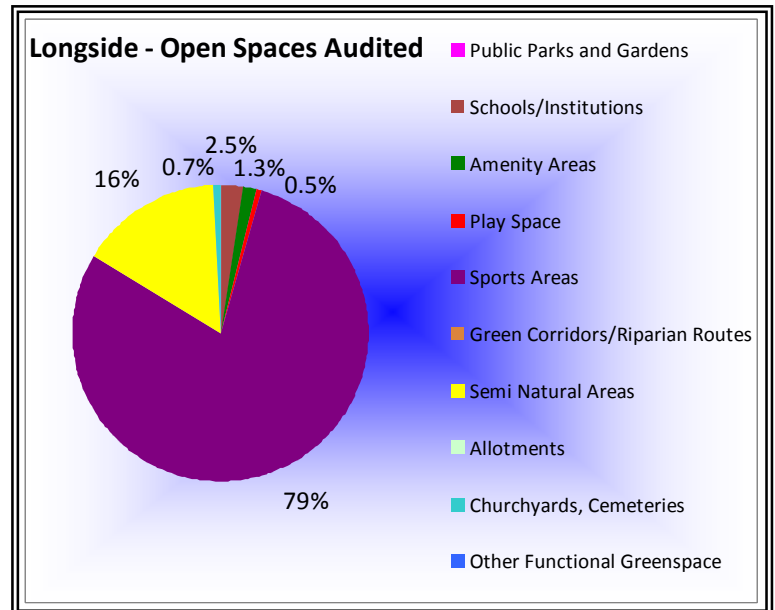
## Settlement Summary: Longside

Population: 805

### Observations (of Community Council)

The Community Council provided comments relating to a number of sites:

- Retain greenspace at Glebe field
- Review facilities at Bruce Brae play area
- Resurface the tennis court
- Provide disabled access at bowling club
- Install bins and benches at Fleeman Way greenspace
- Create formal paths within woodland adjacent to football ground
- Improve access, create pathways and repair fence at woodland on Winding Brae.
- Check bridge across burn to Right of Way, through the wood onto Church Lane.



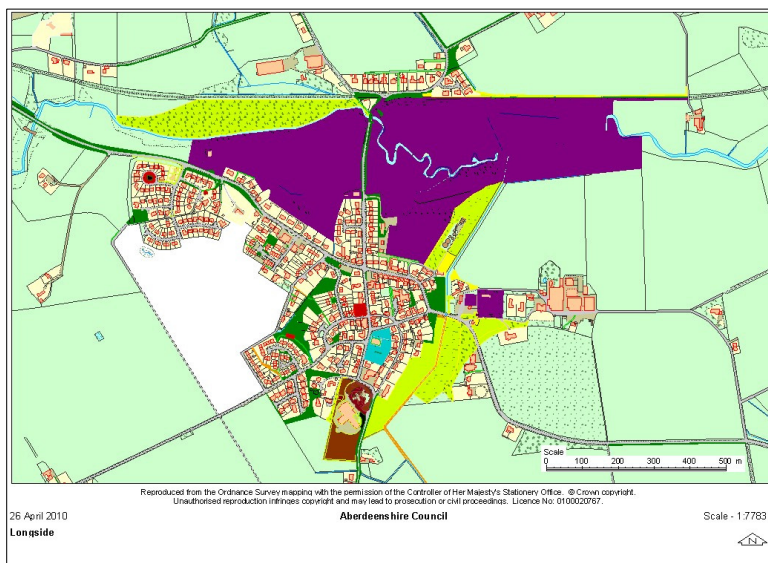
### Green Network Links

The Core Path Plan proposes a new pedestrian link between the village and the cemetery. In the event of new development occurring, it will be important to retain green corridors to the surrounding countryside, and provide pedestrian links into the existing networks of tracks and paths around the village e.g. to the track at the west side of the village.

### Open Space Requirements

Longside currently offers a good amount and variety of public open space. The high proportion of sports facilities is due to the inclusion of the golf course within the 'sports area' category.

Not all improvements suggested by the community are on Council owned sites: both Bruce Brae play area and Fleeman Way have alternative factoring arrangements; in these cases, residents would be advised to contact the factor directly regarding potential improvements.



In the event of further development, the preferred approach would be to improve existing open space and facilities, so as to maximise accessibility and encourage use. This might be in terms of improvements to the tennis courts, creating access and formal paths within local woodlands or increasing facilities in the play parks. Some of the work may be carried out by the Council's Landscape Services section, whilst some may be initiated by the local community; however most would be likely to result from a combination of inputs.

- 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

## Open Space Audit Update 2019: Longside

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.**