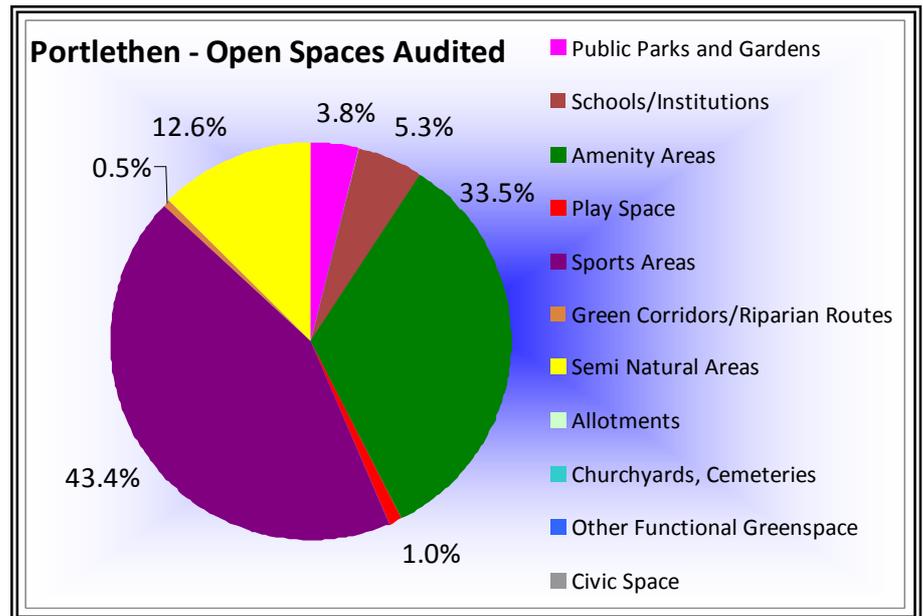


Settlement Summary: Portlethen

Population: 6632

Observations (of Community Council)

- Assessments sheets too brief and selective to allow meaningful conclusion.
- Audit would have been better limited to areas accessible to public, and excluding verges etc.
- Burnside Park: provide picnic areas, bins, more dog bins and sports pitch.
- 77-93 Easter Drive: install play space, benches, planting.
- Play area next to community hall: replace play equipment
- Boswell Avenue playspace: repair fence and create access from road.
- Bourtree Pavilion, tennis courts: repair fence, maintain courts.
- Bramble Way: provide dog bins, widen path.
- Portlethen Moss: Provide interpretive signage and dog bins.



Green Network Links

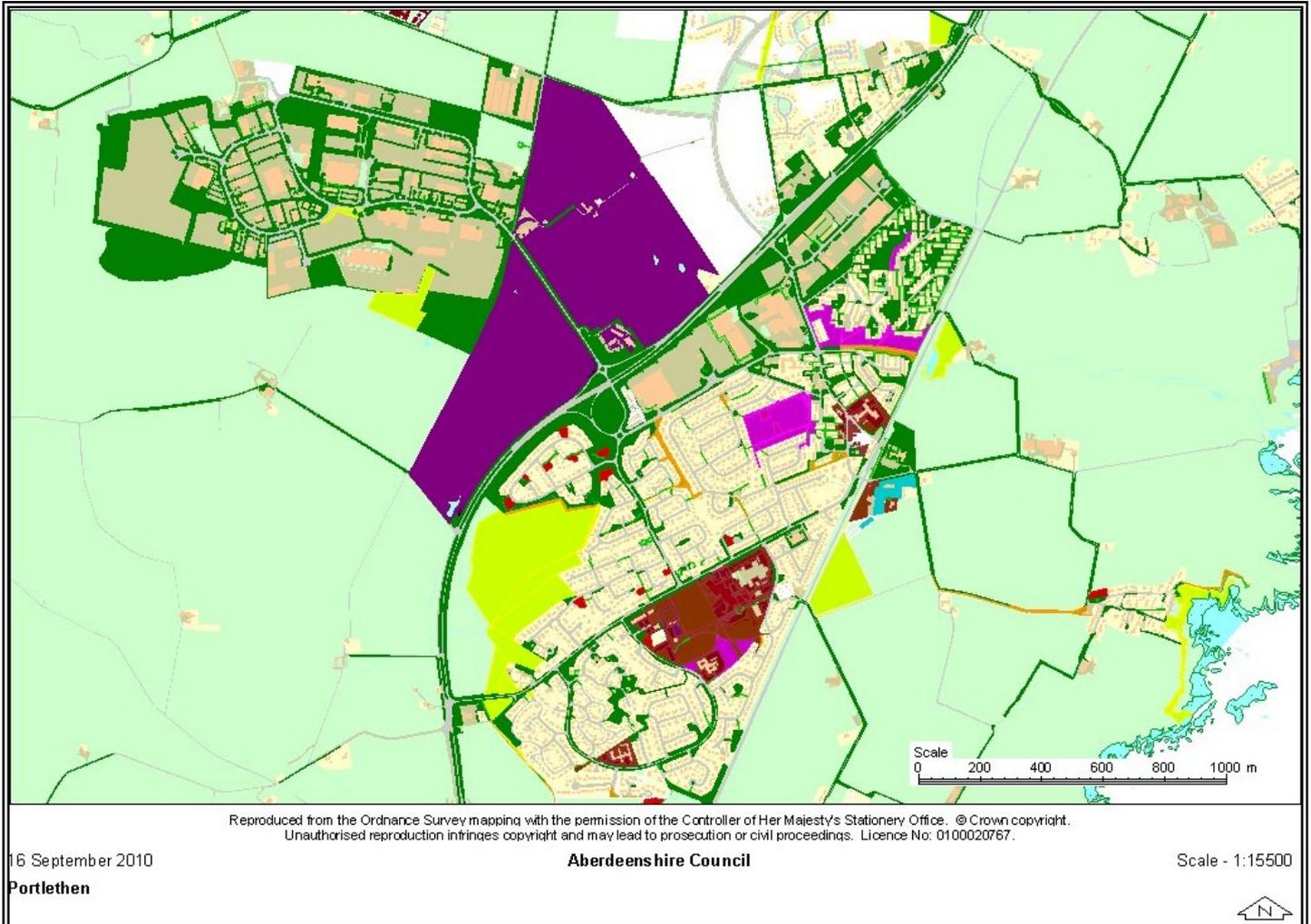
Green links immediately in and around Portlethen are largely provided by means of road verges – both along the A90 and within the town. Many of the smaller greenspaces are isolated from each other however, due to the established layout. The Burn of Findon runs west to east from the golf course to the Mill of Findon, and a link to Old Portlethen village is proposed as a core path.

Open Space Requirements

Auditors made a number of recommendations for provision of benches and bins on smaller greenspaces and along verges. These will be assessed as part of the detailed annual review of the area. The audit has revealed that both the tennis courts and the basketball court (at Nicol Park) are in poor condition, and this may in turn discourage use. Should there be any further investment in recreation and sporting facilities, consideration should be given to maintaining facilities which serve the different user groups within the town to an equal standard.

The large area of sporting facilities shown for Portlethen is due largely to the inclusion of the golf course, together with Nicol Park and Brundtland Park. The significant areas of amenity greenspace are not, on the whole, accessible as usable amenity space to the community, being largely a combination of transport amenity along the A90 and business amenity within Badentoy Industrial Estate. Within this context, the ongoing developments at Portlethen Moss, supported by the community, are particularly valuable; however, as this lies at the south end of the village, additional opportunities for safe access to semi-natural greenspace at the north end of the village would be of benefit. Auditors did identify a semi-natural area lying between the Mill of Findon and

the railway; however, ownership was unknown and recommendation was made. Any further development of this or other area for access would be primarily a matter for consideration by the Community Council.



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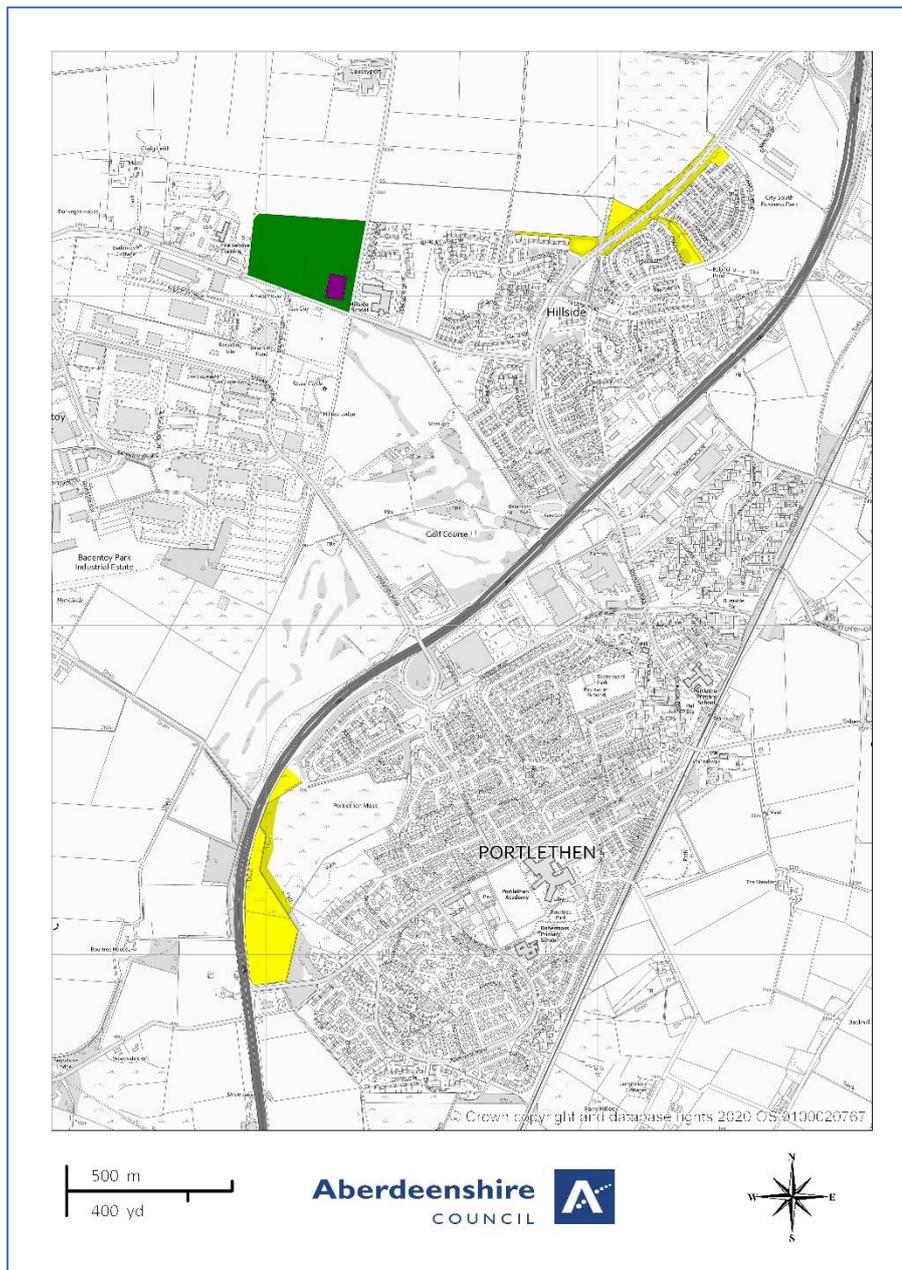
Open Space Audit Update 2019: Portlethen

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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