

Settlement Summary: Boddam

Population: 1358

Observations (of Community Council)

Feedback from the Community Council suggested further planting at the following sites:

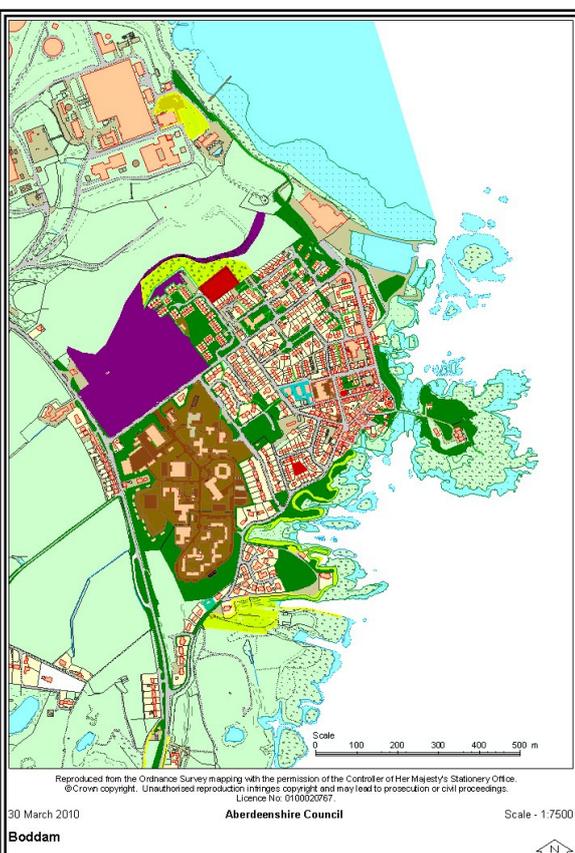
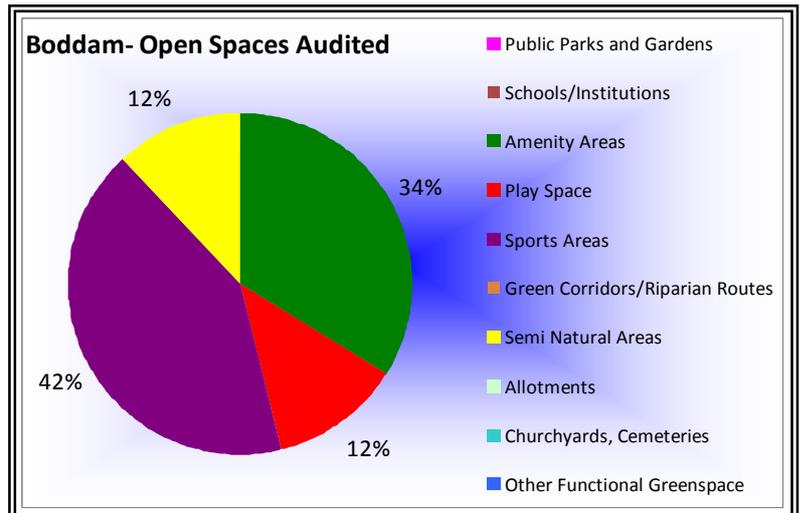
- Laird's Walk
- Manse Terrace
- Boddam play area
- Boddam playing field

And the following site specific improvements:

- Repairs at Manse play area
- Resurfacing and more facilities at Boddam play area
- Provision of facilities at village playing field to encourage use.
- Improvements to access and pathways at St Helia Crescent Woodland.

Green Network Links

Much of the semi natural area around the village comprises the coastal strip. Green corridors linking through to the coast are not evident however; should further development or redevelopment occur, the possibility of creating links through to the coastal path merits consideration.



Open Space Requirements

A planting scheme for the village would help to improve visual amenity, as well as providing local shelter and habitat improvement. Hardy species such as blackthorn, hawthorn, willow and alder, combined with some bunding, would have the greatest chance of success. Particular consideration should be given to the sites listed above.

Open space within the village does not appear particularly well used, which may in part reflect the poor quality of some areas. Where an area is run by the local community (such as the playing field) improvements might be gained through working with initiatives such as the BBC's 'Breathing Places'.

In the event of further development within the village, it may be appropriate to consider a contribution to the upgrading of existing play and sports facilities, together with improved access and path creation within woodland to the north the main play area. NB The brown area on the map is the RAF base, this does not appear on the pie chart as auditors were unable gain access.

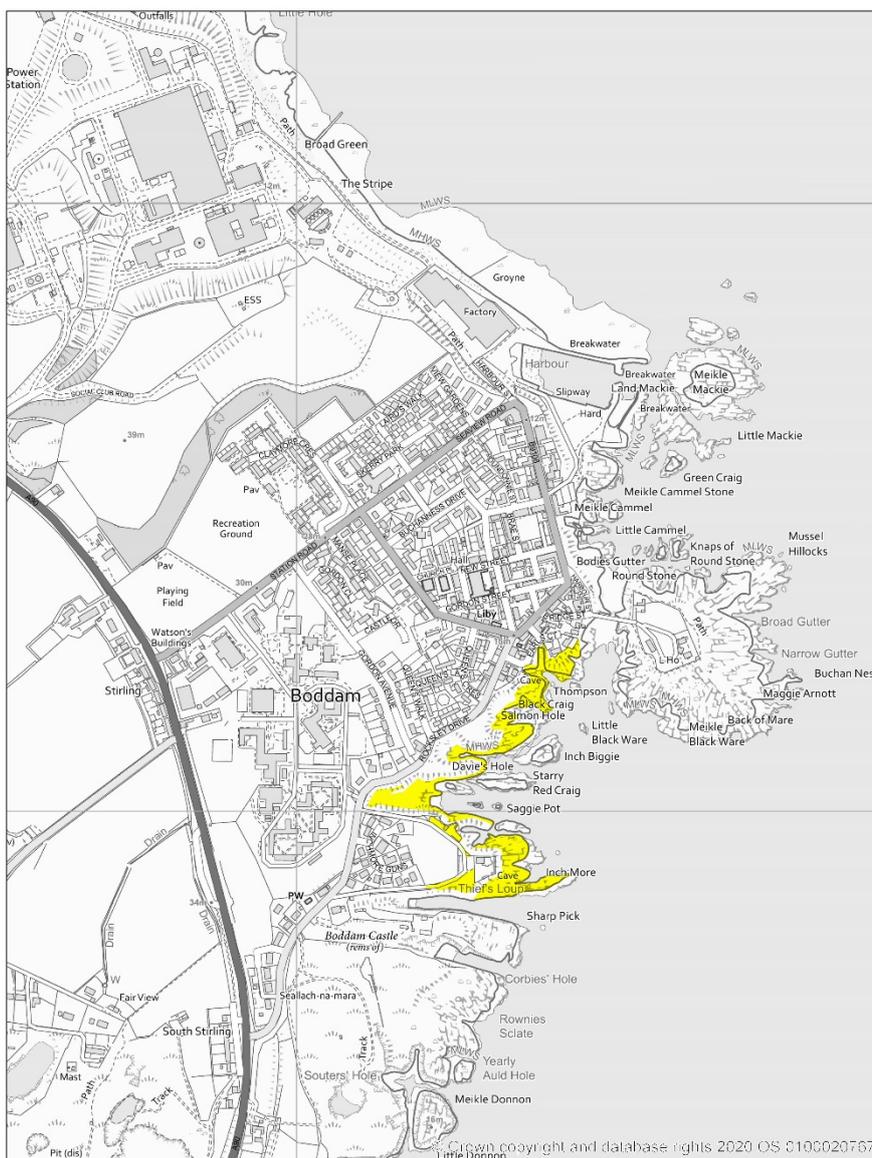
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| Play Space | Sports Areas | Green Corridors/Riparian Routes |
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| Other Functional Greenspace | | |

Open Space Audit Update 2019: Boddam

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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