

## Settlement Summary: Maud

Population: 766

### Observations (of Community Council)

None received.

### Green Network Links

Green infrastructure within the village appears poor, with pedestrian routes largely limited to roads and pavements. In the absence of new development, there are no obvious opportunities for enhancements to the layout. However, in the event of new development, care should be taken to incorporate pedestrian routes to other parts of the village during the design process, and if feasible, to include green links to the Formartine and Buchan Way.

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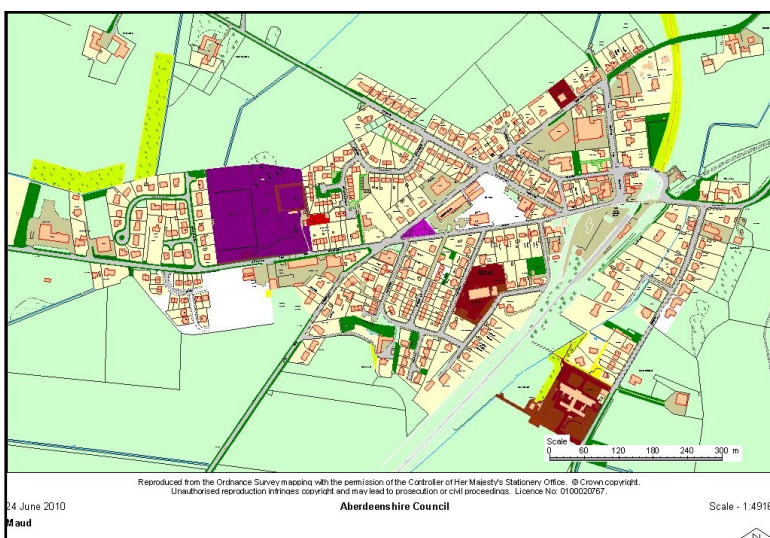
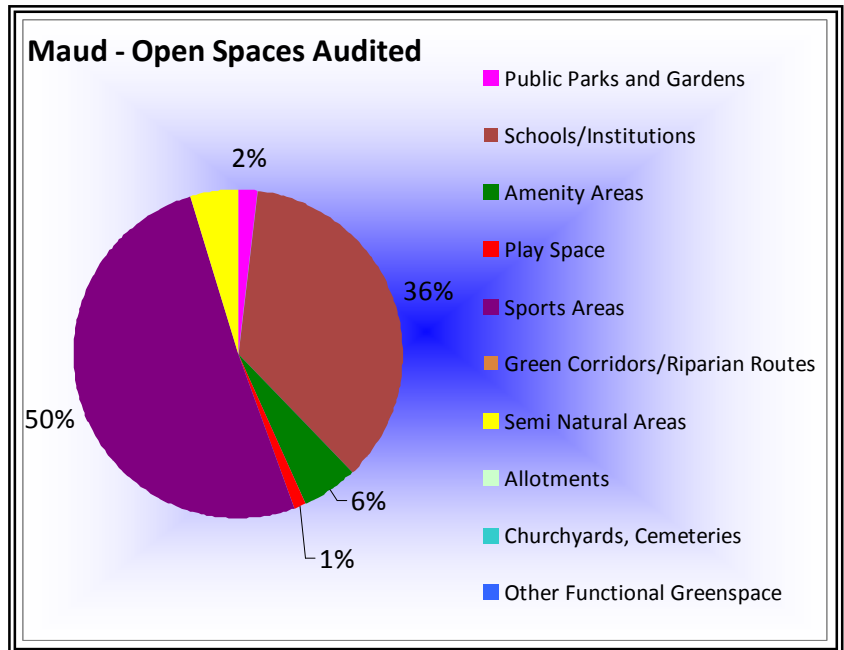
### Open Space Requirements

Maud Village Trust has recently secured funding to develop the former mart area, including play and outdoor gym facilities for all ages, seating, cultural interpretation and greenspace to encourage biodiversity. The project is an excellent example of a community working together, and in partnership with other organisations, to secure funding, create a vibrant and attractive focus for the village, and at the same time bring about employment and training opportunities.

Elsewhere in Maud, auditors' findings suggest that at the main recreation ground, repairs are needed to the play area fence, and that access could be improved. At the nearby private bowling club, the entrance requires resurfacing. The old play area behind the pavilion here appears little used, and given the proximity of the pleasure park, it may be preferable to remove equipment from the site, redesigning it to include planting and seating provision for the benefit of local residents.

The only other recommendation is for the installation of benches at Fedderate Cottages.

A relatively low proportion of semi-natural space is available within the village, compared to more formal gardens and amenity areas. However, the proximity of the Formartine and Buchan Way allows easy access to the surrounding countryside. There is some scope for redevelopment of the car park and open space around the former station, creating a focal point for visitors to Maud and the Formartine an Buchan Way.



- Public Parks and Gardens
- Play Space
- Semi Natural Areas
- Other Functional Greenspace

- Schools/Institutions
- Sports Areas
- Allotments

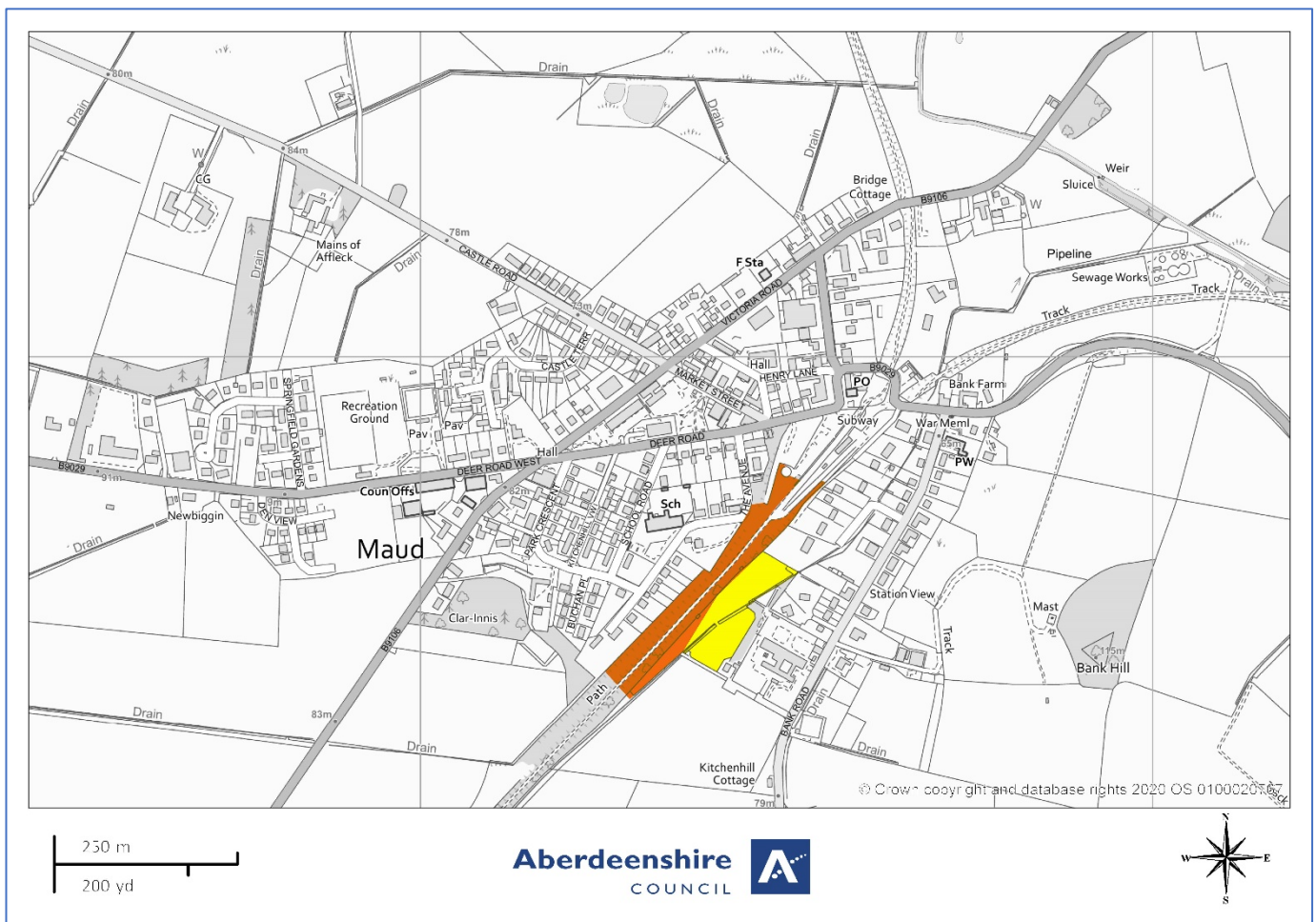
- Amenity Areas
- Green Corridors/Riparian Routes
- Churchyards, Cemeteries

## Open Space Audit Update 2019: Maud

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: teal;">■</span> Churchyards, Cemeteries           |
| <span style="color: blue;">■</span> Other Functional Greenspace |   |   |