

Settlement Summary: Banff

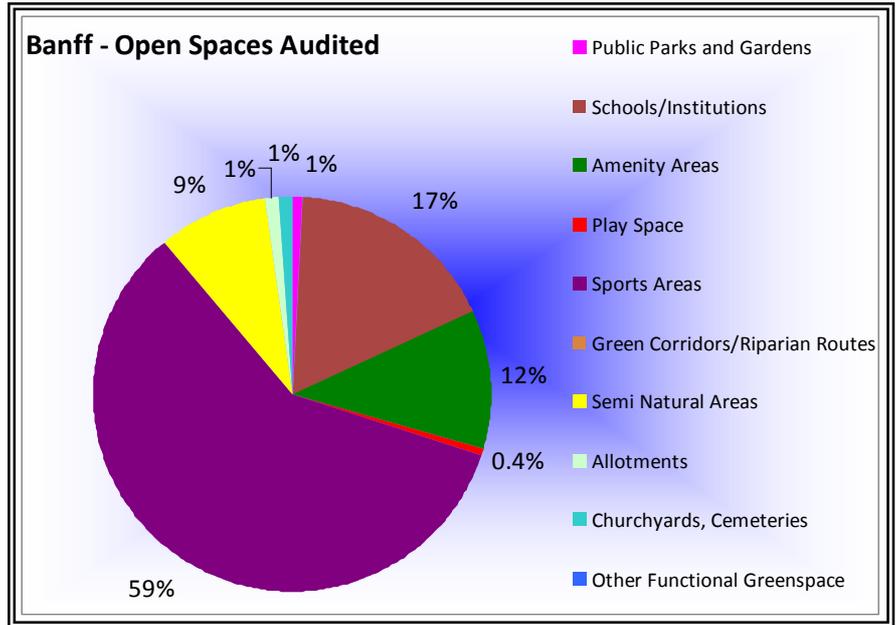
Population: 3831

Observations (of Community Council)

None received.

Green Network Links

Core paths suggested for this area are a mixture of coastal and inland routes, linking greenspaces around the town. The many smaller spaces within the town however, are poorly linked, and care should be taken to integrate green corridors into any new development.



Open Space Requirements

Banff has a high proportion of open space, at over 60%, with the golf course and adjacent parkland around Duff House contributing to the setting and amenity of the town. Within Banff itself, there is a generous number of parks and open spaces; however, across the town, auditors noted sites which would benefit from the provision of seating facilities, enhanced planting, or improvements to play facilities. When considered on a site by site basis, such relatively small measures have potential to widen access to open space to larger numbers of users, including the elderly, or teenagers.



Sites suggested for seating include: School Road, the cemetery, Banff Castle, Whinhill Road, Findlater Place, Seafield Crescent, Fife Street (picnic benches) and Banff Springs Hotel (picnic benches).

Sites suggested for enhanced recreation facilities include: the play area at the travellers' caravan park (Greenbanks), School Road, Seafield Street (school), Wilson Road, Whitehill Road, Alberta Place, Crammond Terrace and west Kings Park. Not all enhancements should be for younger age groups; some may be better suited to provision facilities for older children, depending on a site's location. In other areas, repairs to existing facilities were recommended, for example, within the play area west of Academy Drive.

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| 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 | | |

Other suggestions include the formation of allotments at Thomson Road or Airlie Gardens. However, this would be a matter for consideration by the Council's Housing and Social Work Service in consultation with the local community.

Disabled access is lacking at the bowling green, and there is potential for improvement to access and paths at the cemetery.

Among suggestions for improving semi-natural areas of the town are the provision of bins at the harbour, and planting at Harbour Way.

Open Space Audit Update 2019: Banff

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.