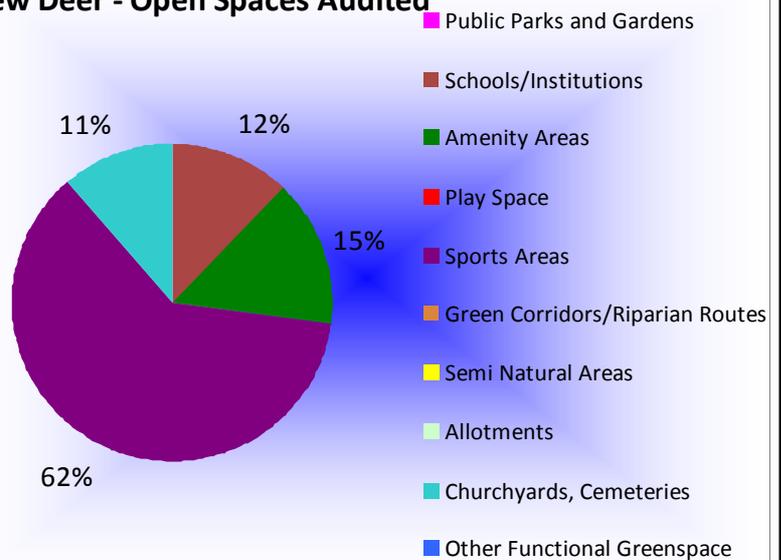# Settlement Summary: New Deer

Population: 626

Observations (of Community Council)

None received.

Green Network Links

As a largely linear settlement, with houses and gardens bordering main streets, there is no significant issue with green infrastructure in the village. However, areas for walking are largely limited to the roads, and there is little access to surrounding countryside. In the event of new development occurring, the need to allow for some access to natural areas should be taken into account.

New Deer - Open Spaces Audited

- 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

12%
15%
11%
62%

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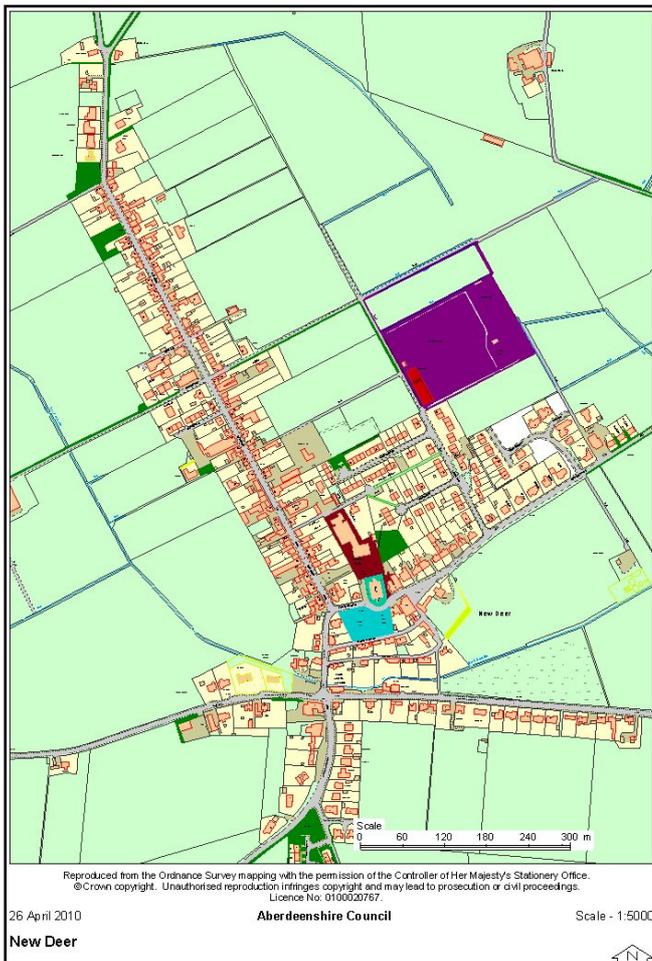26 April 2010   **Aberdeenshire Council**   Scale - 1:5000
New Deer

Open Space Requirements

Auditors noted an unkempt area of ground towards the north end of the High Street, suggesting the space may have potential for community use. Ownership is unknown however, and the site at some distance from the centre; any alternative would be primarily a matter for the owners. At Fordyce Avenue, auditors recommend that the open space be retained, and seating areas and planting provided.

Other recommendations include the provision of disabled access to the bowling club, and additional bins at the play area and playing field.

New Deer has a relatively small amount of green space and a notable absence of semi-natural areas, with the sports and recreation ground accounting for a large part of the overall provision.

This is not unusual for a village of this size, and the provision of paths to access surrounding countryside has potential to compensate for a lack of semi-natural areas within the village boundary. It is understood that this has already been progressed by the local community, whilst the Core Path Plan recognises existing circular routes and proposes a new route leading north to the cemetery and Culsh monument.

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Open Space Audit Update 2019: New Deer

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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