

## Settlement Summary: Port Elphinstone

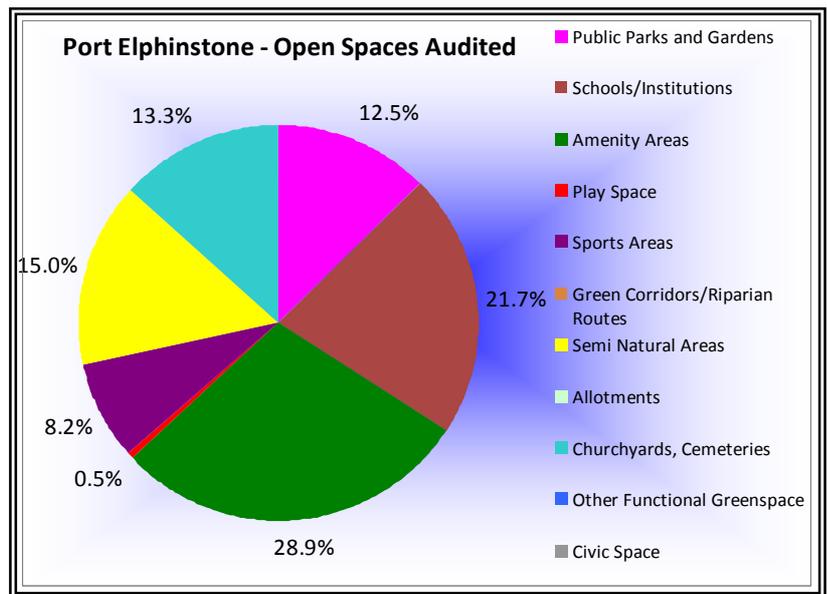
Population: 11,533  
(includes Inverurie)

### Observations (of Community Council)

None received.

### Green Network Links

Port Elphinstone's green network can be based upon the river, the old Aberdeen Canal which is tree lined, although badly neglected, and the stone circle and standing stones avenue from 3,000 BC. In addition, the 18<sup>th</sup> Century, Old Kemnay Road runs east from the settlement above the river, and is identified as a core path.



The combination of paths, riverside walks and road verges, connected to open spaces results in a good green infrastructure network in this area.

### Open Space Requirements

The only suggested improvements at Port Elphinstone relate to a possible site for a community garden or allotments on the area opposite the back of the garage at Mill Road, or at the site between the River Don and Keithall Road. Alternatively, there may be potential for allotments on land owned by the former paper mill, which forms a buffer between mill and the town.

Overall, Port Elphinstone appears to have good provision of open space, in particular playing fields and play parks, with the added benefit of the riverside walks along the Don. Davidson's field, lying adjacent to the river, is frequently used for a range of community activities.

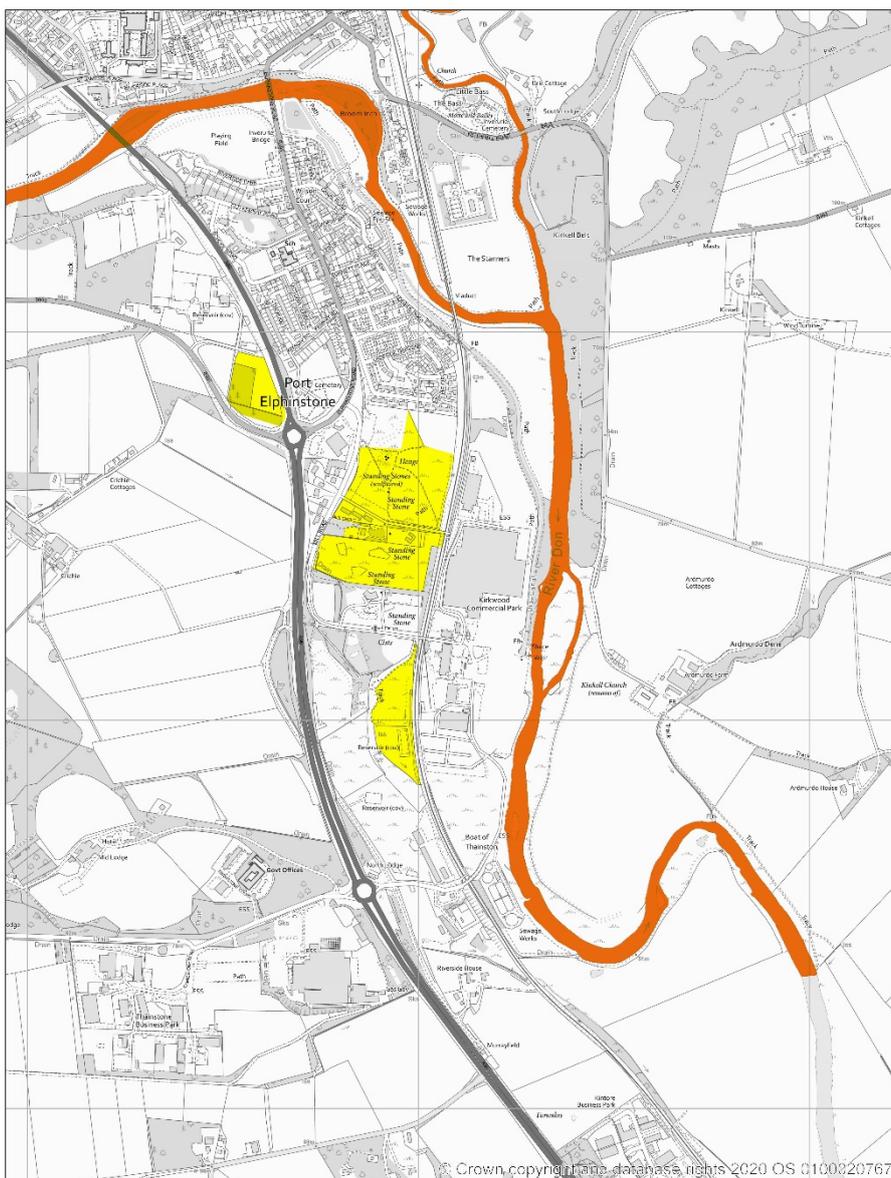
- Public Parks and Gardens
- Play Space
- Semi Natural Areas
- Other Functional Greenspace
- Schools/Institutions
- Sports Areas
- Allotments
- Amenity Areas
- Green Corridors/Riparian Routes
- Churchyards, Cemeteries

## Open Space Audit Update 2019: Port Elphinstone

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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| <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 |   |   |