

Settlement Summary: St Fergus

Population: 556

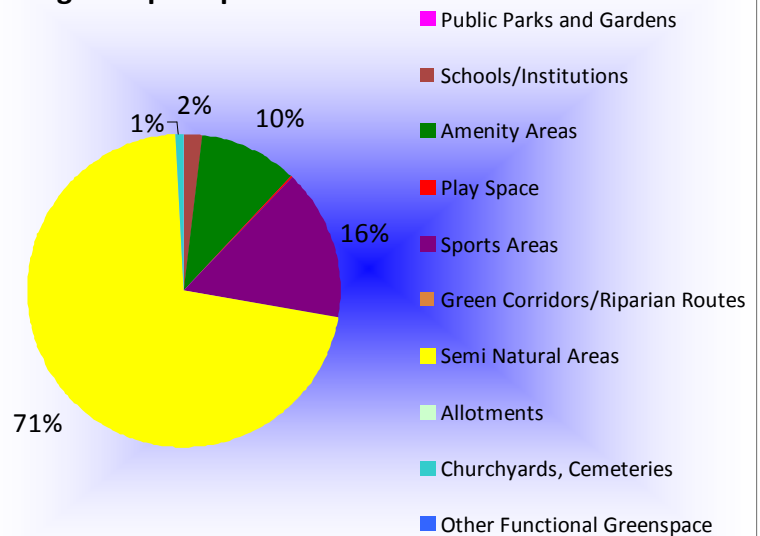
Observations (of Community Council)

None received.

Green Network Links

The existing recreation ground track provides part of a short circular route within the village. In the event of any further development, it will be important to create and maintain green corridors to the surrounding countryside and coastal strip.

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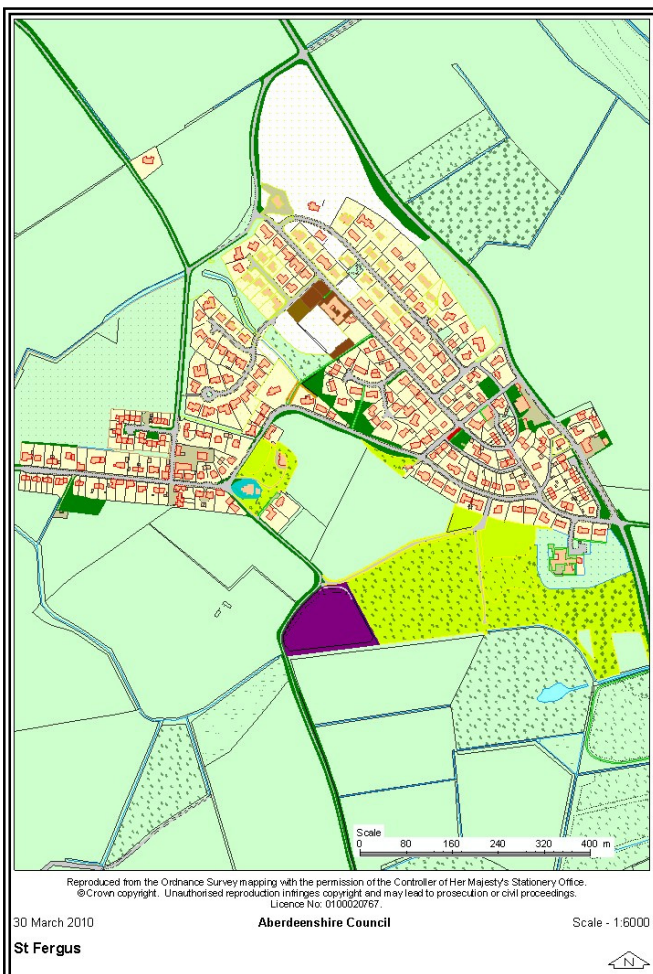


Open Space Requirements

Auditors' recommendations include for additional facilities at the play park, and a formal path to the football pitch. The provision of benches in some amenity greenspace, such as at Urquhart Road, Netherhill Road or Wiseman Terrace, could improve access across all sections of the community. Some additional planting is suggested at Urquhart Road.

Further suggestions include the provision of paths in the woodland at Kinloch Road, and improving maintenance at the semi-natural greenspace on Newton Road; however, ownership of the site is unknown, and any initiatives here would be a matter for the owners. It may be appropriate to consider the potential of both sites in the context of future housing to the south of the village, and in particular to safeguard links both between the sites, and out to the surrounding countryside.

The community at St Fergus has access to adequate open space, but there does appear to be scope for improving the quality of that access (e.g. to the local woodland), as well as for improving the range of facilities available for users. (E.g. at the play park, and on several other sites by provision of seating and planting)



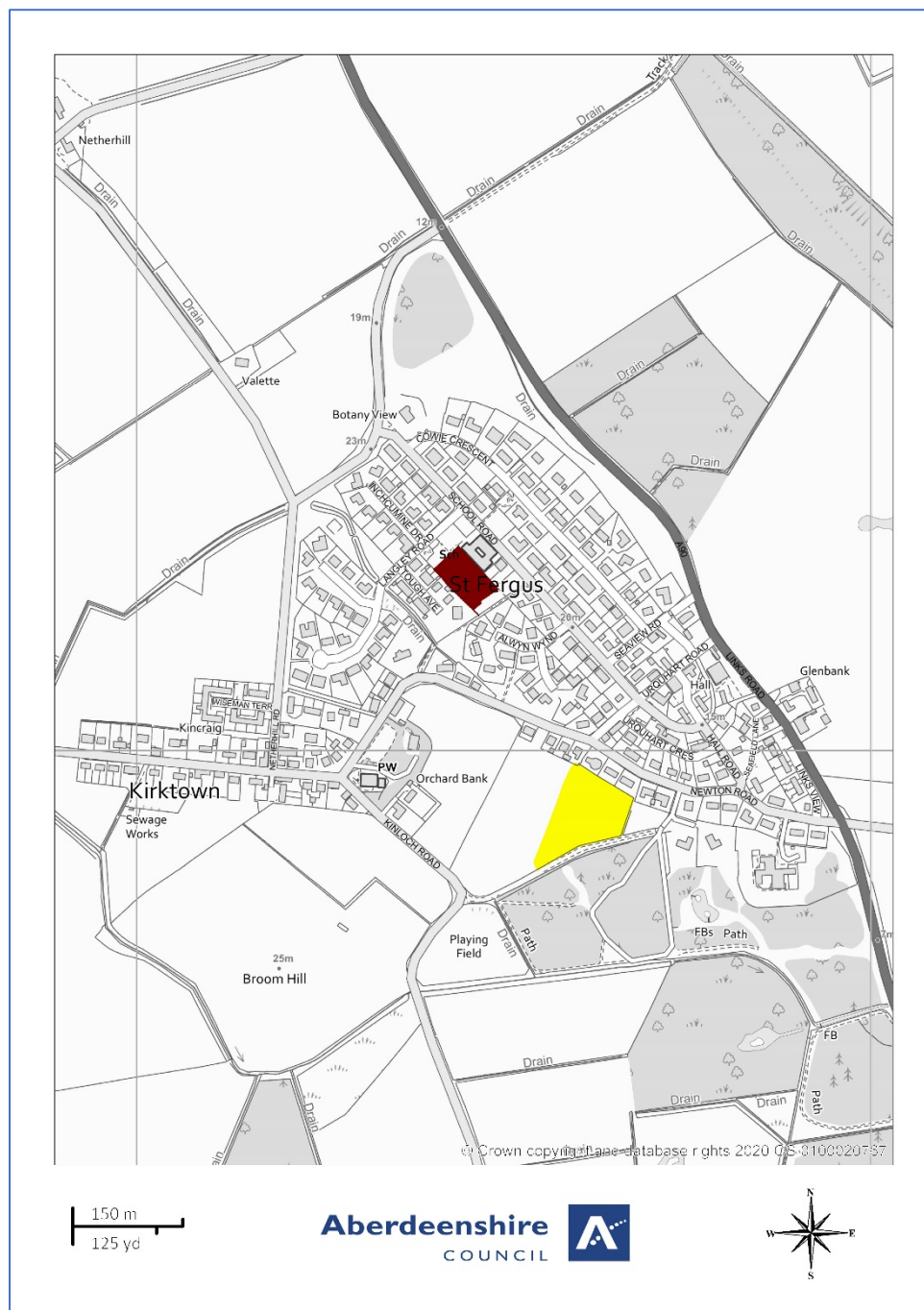
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| Play Space | Sports Areas | Green Corridors/Riparian Routes |
| Semi Natural Areas | Allotments | Churchyards, Cemeteries |
| Other Functional Greenspace | | |

Open Space Audit Update 2019: St Fergus

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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