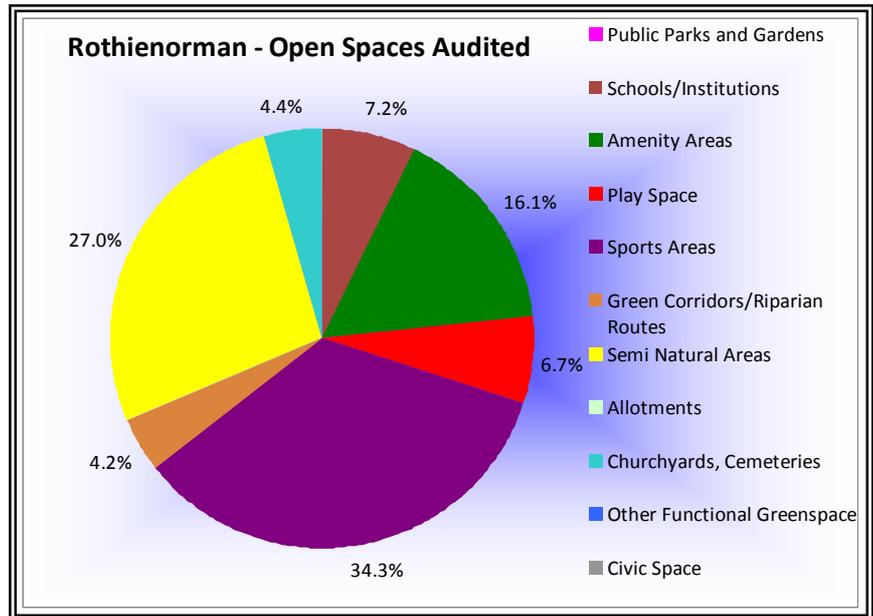


Settlement Summary: Rothienorman

Population: 572

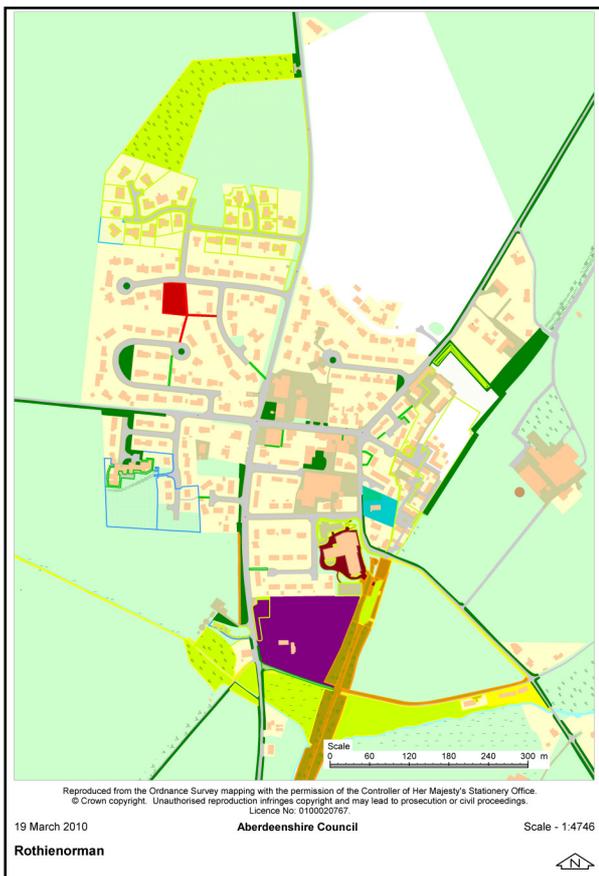
Observations (of Community Council)

- Although the playing field is in good condition, the risk of flooding in the car park detracts from overall quality.
- Village edge woodland (south of village): fence in need of repair. Path maintenance needed here and in woodland beside school.
- Blackford Avenue: the amenity space here is poorly maintained and little used, and should be turned back into sports/recreation field.
- Dog walk area and car park (beyond Cormack Park): poor maintenance, dog bin required.



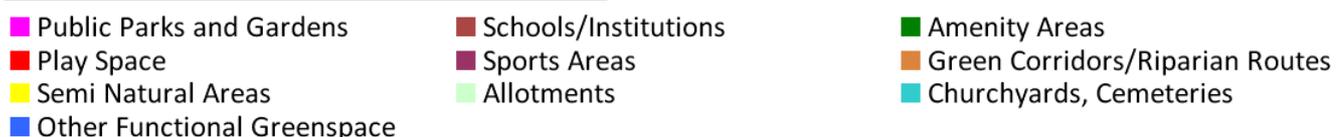
Green Network Links

Although the village is surrounded by farm and forested land, access opportunities are limited. The dismantled railway may provide potential to link the village to Fyvie, and this has been identified as an aspirational route in the Core Paths Plan, as has a circular route returning to the village via Cranna Wood. To the north, new housing development at Cormack Park incorporates a path link to an adjacent area of community woodland. Within the village, several existing spaces are isolated within the urban fabric; in the event of new developments, it will be particularly important retain green corridors to surrounding land.



Open Space Requirements

Path maintenance on a variety of sites around the village appears to be a significant issue. A further meeting with the community is recommended to help to identify the priority needs, and explore whether there may be scope for the Community Association to apply for funding, as well as to determine the best alternative use for Blackford Avenue amenity spaces. Repairs to the woodland boundaries are required on some sites, as well as additional dog bin as highlighted by the local residents.



Rothienorman currently has over 40 per cent of open space, with quite a high proportion of sports areas (34%) compared to the Shire's average of 13%.

In the event of further small or medium developments taking place in the village, it may be appropriate to consider improvements to enhance the quality of existing provision by eg: improving the playing field car park, and reinstating a sports and recreation area at Blackford Avenue.

