

EAST AYRSHIRE
**GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE
STRATEGY**

4. SETTLEMENT ASSESSMENT OUTCOMES AND
COMMUNITY PRIORITIES

December 2025



6. Settlement Assessment Outcomes (Summary)

Settlement Assessment Outcomes: Accessibility Standards, quality and surplus/deficit score

| Settlement | Meets Accessibility Standards | Total open Space | Total Under 50% | Total 50%-80% | Total Over 80% | Total Quality Open Space | Required Open Space | Surplus/Deficit |
|---------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|---------------|----------------|--------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| Auchinleck | Yes | 68.00 | 53.80 | 14.20 | 0.00 | 14.20 | 18.92 | -4.72 |
| Catrine | Yes | 24.70 | 5.00 | 13.50 | 0.00 | 13.50 | 10.81 | 2.69 |
| Sorn | Yes | 8.20 | 0.60 | 7.60 | 0.00 | 7.60 | 1.82 | 5.78 |
| Muirkirk | Yes | 36.80 | 8.30 | 24.30 | 0.00 | 24.30 | 7.21 | 17.09 |
| Mauchline | No | 7.40 | 2.70 | 4.40 | 0.30 | 4.70 | 20.39 | -15.69 |
| Ochiltree | No | 3.20 | 0.20 | 2.70 | 0.00 | 2.70 | 5.46 | -2.76 |
| Stewarton | No | 48.90 | 20.20 | 28.70 | 0.00 | 28.70 | 34.22 | -5.52 |
| Kilmaurs | No | 7.40 | 2.00 | 5.40 | 0.00 | 5.40 | 13.82 | -8.42 |
| Fenwick | Yes | 12.60 | 11.00 | 1.60 | 0.00 | 1.60 | 5.14 | -3.54 |
| Dunlop | Yes | 17.50 | 0.60 | 16.90 | 0.00 | 16.90 | 5.99 | 10.91 |
| Lugton | Yes | 0.40 | 0.40 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.42 | -0.42 |
| Galston | Yes | 39.80 | 4.00 | 11.30 | 24.30 | 35.60 | 24.70 | 10.90 |
| Lugar/Logan | Yes | 11.30 | 3.40 | 7.90 | 0.00 | 7.90 | 6.14 | 1.76 |
| Cumnock | Yes | 96.00 | 3.70 | 48.40 | 28.00 | 76.40 | 44.78 | 31.62 |
| Newmilns | No | 10.40 | 4.10 | 6.30 | 0.00 | 6.30 | 14.35 | -8.05 |
| Darvel & Priestland | No | 17.00 | 3.80 | 3.00 | 9.30 | 12.30 | 19.95 | -7.65 |
| New Cumnock | Yes | 71.00 | 6.00 | 63.40 | 1.60 | 65.00 | 13.79 | 51.21 |
| Dalmellington | Yes | 51.90 | 36.50 | 15.40 | 0.00 | 15.40 | 7.07 | 8.33 |
| Dalrymple | Yes | 9.60 | 5.90 | 3.70 | 0.00 | 3.70 | 8.69 | -4.99 |
| Bellsbank | Yes | 27.80 | 10.20 | 17.60 | 0.00 | 17.60 | 6.64 | 10.96 |
| Waterside | Yes | 0.30 | 0.30 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.73 | -0.73 |

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|-----------------------------|-----|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Patna | Yes | 14.10 | 12.30 | 1.80 | 0.00 | 1.80 | 10.82 | -9.02 |
| Rankinston | Yes | 1.70 | 1.70 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1.35 | -1.35 |
| Drongan | Yes | 34.80 | 4.20 | 30.10 | 0.00 | 30.10 | 15.92 | 14.18 |
| Crosshouse | Yes | 3.70 | 0.60 | 3.10 | 0.00 | 3.10 | 13.95 | -10.85 |
| Knockentiber | Yes | 1.40 | 0.00 | 1.40 | 0.00 | 1.40 | 4.16 | -2.76 |
| Gatehead | Yes | 0.90 | 0.90 | 0.90 | 0.00 | 0.90 | 2.60 | -1.70 |
| Crookedholm | Yes | 3.20 | 1.60 | 1.60 | 0.00 | 1.60 | 2.60 | -1.00 |
| Hurlford | Yes | 36.00 | 33.80 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 23.22 | -23.22 |
| Kilmarnock | Yes | 435.70 | 86.30 | 268.20 | 80.10 | 348.30 | 239.89 | 108.41 |
| EAST AYRSHIRE TOTALS | | 1101.70 | 321.00 | 595.20 | 143.60 | 738.80 | 585.55 | 153.25 |

Some observations of the assessment outcomes are provided below:

- On a local-authority-wide level, East Ayrshire appears to have a surplus of open space. However, this is due to large areas of greenspace in Cumnock and Kilmarnock that score above 50% in the quality assessment.
- Based on the scoring, only 67% of the green space that is over 0.2 hectares and included within the audit meets the criteria to be considered as quality and therefore usable green space.
- In 2014, this figure was 63%, showing a slight improvement in the last 10 years.
- 18 out of the 30 settlements in East Ayrshire have a deficit of useable green space.

Settlements with a 'surplus' score:

| | | | |
|-----------|---------------|--------------|-------------|
| Bellsbank | Dalmellington | Galston | Muirkirk |
| Catrine | Drongan | Kilmarnock | New Cumnock |
| Cumnock | Dunlop | Lugar/Lugton | Sorn |

Settlements with a 'deficit' score:

| | | | |
|---------------------|--------------|-----------|------------|
| Auchinleck | Fenwick | Lugton | Patna |
| Crookedholm | Gatehead | Mauchline | Rankinston |
| Crosshouse | Hurlford | Newmilns | Stewarton |
| Dalrymple | Kilmaurs | Ochiltree | Waterside |
| Darvel & Priestland | Knockentiber | | |

7. Community Priorities

The Council has considered and integrated existing Community Action Plans' (CAPs) objectives into this Green Infrastructure Strategy in order to represent both Council and community aspirations and priorities for action.

The assessment has been produced based on the results of the audit, a survey carried out with community groups, a placemaking exercise for some towns, and the community action plans.

It is recognised that our local communities are in the process of producing Local Place Plans (under the Planning (Scotland) Act 2019) and updating their Community Action Plans (CAPs). **Where a Local Place Plan (LPP) is registered or an updated CAP produced, then the actions set out below will be superseded by those set out in the updated LPP and/or CAP, to ensure that the priorities remain up-to-date and reflective of the view of our communities.**

Each settlement includes:

- A description of the green network
- A map of the network
- A table outlining the score for each greenspace over 0.2ha
- A summary table showing whether the area is in surplus or deficit
- An action plan



Image: Howard Park, Kilmarnock



7.1 Stewarton

Undulating pasture provides the local landscape setting to the south, west and north-west of the town. The Annick Water is the main river running through the town; the East Burn and Clerkland Burn run into the Annick Water from the north.

Access into the centre of the town is via the B769 from the northeast and the valley landform and surrounding hills at Causeyhead are prominent features within the landscape. Lainshaw House and grounds extend from the southwest corner of Stewarton along the Annick Water and include mature woodland and shelterbelts at Anderson's Mount.

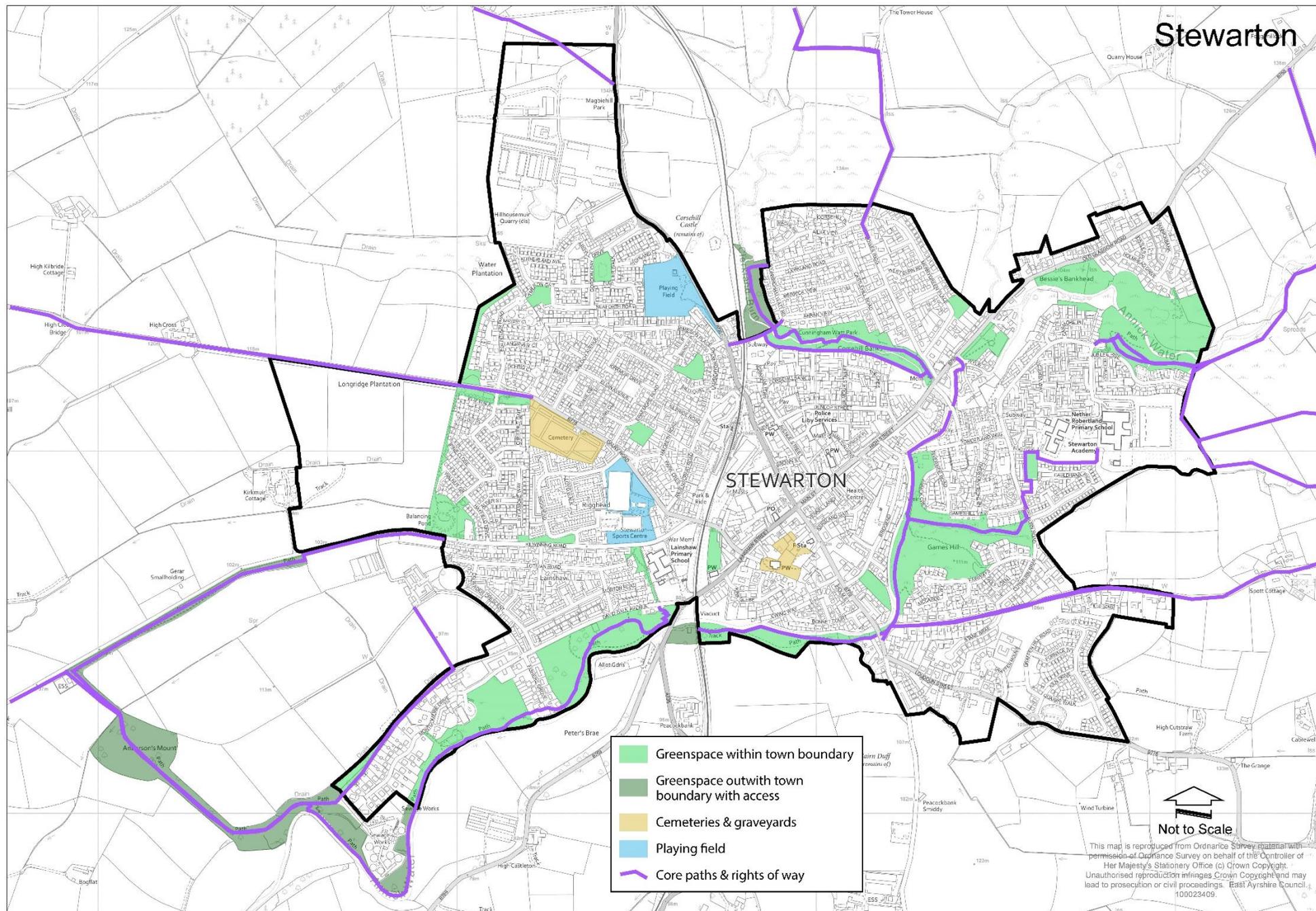
Stewarton forms a nucleated town shape with a busy through-road running along a river valley, with development stretching out either side of this corridor to the higher ground behind the town centre. The street patterns are different either side of the B769/A735: to the north they form blocks in a rectilinear pattern, the shapes to the south are more organic as the Annick Water becomes a factor in their development.

Stewarton's larger open spaces are concentrated around the rivers, formed around the Annick Water and its tributaries. These spaces are generally natural / semi-natural spaces and green corridors with paths. In terms of accessibility, not all residential areas are within 250m from a useable, quality green space.



Image: Robertland Springwell (Stewarton)

Stewarton



- Greenspace within town boundary
- Greenspace outwith town boundary with access
- Cemeteries & graveyards
- Playing field
- Core paths & rights of way

Not to Scale

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7.1.1. Green Spaces Assessment Table

| Site Name | Size (ha) | Accessible and Well-Connected Place | Attractive and Appealing Place | Biodiversity, Supporting Nature Networks | Active, Supporting Health and Wellbeing | Community Supported | Total Score | % Score | Quality Category |
|---------------------------|-----------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|---|---------------------|-------------|---------|------------------|
| Anderson's Mount | 9.2 | 20 | 30 | 31 | 10 | 18 | 109 | 70 | 9.20 |
| St. Columba's Graveyard | 0.8 | 21 | 20 | 11 | 1 | 23 | 76 | 61 | 0.80 |
| Stewarton Cemetery | 2.0 | 12 | 26 | 3 | 6 | 18 | 65 | 62 | 2.00 |
| Rose Reilly Sports Centre | 1.6 | 18 | 17 | 11 | 20 | 24 | 90 | 53 | 1.60 |
| Cocklebie | 2.2 | 10 | 18 | 11 | 11 | 21 | 71 | 41 | 2.20 |
| Amenity Space | 0.3 | 10 | 21 | 0 | 15 | 20 | 66 | 47 | 0.30 |
| Gameshill | 6.0 | 10 | 21 | 0 | 15 | 20 | 66 | 47 | 6.00 |
| The Vennel | 0.4 | 4 | 15 | 4 | 10 | 14 | 47 | 45 | 0.40 |
| Hillhouse Place | 0.3 | 10 | 21 | 0 | 15 | 20 | 66 | 47 | 0.30 |
| Rannoch Close | 0.3 | 10 | 21 | 0 | 15 | 20 | 66 | 47 | 0.30 |
| Cameron Gate | 0.3 | 10 | 21 | 0 | 15 | 20 | 66 | 47 | 0.30 |
| Gordon Way | 0.4 | 10 | 21 | 0 | 15 | 20 | 66 | 47 | 0.40 |
| Cunningham Watt Park | 2.8 | 21 | 26 | 23 | 17 | 26 | 113 | 59 | 2.80 |
| Bessie's Bank | 5.1 | 2 | 6 | 14 | 0 | 6 | 28 | 31 | 5.10 |
| Robertland | 2.0 | 10 | 21 | 0 | 15 | 20 | 66 | 47 | 2.00 |
| Merrygreen | 0.2 | 5 | 7 | 9 | 6 | 10 | 37 | 32 | 0.20 |
| Dean Road | 0.7 | 10 | 21 | 0 | 15 | 20 | 66 | 47 | 0.70 |
| The Hound | 2.2 | 11 | 13 | 13 | 1 | 18 | 56 | 45 | 2.20 |
| Lainshaw Woods | 4.2 | 20 | 30 | 31 | 10 | 18 | 109 | 70 | 4.20 |
| Lainshaw House | 3.0 | 20 | 30 | 31 | 10 | 18 | 109 | 70 | 3.00 |
| Kilwinning Road | 1.7 | 10 | 21 | 0 | 15 | 20 | 66 | 47 | 1.70 |
| Beech Walk | 0.3 | 10 | 21 | 0 | 15 | 20 | 66 | 47 | 0.30 |
| Kilwinning Road (b) | 0.3 | 10 | 21 | 0 | 15 | 20 | 66 | 47 | 0.30 |
| Kilwinning Road (d) | 0.3 | 10 | 21 | 0 | 15 | 20 | 66 | 47 | 0.30 |
| The Archers | 0.4 | 10 | 21 | 0 | 15 | 20 | 66 | 47 | 0.40 |
| Eglinton Road | 0.6 | 10 | 21 | 0 | 15 | 20 | 66 | 47 | 0.60 |

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|-----------------|-----|----|----|---|----|----|----|----|------|
| Cunningham Watt | 1.3 | 10 | 21 | 0 | 15 | 20 | 66 | 47 | 1.30 |
|-----------------|-----|----|----|---|----|----|----|----|------|

7.1.2. Summary Table

| Total Area of Greenspace | Recommended Area | Quality Greenspace (only spaces that score 50% or above are included in the quality assessment) | Surplus (+) or Deficit (-) | % of total greenspace which is below the 50 % quality score based on the open space audit | Area of greenspace, which has a quality score between 50% - 80% based on the open space audit | Area of greenspace, which has a quality score of over 80% based on the open space audit | Accessibility Meets 250m accessibility standard (Y/N) |
|--------------------------|------------------|---|----------------------------|---|---|---|---|
| 48.9 | 34.2 | 28.7 | (-) | 20.2 | 28.7 | 0 | Yes |

7.1.3. Green Infrastructure Action Plan

| Action | Green Infrastructure Action Plan - Stewarton | Short Term (15 years) | Medium Term (5 – 10 years) | Long Term (10+ years) |
|--------|---|--------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 | Improved Countryside Environment and Landscaping at Rivers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain and preserve all natural (non-tarmac) riverside pathways and tracks. | | X | |
| 2 | Better Play Parks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop feasible initiatives to maintain the standard of the recently upgraded play parks. Work with the relevant local government departments and agencies to identify and resource appropriate play and recreational facilities for all young person age-groups. | | X | |
| 3 | Greenspace quality <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop an improvement plan for all spaces that fall below the 50% quality threshold | X | | |

7.1.4. Community Actions

| Action | Community aspirations and actions – Stewarton Source: Stewarton Community Action Plan (2016-2021) | Short Term (15 years) | Medium Term (5 – 10 years) | Long Term (10+ years) |
|--------|---|--------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 | Tackling Dog Fouling and Litter: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct public information campaigns to encourage dog owners to clean up after their pets. • Seek the provision of additional litter bins (appropriate for the disposal of “poo bags”) throughout the town. • Pay particular attention to school areas and the parks so they are safe for children to play. • Increase awareness of the consequences of all litter dropping by initiatives within the local schools. | X | | |
| 2 | Better Play Parks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote the resourcing of a project to build and operate a swimming pool. | | X | |
| 3 | Upgrade Cross, Town Centre and Parking: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upgrade the Cross: seating area, floral displays. • Promote examination of the balance between traffic management (including parking) and town centre pedestrianisation with regard to the commercial and residential development of Stewarton. • Explore options for the pedestrianisation of all civic spaces. | | X | |
| 4 | Improved Countryside Environment and Landscaping at Rivers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop additional paths to create a Stewarton-wide pathway network. | | X | |
| 5 | Develop and improve Pedestrian and Cycle Paths: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider and review links to other Pedestrian and Cycle Networks. • Link existing footpaths around the town by encouraging developers to play their | X | | |

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| | <p>part and provide safe routes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Propose better and safer walking and cycle routes to neighbouring towns and villages. <p>Encourage developers and Councils to provide safe routes to school for children.</p> | | | |
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7.2. Dunlop

Dunlop is a small village which had grown around an older centre, located along Main Street from the junction with A735 to Dunlop Kirk. This street is characterised by tightly positioned older cottages which form a narrow winding street down to the church. The development has spread out from this (almost) crossroads junction to create a small, nucleated settlement. To the north-west there is a rectilinear pattern to the housing, and in the east the layout comprises of a less dense series of cul-de-sacs.

Dunlop Hill is the most pronounced hill feature on the southwest edge of the town, but overall this landscape is generally undulating, merging into incised stream valleys at Black Burn, Gills Burn and Glazett Burn. The Glazett Burn is a smaller valley feature with mature woodland in places, running into the town from the northeast and forming a boundary at the southwestern edge of the settlement.

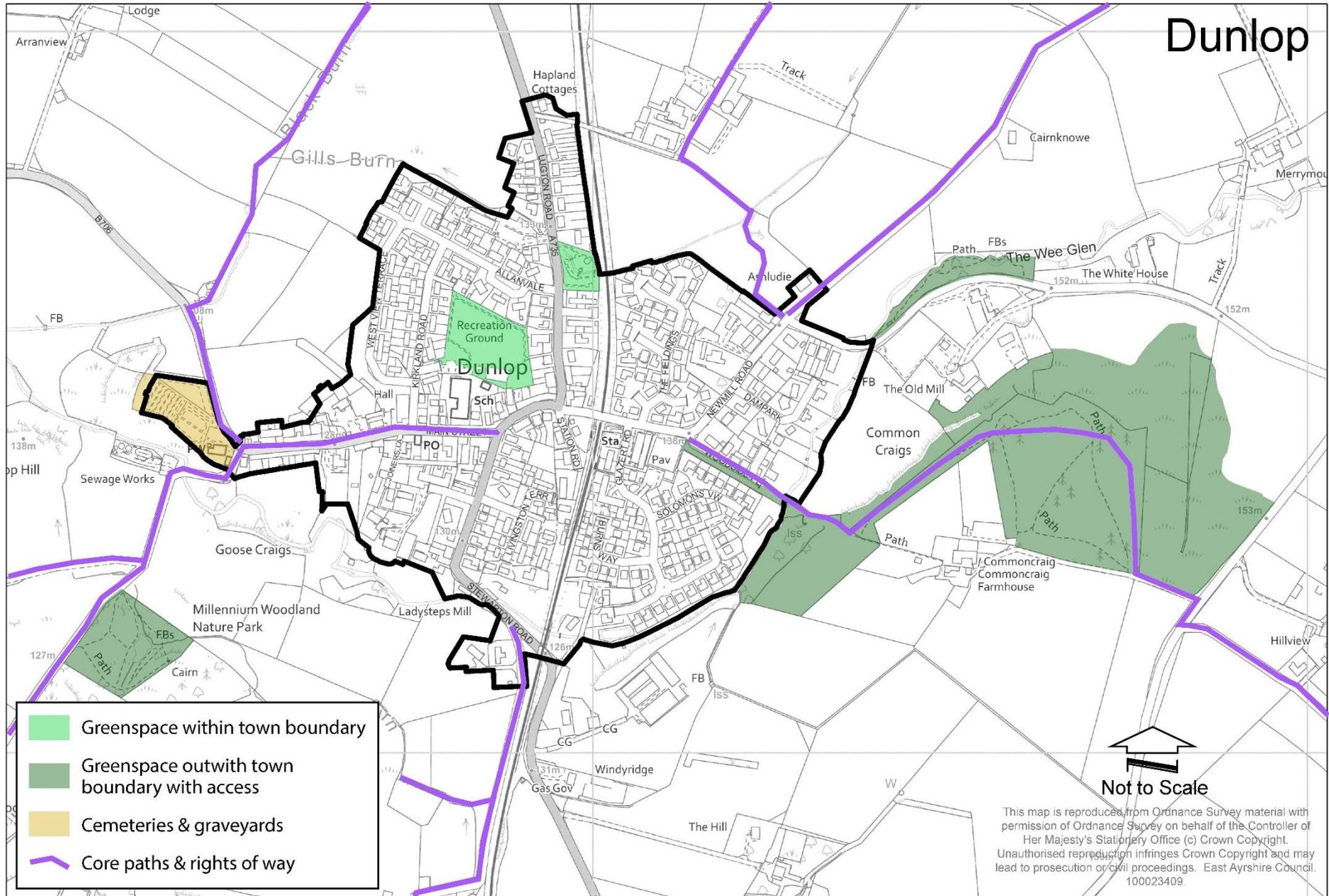
There are several informal paths and rights of way leading out of settlement to peripheral open spaces. The largest areas of open space

outwith the settlement are in the form of Semi-Natural Green Space and Green Corridors located at Millennium Wood on the southwest and Glazett Burn to northeast. Further east is the local estate landscape of Dunlop House which is a private estate.



Image: Lugton Road, Dunlop (Source: GoogleMaps Street View)

Dunlop



7.2.1. Green Spaces Assessment Table

| Site Name | Size (ha) | Accessible and Well-Connected Place | Attractive and Appealing Place | Biodiversity, Supporting Nature Networks | Active, Supporting Health and Wellbeing | Community Supported | Total Score | % Score | Quality Category |
|------------------|-----------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|---|---------------------|-------------|---------|------------------|
| Recreation Park | 1.2 | 29 | 30 | 18 | 29 | 33 | 139 | 75 | 1.2 |
| Millennium Wood | 1.5 | 10 | 21 | 27 | 6 | 20 | 84 | 56 | 1.5 |
| Wee Glen | 0.6 | 9 | 14 | 21 | 10 | 12 | 66 | 47 | 0.6 |
| Commoncraigs | 12.9 | 13 | 11 | 27 | 10 | 12 | 73 | 54 | 12.9 |
| Dunlop Garden | 0.3 | 18 | 20 | 20 | 12 | 31 | 101 | 61 | 0.3 |
| Dunlop Graveyard | 1.0 | 14 | 17 | 9 | 0 | 16 | 56 | 70 | 1 |

7.2.2. Summary Table

| Total Area of Greenspace | Recommended Area | Quality Greenspace (only spaces that score 50% or above are included in the quality assessment) | Surplus (+) or Deficit (-) | % of total greenspace which is below the 50 % quality score based on the open space audit | Area of greenspace, which has a quality score between 50% - 80% based on the open space audit | Area of greenspace, which has a quality score of over 80% based on the open space audit | Accessibility Meets 250m accessibility standard (Y/N) |
|--------------------------|------------------|---|----------------------------|---|---|---|---|
| 17.5 | 6.0 | 16.9 | (+) | 0.6 | 16.9 | 0 | Yes |

7.2.3. Green Infrastructure Action Plan

| Action | Greening Action Plans -Dunlop | Short Term (15 years) | Medium Term (5 – 10 years) | Long Term (10+ years) |
|--------|---|--------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 | Greenspace quality <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop an improvement plan for all spaces that fall below the 50% quality threshold. | X | | |

7.2.4. Community Actions

| Action | Community aspirations and actions - Dunlop | Short Term (15 years) | Medium Term (5 – 10 years) | Long Term (10+ years) |
|--------|---|--------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 | Develop and improve Pedestrian and Cycle Paths: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider and review links to other Pedestrian and Cycle Networks. Upgrade network at Commoncraig. | X | | |

7.3. Lugton

Lugton is a small hamlet and sits at a road junction where four different roads meet. It consists of two rows of housing, the first along Lochlibo Road/A736 and the second set back from the main road behind the park. There is a central space in Lugton which contains a play park and is used as a buffer to separate the main road from the residential properties.

Lugton is set in a lowland hill landscape which consists of areas characterised by gently rounded landform of predominantly pasture and grazing land, divided by low hedgerows with post and wire fencing and few trees. A noticeable characteristic is the occurrence of 'hilltop farmsteads' that are often traditional stone built or whitewashed farmhouses and associated buildings, often with some woodland shelter, located on the crest of hilltop and overlooking the surrounding and lower farmland. Stream valleys coincide with the local burns and rivers in the area, and individual local landscape types have been identified through reference to the particular river or burn. Generally however, these areas are characterised by low-lying meandering valleys and gulleys. The land

cover is often heavily grazed grassland with rougher grass and scrub on the steep slopes that provide small scale and intimate spaces of limited interest.



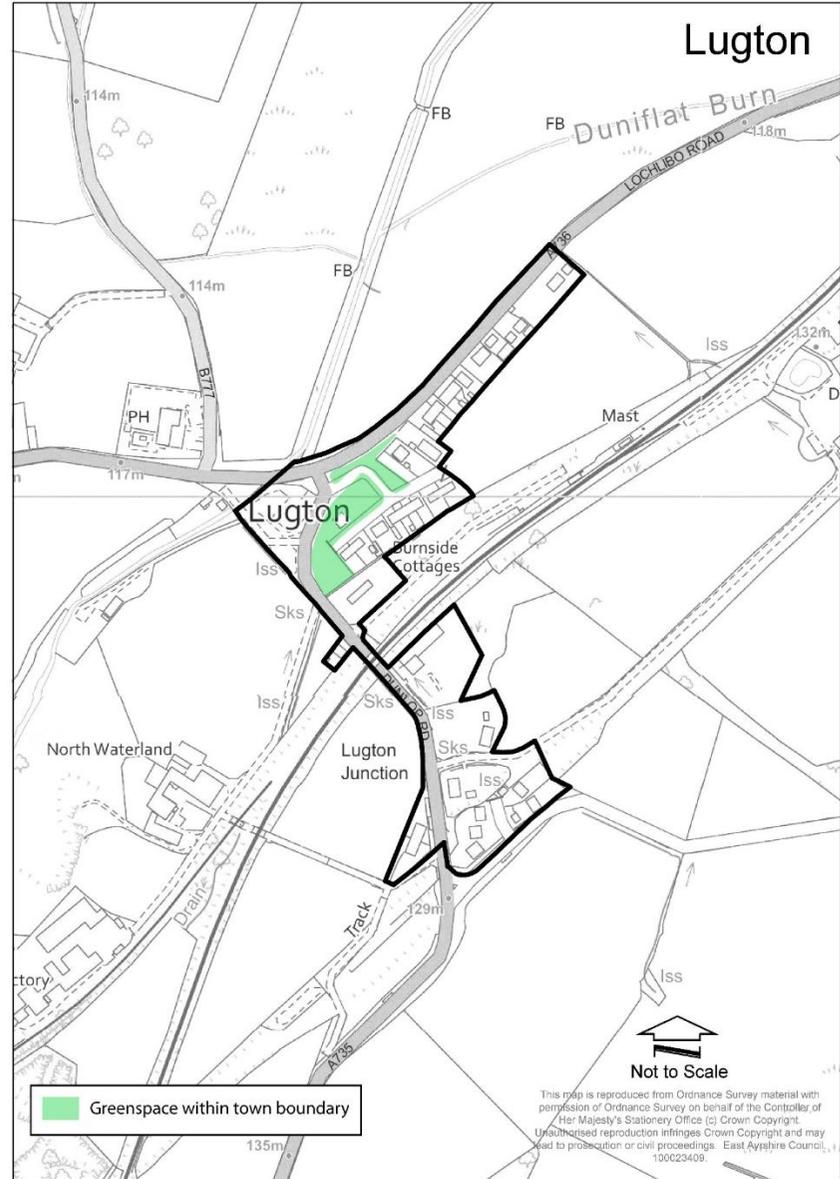
Image: Burnside Cottages, Lugton (GoogleMaps Street View)



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Image: Burnside Cottages, Lugton (GoogleMaps Street View)



7.3.1. Green Spaces Assessment Table

| Site Name | Size (ha) | Accessible and Well-Connected Place | Attractive and Appealing Place | Biodiversity, Supporting Nature Networks | Active, Supporting Health and Wellbeing | Community Supported | Total Score | % Score | Quality Category |
|-------------------|-----------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|---|---------------------|-------------|---------|------------------|
| Burnside Cottages | 0.4 | 10 | 21 | 0 | 15 | 20 | 66 | 47 | 0.4 |

7.3.2. Summary Table

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|--------------------------|------------------|---|----------------------------|---|---|---|---|
| 0.4 | 0.4 | 0 | (-) | 0.4 | 0 | 0 | Yes |

7.3.3. Green Infrastructure Action Plan

| Action | Greening Action Plans - Lugton | Short Term (15 years) | Medium Term (5 – 10 years) | Long Term (10+ years) |
|--------|---|--------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 | Greenspace quality <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop an improvement plan for all spaces that fall below the 50% quality threshold. | X | | |

7.3.4. Community Actions

| Action | Community aspirations and actions - Lugton | Short Term (15 years) | Medium Term (5 – 10 years) | Long Term (10+ years) |
|--------|--|--------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 | Develop and improve Pedestrian and Cycle Paths: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider and review links to other Pedestrian and Cycle Networks. Upgrade network at Commoncraig. Propose better and safer walking and cycle routes to neighbouring towns and villages. | X | | |

7.4. Kilmaurs

Kilmaurs has developed along Kilmarnock Road (A735) and the settlement has then grown westward from John's Cross along the Irvine Road. Today there are a few housing estates of different styles in the north and west of the settlement and the town centre sits almost in the eastern edge of the settlement.

Overall the village of Kilmaurs is reasonably attractive and contains a number of landmark buildings, historical urban spaces and higher quality areas of local landscape character, particularly in the south and east. Kilmaurs village is set primarily within rolling lowlands with higher ground located to the north and east. Rolling pasture fields bounded by hedgerows, some post and wire fencing, and occasional mature trees, predominate along the urban edge with most properties bounded by hedgerows, occasional trees, and low-level vegetation. The Carmel Water stream valley runs through the settlement.

Not all residential areas in Kilmaurs meet the required 250m accessibility threshold.

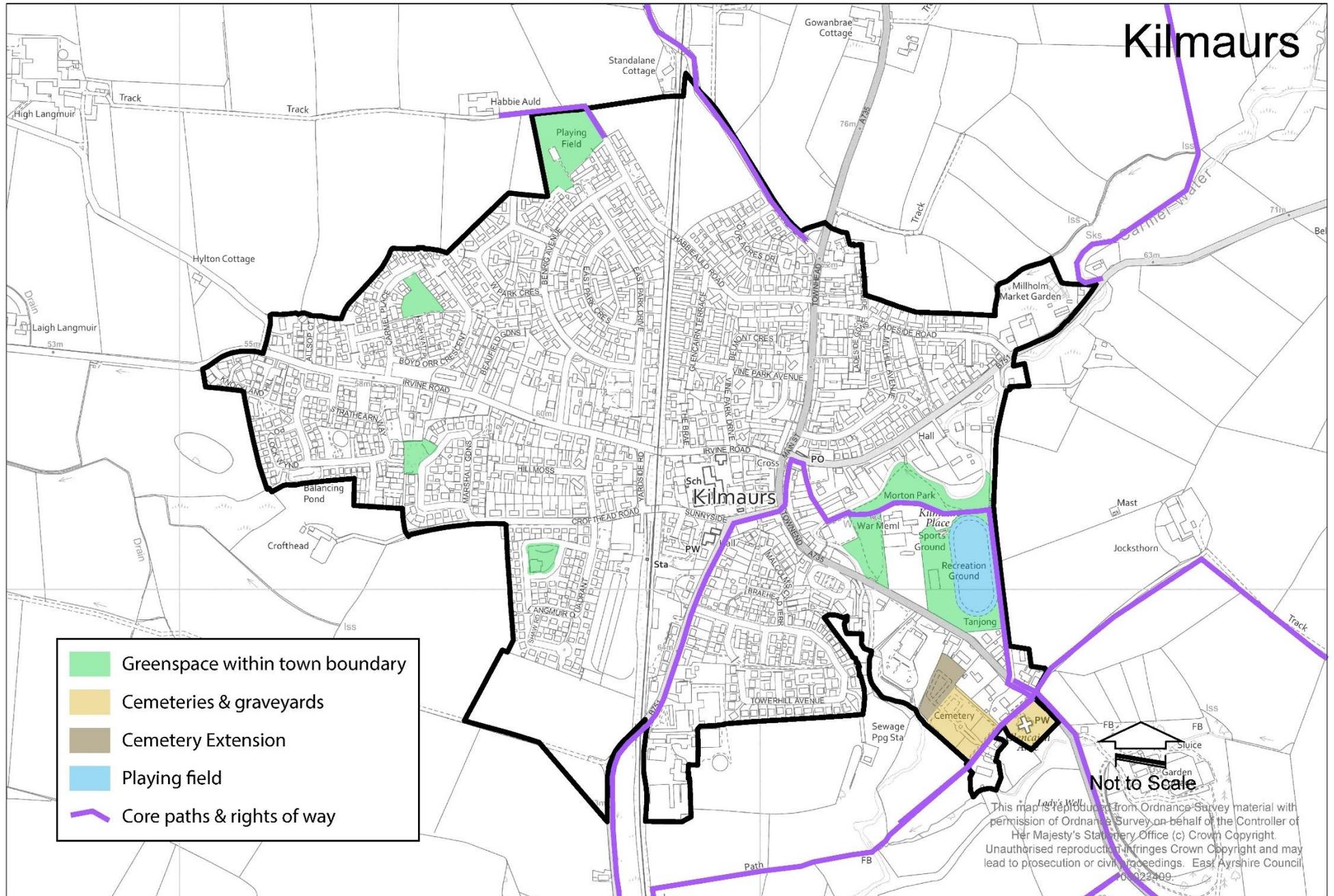


Image: Langmuir Quadrant, Kilmaurs



Image source: Kilmaurs Community Action Plan (2021-2026)

Kilmaurs



7.4.1. Green Spaces Assessment Table

| Site Name | Size (ha) | Accessible and Well-Connected Place | Attractive and Appealing Place | Biodiversity, Supporting Nature Networks | Active, Supporting Health and Wellbeing | Community Supported | Total Score | % Score | Quality Category |
|-------------------|-----------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|---|---------------------|-------------|---------|------------------|
| Morton Park | 2.6 | 23 | 28 | 23 | 15 | 25 | 114 | 63 | 2.6 |
| Standalane Park | 1.1 | 19 | 18 | 0 | 21 | 20 | 78 | 56 | 1.1 |
| Kilmaurs Cemetery | 1.3 | 16 | 24 | 12 | 6 | 22 | 80 | 62 | 1.3 |
| Graveyard | 0.4 | 16 | 24 | 12 | 6 | 24 | 82 | 63 | 0.4 |
| Habbieauld | 1.2 | 6 | 15 | 1 | 17 | 18 | 57 | 39 | 1.2 |
| Carmel Place | 0.3 | 6 | 10 | 5 | 5 | 17 | 43 | 30 | 0.3 |
| Langmuir Quadrant | 0.3 | 6 | 10 | 5 | 5 | 17 | 43 | 30 | 0.3 |
| Marshall Gardens | 0.2 | 6 | 10 | 5 | 5 | 17 | 43 | 30 | 0.2 |

7.4.2. Summary Table

| Total Area of Greenspace | Recommended Area | Quality Greenspace (only spaces that score 50% or above are included in the quality assessment) | Surplus (+) or Deficit (-) | % of total greenspace which is below the 50 % quality score based on the open space audit | Area of greenspace, which has a quality score between 50% - 80% based on the open space audit | Area of greenspace, which has a quality score of over 80% based on the open space audit | Accessibility Meets 250m standard (Y/N) |
|--------------------------|------------------|---|----------------------------|---|---|---|---|
| 7.4 | 13.8 | 5.4 | (-) | 2.0 | 5.4 | 0 | No |

7.4.3. Green Infrastructure Action Plan

| Action | Greening Action Plans - Kilmaurs | Short Term (15 years) | Medium Term (5 – 10 years) | Long Term (10+ years) |
|--------|---|--------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 | Improve parks and open spaces <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improve the paths at Morton Park to allow better access for prams and buggies. | | X | |
| 2 | Better Football Pitch <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tackle drainage issues. | | X | |
| 3 | Greenspace quality <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop an improvement plan for all spaces that fall below the 50% quality threshold. | X | | |

7.4.4. Community Actions

| Action | Community aspirations and actions - Kilmaurs Source: Kilmaurs Community Action Plan (2021-2026) | Short Term (15 years) | Medium Term (5 – 10 years) | Long Term (10+ years) |
|--------|--|--------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. | Tackle dog dirt problem <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More signage for picking up dog dirt. • Enforcement with dog owners. • Install poo boxes / stations on Kilmaurs Trail. • More bins and bags available at high impact areas. | X | | |
| 2. | Improve parks and open spaces <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open a café / Snackshack in Morton Park. • Install toilets at Morton Park. | | X | |
| 3. | Tackle litter problem <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More bins available at high impact areas. Enforcement and fines in place; residents' 'clean my space' campaign. | X | | |
| 4. | More trees / flowers / plants <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hanging baskets on Main Street. Have gardening competition to encourage regular maintenance. | X | | |
| 5. | Cycle/Walk Routes Established <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formalise safe link to existing cycle track. • Install and host a bike bank for people to hire and use. • Support Active Travel group plans for safe walking and cycling route across Annick, incorporating Kilmaurs. • Work with local groups and services to clean up and litter pick targeted areas around the village, including: paths to dam and viaduct, route under rail bridge, and main roads. • Install and host a bike bank for people to hire and use. | | X | |
| 6. | Better football pitch <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase grass cutting for playing football. | | X | |
| 7 | More sports facilities (gym, pool, outdoor) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research and offer a space for young adults to carry out activities. | | X | |

7.5. Fenwick and Laigh Fenwick

The local landscape character around the village of Fenwick is predominantly undulating pasture and grassland. The Fenwick Water stream runs through Fenwick and Leigh Fenwick from north to southwest. The river valley provides an important focal point opportunity and source of local identity and amenity value within the settlement boundary, although the village form has historically built up to focus on the route of the former A77. Views from Fenwick Hill (145m AOD) to the west of the village are extensive, with views over Kilmarnock and further towards the coastline. The areas of high ground to the northeast and northwest provide containment of the Fenwick village, which is substantially reinforced by the route of the A77 / M77 transport corridor.

Fenwick is set back from the M77 with much of the built environment taking place along the B7061 in a linear fashion. Development at Fenwick has expanded initially to the east of the village, although two estates of private housing, dating from the 1970's and 80s, are located to the north

and south of the village, with the southernmost one crossing the Fenwick Water. A ribbon of larger private housing development has also extended along a minor road connecting into Laigh Fenwick.



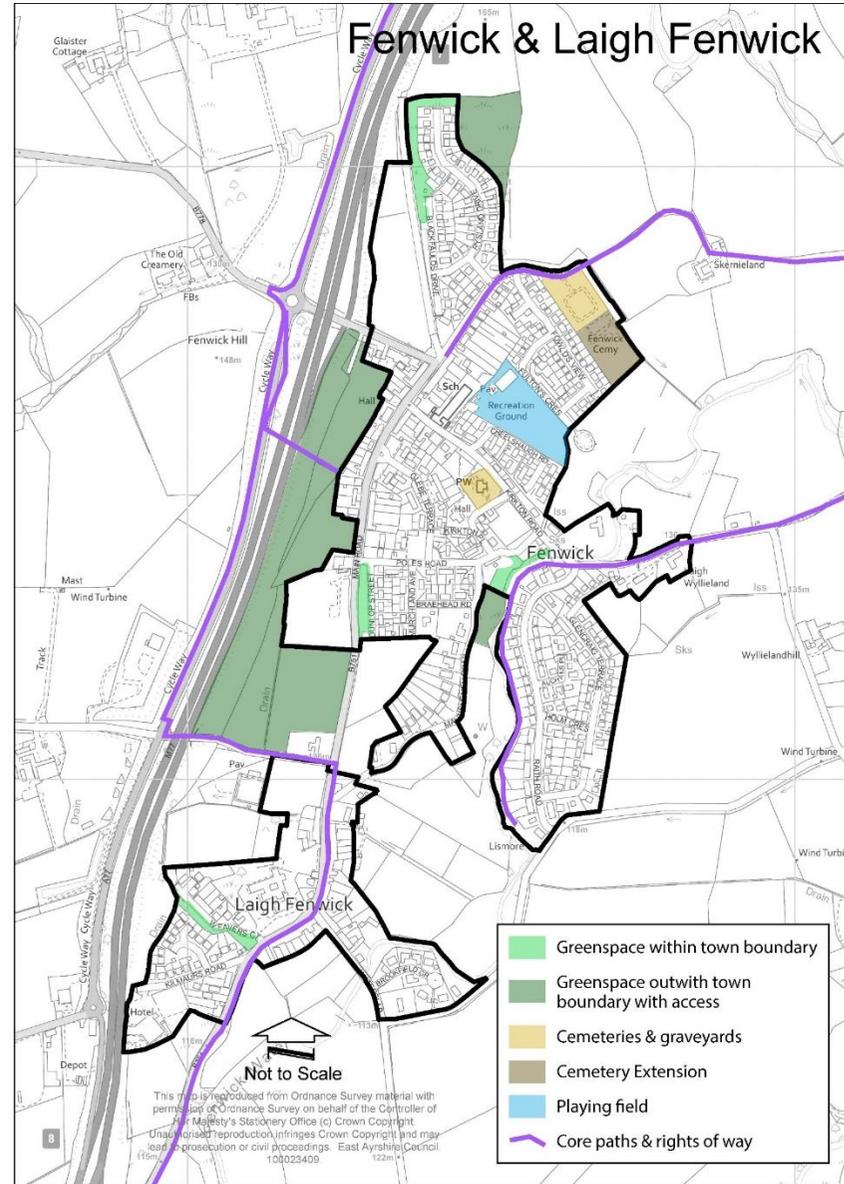
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Image: Blackfaulds Drive, Fenwick (GoogleMaps Street View)



Image: Recreational Ground, Fenwick (GoogleMaps Streetview)



7.5.1. Green Spaces Assessment Table

| Site Name | Size (ha) | Accessible and Well-Connected Place | Attractive and Appealing Place | Biodiversity, Supporting Nature Networks | Active, Supporting Health and Wellbeing | Community Supported | Total Score | % Score | Quality Category |
|--------------------|-----------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|---|---------------------|-------------|---------|------------------|
| Ryeland Drive | 1.7 | 18 | 13 | 11 | 2 | 15 | 59 | 41 | 1.7 |
| King George V Park | 1.3 | 16 | 23 | 6 | 23 | 26 | 94 | 63 | 1.3 |
| Fenwick Graveyard | 0.3 | 23 | 31 | 7 | 4 | 23 | 88 | 65 | 0.3 |
| Dunlop Street | 0.3 | 18 | 13 | 11 | 2 | 15 | 59 | 41 | 0.3 |
| Fenwick Cemetery | 0.5 | 17 | 28 | 9 | 9 | 25 | 88 | 61 | 0.5 |
| Bowling Green Road | 7.9 | 18 | 13 | 11 | 2 | 15 | 59 | 41 | 7.9 |
| Weavers Court | 0.2 | 18 | 13 | 11 | 2 | 15 | 59 | 41 | 0.2 |
| Kirkton Road | 0.4 | 18 | 13 | 11 | 2 | 15 | 59 | 41 | 0.4 |

7.5.2. Summary Table

| Total Area of Greenspace | Recommended Area | Quality Greenspace (only spaces that score 50% or above are included in the quality assessment) | Surplus (+) or Deficit (-) | % of total greenspace which is below the 50 % quality score based on the open space audit | Area of greenspace, which has a quality score between 50% - 80% based on the open space audit | Area of greenspace, which has a quality score of over 80% based on the open space audit | Accessibility Meets 250m accessibility standard (Y/N) |
|--------------------------|------------------|---|----------------------------|---|---|---|---|
| 12.6 | 5.1 | 1.6 | (-) | 11.0 | 1.6 | 0 | Yes |

7.5.3. Green Infrastructure Action Plan

| Action | Greening Action Plans – New Cumnock Source: New Cumnock Community Action Plan | Short Term (15 years) | Medium Term (5 – 10 years) | Long Term (10+ years) |
|--------|---|--------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 | Greenspace quality <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop an improvement plan for all spaces that fall below the 50% quality threshold. | X | | |

7.5.4. Community Actions

| Action | Community aspirations and actions - Fenwick and Laigh Fenwick Source: Fenwick Community Action Plan (2020-2025) | Short Term (15 years) | Medium Term (5 – 10 years) | Long Term (10+ years) |
|--------|---|--------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 | Alleviate environmental, noise and pollution issues <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plant more trees. | X | | |
| 2 | Identify and utilise space within the village for the community <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Designated area for dogs, with bins to reduce dog fouling and to allow free running. Explore how the land below the King George V, “the meadow”, can be utilised for community use to provide a natural environment for walking, relaxing and wildlife. Create a community garden beside cemetery. | | X | |
| 3 | Improved safe walking and cycling paths with better signage <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Create a pathway from Fulton’s Crescent to Kirkton Road, through the King George V playing field. | | X | |
| 4 | Reduce litter through education, enforcement and increasing number of bins <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explore the use of funnel bins. Anti-littering campaigning and signage. | X | | |

7.6. Moscow and Waterside

Moscow and Waterside do not currently have access to any open spaces that meet the required 0.2 hectares and have not been included in this audit. However, it will be important to identify key priorities for developing the green infrastructure through the community action plan process.

7.7. Kilmarnock

Kilmarnock is the largest town within East Ayrshire, with a population of approximately 44,000. The town is located within the Ayrshire Lowlands regional landscape character on the confluence of the Kilmarnock Water (where Fenwick Water and Craufurdland Water combine) and the River Irvine, nearly 19km northeast of Ayr. Kilmarnock is strategically located at the junction of the A77 (M77 extension), A76, and A71, and has direct rail links with Glasgow and the west coast main line.

The town is thought to have been established in the 7th century by an Irish missionary (St Ernan) and Kilmarnock developed in medieval times around the Leigh Kirk. The largest greenspace in the town is Dean Castle Country Park. Dean Castle was built c.1300 by the Earls of Kilmarnock, and the town gained burgh status in 1591. The town continued to expand and by the mid-18th century was regarded as the leading centre of Scottish woollens. Coal mining, iron founding, engineering, malting and the manufacture of carpets later became important, and in 1820 John Walker established a licensed grocery whose company later adopted the whisky brand name Johnnie Walker in 1907. Places of interest include the Kay Park with its monument to Robert Burns (1879), the Howard Park, the Dick Institute and Dean Castle Country Park.

The town centre includes three central Conservation Areas, two of which are of Outstanding status. The urban form of Kilmarnock is elongated and formed from a central or nucleated core (now the main retail area with a number of churches and Victorian / Edwardian stone buildings, parks, cemeteries and the Burns Monument). Expansion of the settlement to the east has been kept in check by the A77.



Image source: Shortlees Community Action Plan (2015-2020)



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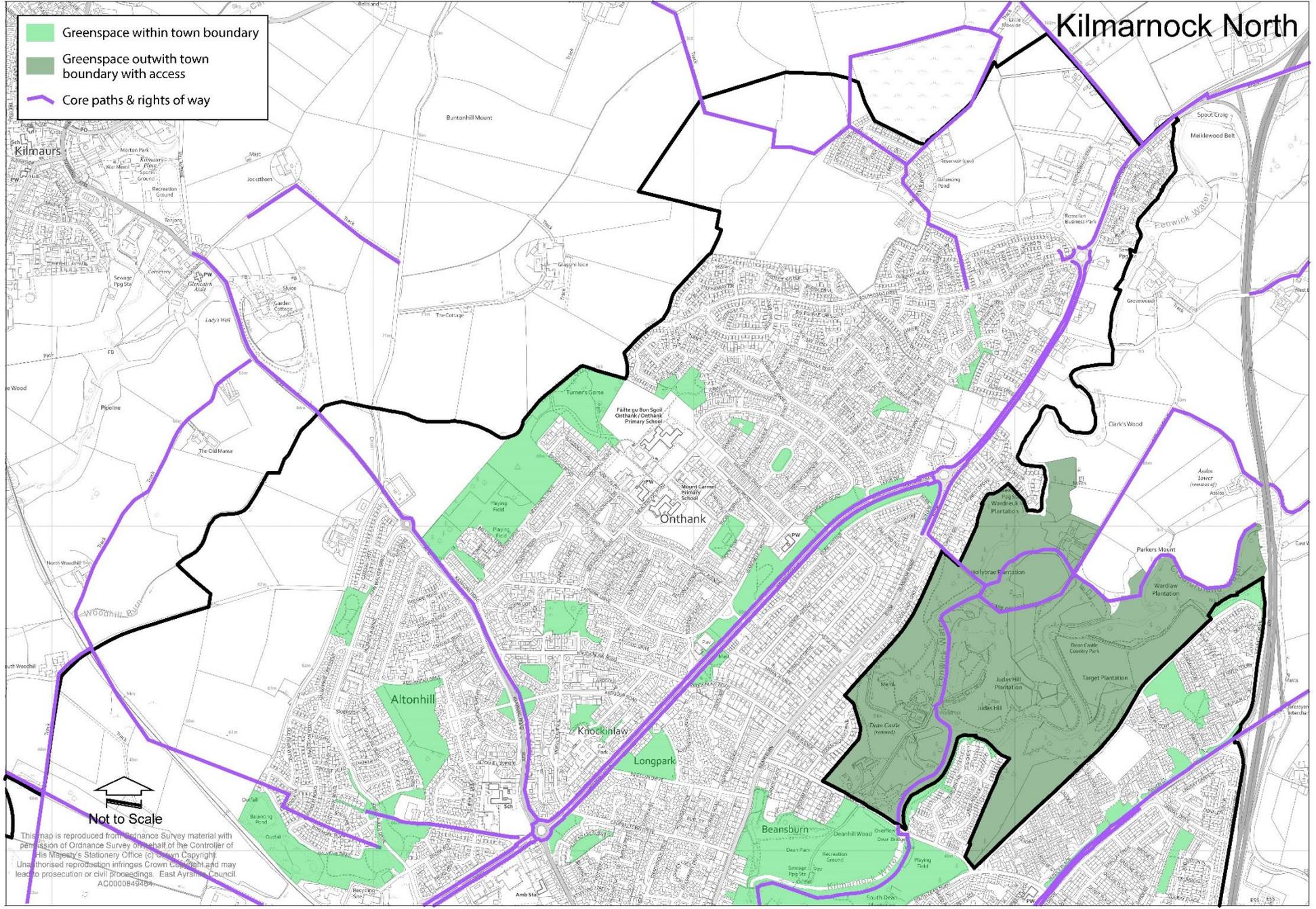
Image: Wallace Avenue, Southcraigs (Kilmarnock)



Image: Porting Cross Place (Kilmarnock)

Kilmarnock North

-  Greenspace within town boundary
-  Greenspace outwith town boundary with access
-  Core paths & rights of way

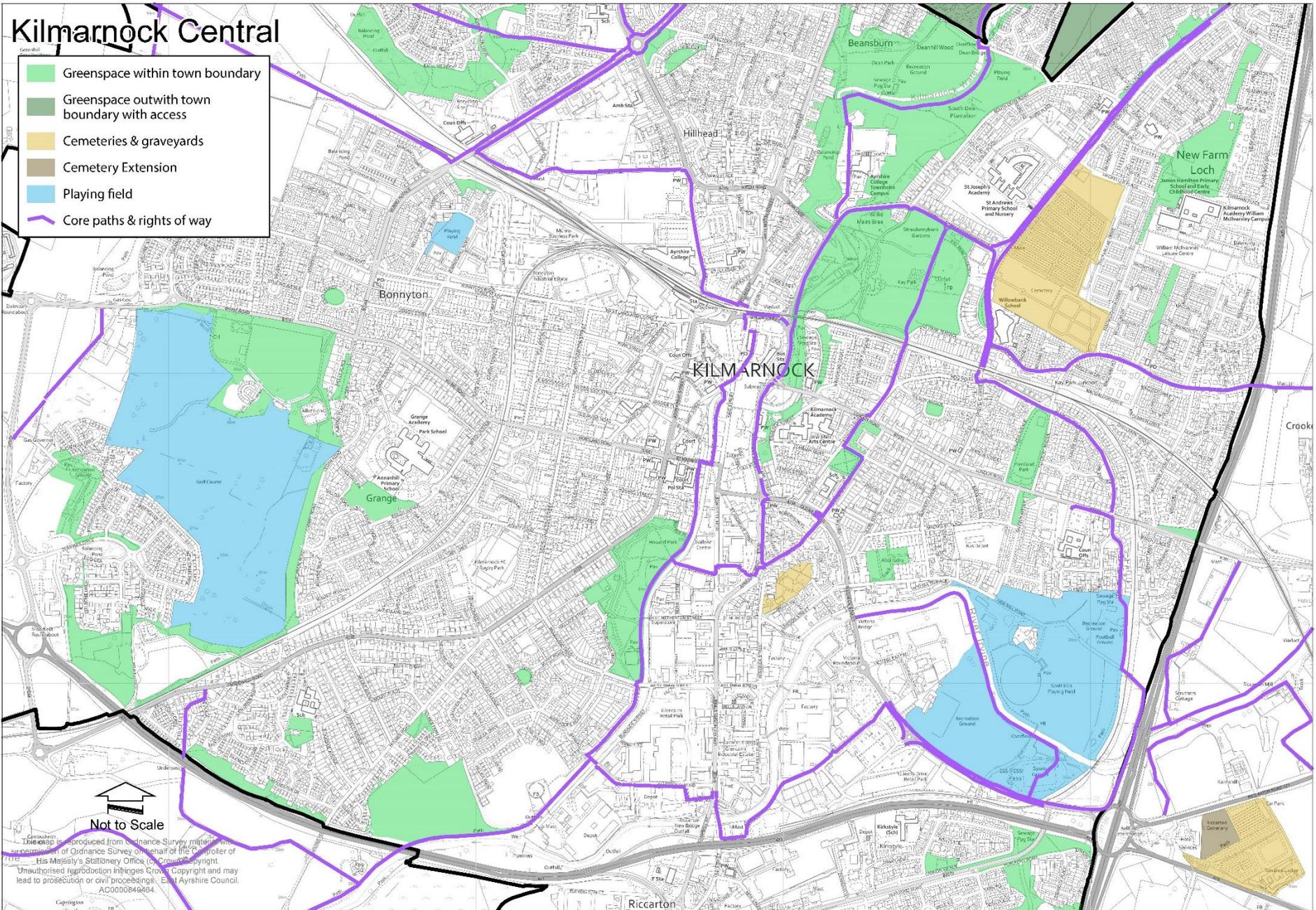


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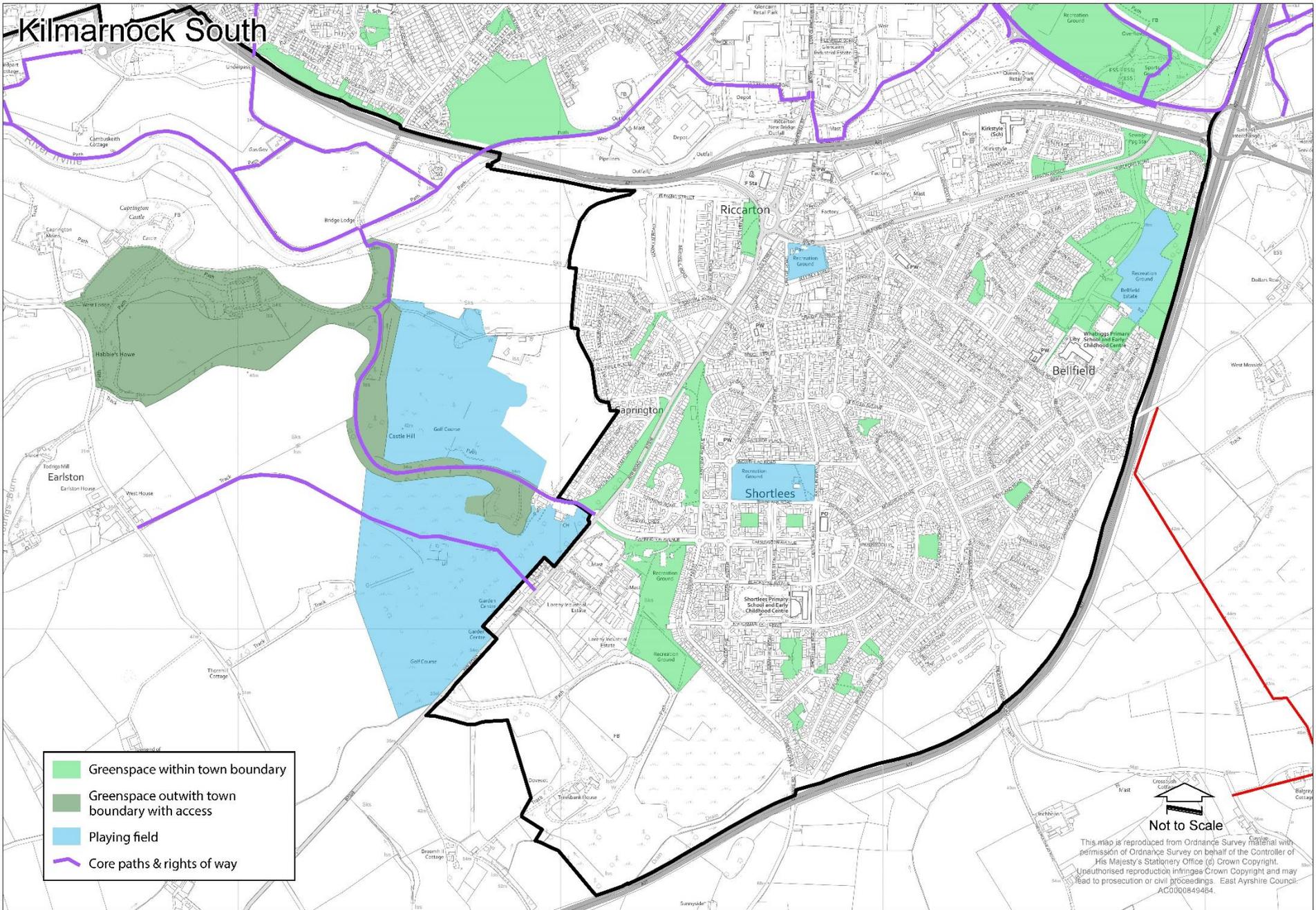
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Kilmarnock Central

- Greenspace within town boundary
- Greenspace outwith town boundary with access
- Cemeteries & graveyards
- Cemetery Extension
- Playing field
- Core paths & rights of way



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7.7.1. Green Spaces Assessment Table

| Site Name | Size (ha) | Accessible and Well-Connected Place | Attractive and Appealing Place | Biodiversity, Supporting Nature Networks | Active, Supporting Health and Wellbeing | Community Supported | Total Score | % Score | Quality Category |
|------------------------|-----------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|---|---------------------|-------------|---------|------------------|
| Hurlford Road | 0.4 | 18 | 13 | 11 | 2 | 15 | 59 | 41 | |
| Bellfield Pitches | 3.6 | 20 | 24 | 14 | 20 | 28 | 106 | 59 | |
| Bellfield estate | 9.0 | 22 | 21 | 21 | 19 | 27 | 110 | 58 | |
| Garnock Road | 0.4 | 18 | 13 | 11 | 2 | 15 | 59 | 41 | |
| Peatland Quadrant | 0.4 | 18 | 13 | 11 | 2 | 15 | 59 | 41 | |
| Lammermuir Road | 0.4 | 18 | 13 | 11 | 2 | 15 | 59 | 41 | |
| Turnberry Drive | 0.2 | 18 | 13 | 11 | 2 | 15 | 59 | 41 | |
| Knowehead Road | 3.0 | 22 | 16 | 13 | 13 | 22 | 86 | 48 | |
| Lainshaw Road | 3.2 | 21 | 15 | 13 | 13 | 21 | 83 | 46 | |
| Staffer Drive | 1.4 | 18 | 13 | 11 | 2 | 15 | 59 | 41 | |
| Caprington Golf Course | 48.5 | 17 | 28 | 21 | 18 | 26 | 110 | 58 | |
| Caprington Estate | 36.1 | 20 | 29 | 27 | 17 | 26 | 119 | 63 | |
| Recreation Ground | 5.2 | 20 | 29 | 27 | 17 | 26 | 119 | 63 | |
| Sunnyside Square East | 0.7 | 18 | 13 | 11 | 2 | 15 | 59 | 41 | |
| Langcraig Drive | 0.5 | 18 | 13 | 11 | 2 | 15 | 59 | 41 | |
| Balgray Avenue | 0.3 | 18 | 13 | 11 | 2 | 15 | 59 | 41 | |
| Balgray Avenue (B) | 0.2 | 18 | 13 | 11 | 2 | 15 | 59 | 41 | |
| Shortlees Road | 0.2 | 18 | 13 | 11 | 2 | 15 | 59 | 41 | |
| Earlston Avenue | 0.2 | 18 | 13 | 11 | 2 | 15 | 59 | 41 | |
| Caprington Avenue | 0.2 | 18 | 13 | 11 | 2 | 15 | 59 | 41 | |
| Ditton Drive | 0.3 | 18 | 13 | 11 | 2 | 15 | 59 | 41 | |
| Annanhill Golf Course | 42.0 | 22 | 30 | 26 | 20 | 29 | 127 | 67 | |
| Annanhill Park | 10.2 | 25 | 32 | 24 | 23 | 32 | 136 | 72 | |

| Site Name | Size (ha) | Accessible and Well-Connected Place | Attractive and Appealing Place | Biodiversity, Supporting Nature Networks | Active, Supporting Health and Wellbeing | Community Supported | Total Score | % Score | Quality Category |
|------------------------------|-----------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|---|---------------------|-------------|---------|------------------|
| Dunnotter Drive | 2.6 | 20 | 32 | 24 | 23 | 32 | 136 | 72 | Yellow |
| Dumfries Drive | 0.2 | 18 | 29 | 27 | 17 | 26 | 119 | 63 | Yellow |
| Old Rome Drive | 4.2 | 20 | 13 | 11 | 2 | 15 | 59 | 41 | Red |
| Mount House | 0.2 | 18 | 29 | 27 | 17 | 26 | 119 | 63 | Yellow |
| Mount House Road | 1.2 | 18 | 13 | 11 | 2 | 15 | 59 | 41 | Red |
| Laburnum Road | 1.8 | 18 | 13 | 11 | 2 | 15 | 59 | 41 | Red |
| Hazel Avenue | 1.5 | 18 | 13 | 11 | 2 | 15 | 59 | 41 | Red |
| South Gargieston Drive | 1.7 | 18 | 13 | 11 | 2 | 15 | 59 | 41 | Red |
| Gargieston | 0.7 | 16 | 13 | 11 | 2 | 15 | 59 | 41 | Red |
| Barbadoes Road | 8.1 | 15 | 14 | 14 | 3 | 21 | 68 | 45 | Red |
| Holmes Road | 0.4 | 18 | 12 | 19 | 5 | 12 | 63 | 37 | Red |
| Scott Crescent | 0.2 | 18 | 13 | 11 | 2 | 15 | 59 | 41 | Red |
| Howard Park | 7.8 | 28 | 13 | 11 | 2 | 15 | 59 | 41 | Red |
| St Andrew's Churchyard | 1.2 | 23 | 32 | 23 | 26 | 34 | 143 | 75 | Yellow |
| Lennox Crescent | 0.3 | 18 | 28 | 22 | 11 | 27 | 111 | 65 | Yellow |
| Alder Place | 0.4 | 18 | 13 | 11 | 2 | 15 | 59 | 41 | Red |
| Warwickhill Road | 1.2 | 18 | 13 | 11 | 2 | 15 | 59 | 41 | Red |
| Munro Place | 0.3 | 18 | 13 | 11 | 2 | 15 | 59 | 41 | Red |
| Riccarton Cemetery | 7.5 | 19 | 13 | 11 | 2 | 15 | 59 | 41 | Red |
| Queens Drive and Scott Ellis | 31.2 | 23 | 23 | 8 | 14 | 25 | 89 | 56 | Yellow |

| Site Name | Size (ha) | Accessible and Well-Connected Place | Attractive and Appealing Place | Biodiversity, Supporting Nature Networks | Active, Supporting Health and Wellbeing | Community Supported | Total Score | % Score | Quality Category |
|--------------------------|-----------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|---|---------------------|-------------|---------|------------------|
| New Mill Road | 1.2 | 18 | 13 | 11 | 2 | 15 | 59 | 41 | |
| Piersland Park | 1.9 | 24 | 28 | 17 | 20 | 31 | 120 | 63 | |
| Samson Avenue | 0.3 | 18 | 13 | 11 | 2 | 15 | 59 | 41 | |
| London Road | 0.3 | 18 | 13 | 11 | 2 | 15 | 59 | 41 | |
| Wilson Avenue | 0.2 | 18 | 13 | 11 | 2 | 15 | 59 | 41 | |
| Dick Road | 0.6 | 18 | 13 | 11 | 2 | 15 | 59 | 41 | |
| Dick Institute Gardens | 0.4 | 26 | 27 | 18 | 13 | 33 | 117 | 67 | |
| Braefoot | 0.7 | 12 | 5 | 17 | 2 | 14 | 50 | 36 | |
| Kay Park | 18.7 | 27 | 30 | 25 | 23 | 32 | 137 | 72 | |
| Braehead Court | 0.5 | 18 | 13 | 11 | 2 | 15 | 59 | 41 | |
| Grassyards Road | 0.2 | 18 | 13 | 11 | 2 | 15 | 59 | 41 | |
| Dean Park | 9.8 | 25 | 28 | 21 | 25 | 36 | 135 | 71 | |
| Townholm | 14.7 | 22 | 12 | 22 | 8 | 14 | 78 | 46 | |
| Western Road | 0.5 | 18 | 13 | 11 | 2 | 15 | 59 | 41 | |
| Hillhead Crescent | 0.5 | 18 | 13 | 11 | 2 | 15 | 59 | 41 | |
| Dean Castle Country Park | 80.1 | 30 | 32 | 29 | 28 | 37 | 156 | 82 | |
| Otterburn Place | 0.9 | 22 | 14 | 19 | 7 | 20 | 82 | 55 | |
| Kennedy Drive | 1.9 | 18 | 13 | 11 | 2 | 15 | 59 | 41 | |
| Grassyards Road | 1.6 | 18 | 13 | 11 | 2 | 15 | 59 | 41 | |
| Fraser Walk | 0.7 | 18 | 13 | 11 | 2 | 15 | 59 | 41 | |
| New Farm Loch | 5.0 | 23 | 20 | 13 | 14 | 25 | 95 | 56 | |
| Kilmarnock Cemetery | 14.3 | 22 | 26 | 18 | 12 | 26 | 104 | 61 | |
| McPherson Gardens | 0.8 | 18 | 13 | 11 | 2 | 15 | 59 | 41 | |

7.7.2. Summary Table

| Total Area of Greenspace | Recommended Area | Quality Greenspace (only spaces that score 50% or above are included in the quality assessment) | Surplus (+) or Deficit (-) | % of total greenspace which is below the 50 % quality score based on the open space audit | Area of greenspace, which has a quality score between 50% - 80% based on the open space audit | Area of greenspace, which has a quality score of over 80% based on the open space audit | Accessibility Meets 250m accessibility standard (Y/N) |
|--------------------------|------------------|---|----------------------------|---|---|---|---|
| 435.7 | 239.9 | 348.3 | (+) 108.4 | 86.3 | 268.2 | 80.1 | Yes |

7.7.3. Green Infrastructure Action Plan

| Action | Greening Action Plans – Kilmarnock | Short Term (15 years) | Medium Term (5 – 10 years) | Long Term (10+ years) |
|--------|---|-----------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 | Improve parks and open spaces <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop a management plan for Kay Park, Howard Park and Annanhill Park. Improve visitor facilities at Kay Park, Annanhill Park and Howard Park. | | X | |
| 2 | Improve playing fields <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deal with drainage issues within key playing fields. | | X | |
| 3 | Greenspace quality <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop an improvement plan for all spaces that fall below the 50% quality threshold. | X | | |

7.7.4. Community Actions

| Action | Community aspirations and actions – Kilmarnock Source(s): North West Kilmarnock Community Action Plan (2018-2023) Kilmarnock Town Centre Community Action Plan (2015-2020) Shortlees Community Action Plan (2015-2020) | Short Term (15 years) | Medium Term (5 – 10 years) | Long Term (10+ years) |
|---------------|--|--------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 | <p>Tackle dog dirt problem</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More signage for picking up dog dirt. • Enforcement with dog owners. • More bins and bags available at high impact areas. <p><u>North-west</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organise a community clean up to deal with dog mess, litter and fly tipping in the whole area. • Increase the number of bins throughout the area. • Improve the look of the area by increasing flower baskets and planting trees throughout the North West area. | X | | |
| 2 | <p>Upgrade parks, play areas and open spaces</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create a new park through the implementation of the Cultural Kilmarnock Project. <p><u>Shortlees</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More greenery – trees, plants, fruit and veg gardens in empty and unused land and waste ground. • Improvements made to local play areas and parks to upgrade existing provision and to explore the need for additional facilities at the ‘top end’ of the community. • Explore what improvements would be wanted and for what age groups. • Small feasibility study to design new equipment – and cost improvements. • Raise funds for new equipment. | | X | |

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|---|---|---|---|--|
| | <p><u>Town centre</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop more attractive open spaces. • Develop river walk that promotes a positive relationship with the river. • Develop the open spaces at Altonhill and Longpark to benefit the community. • Look at innovative ways of creating attractive open spaces e.g. decking at The Cross. • Create covered open spaces that can be used as performance space, pop up café, exhibition space, cook school. • Support the development of the YMCA community garden. • Promote artwork and floral displays throughout the town centre. <p><u>North-west</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop picnic areas and upgrade play parks. • Improve community entrances at Western Road and Kilmaurs Road e.g. more planters, hanging baskets and trees. • Upgrade the Community Gardens and the Mount. • Develop areas for residents and visitors to enjoy. • Develop the open spaces at Altonhill and Longpark to benefit the community. • | | | |
| 3 | <p>Tackle litter problem</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More bins available at high impact areas • Enforcement and fines in place; residents' 'clean my space' campaign. <p><u>North-west</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve the look of the area by increasing flower baskets and planting trees throughout the North West area. • Encourage residents to take pride in the gardens and communal areas. | X | | |
| 4 | Improve playing fields and football pitches | | X | |

| | | | | |
|---|---|--|---|--|
| | <p><u>Shortlees</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drain and improve football pitch at Burn Park – identify drainage and improvement solution and cost for needed improvements; raise funds for improvements. • Improve outdoor pitches at the Campus – look at how outdoor pitches can be maximized at the campus including improvements to lighting, reconfiguring the football pitch to cater for 11 a side, and improvements to surface (e.g. astroturf). • Carry out a feasibility for the creation of a Regional Sports Park at Scott Ellis and Queens Drive | | | |
| 5 | <p>Recreation, sports facilities and activities</p> <p><u>Shortlees</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improving existing facilities at the Campus and Burn Park as well as considering the need for a new Sports Centre. • Commission feasibility study for a dedicated sports centre for indoor and outdoor recreation (a review of sports provision in Shortlees) and implement findings of feasibility study. | | X | |

7.8. Crosshouse, Knockentiber and Gatehead

The small village of Knockentiber sits along the B751 with housing either side of the road. The recreation ground forms part of the townscape as the housing is laid out around this on three sides with the fourth open to the road. This housing mainly consists of two storey semi-detached council houses.

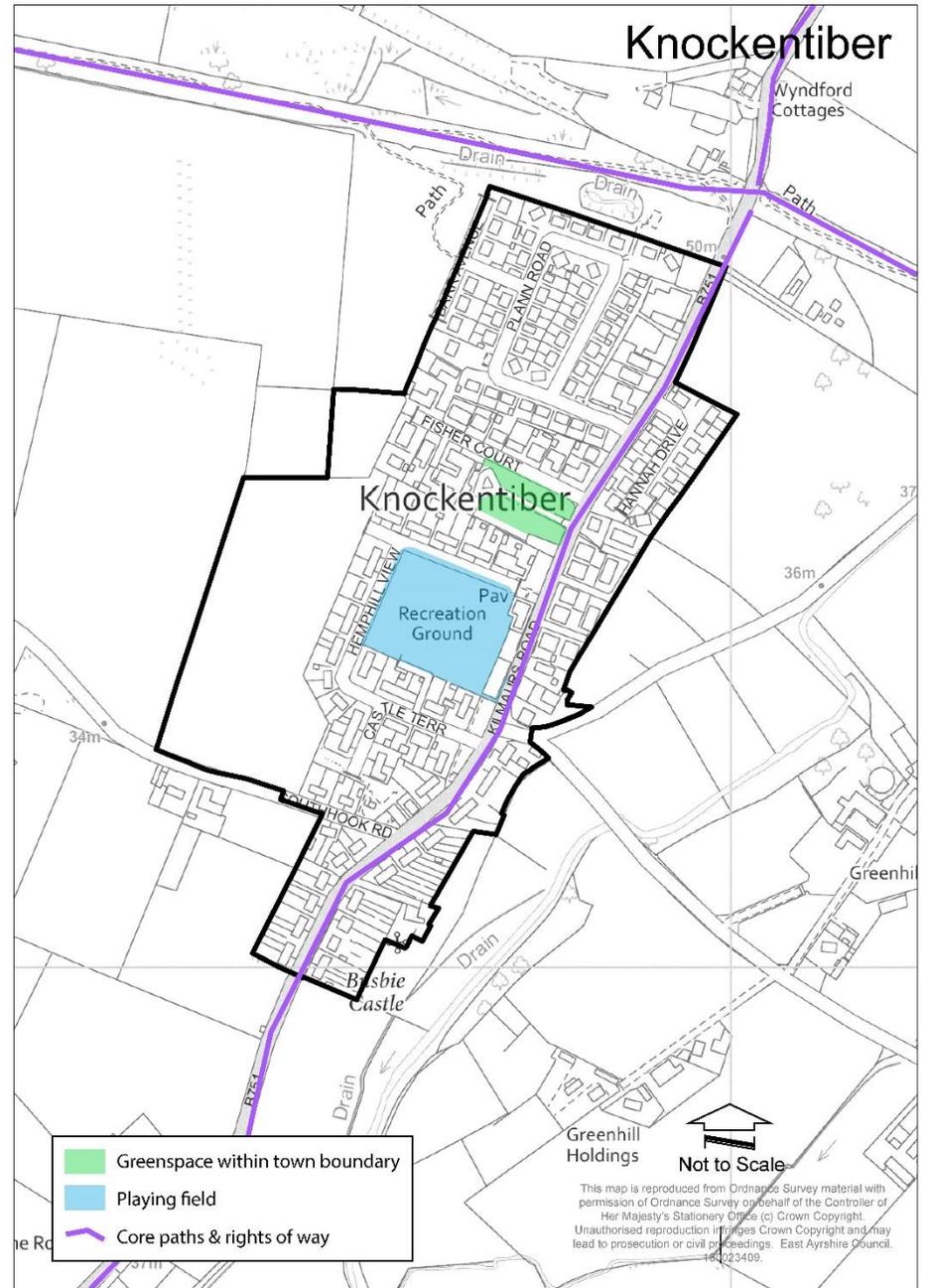
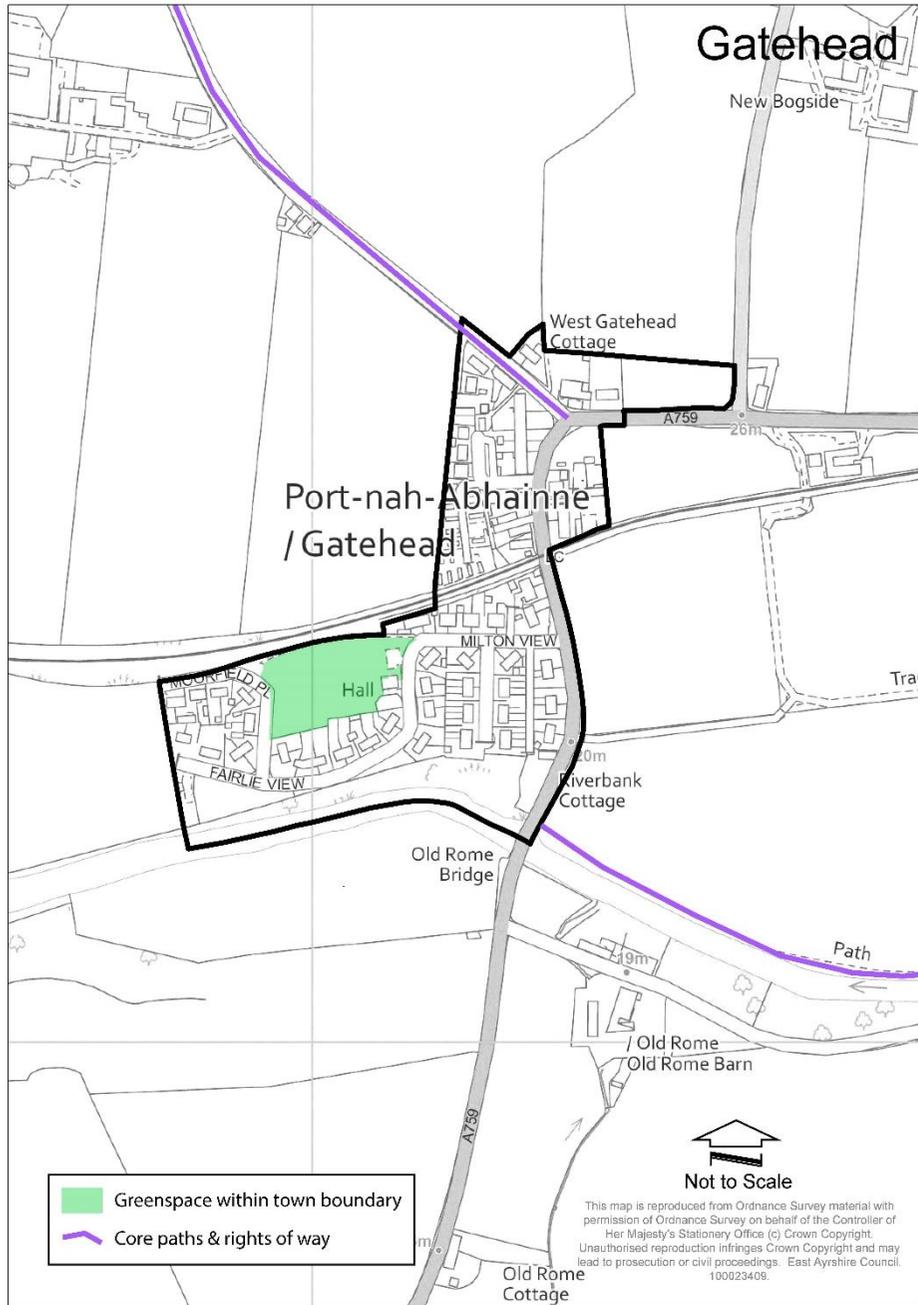
Knockentiber is predominantly set within low lying pasture and the village is enclosed to the north by the disused railway line and associated trees and woodland and to the west by Busbiehill. Longer views are available south and east across the Carmel Water towards Crosshouse Hospital and Kilmarnock beyond. The eastern edge of the village backs onto the Carmel Water, which is partly screened, by small areas of shelterbelt and scattered trees.

Crosshouse is developed along a perpendicular junction, with the town centre and older buildings located at the junction itself and along the east west running Kilmarnock Road. Much of the newer development has taken place south of this, extending out from the Gatehead Road to the east and west; this mostly consists of housing estates, with some two storey semi-detached council houses and bungalows. Crosshouse Hospital

to the east is a dominant feature of the local townscape; perched on a hill, it is visible from many of the roads to the south.

The local landscape character provides Crosshouse with a rural setting, particularly when viewed from the approach roads from the south and east. The Carmel Water flows through the village providing an attractive natural feature that contributes to the character and setting of the northern and western edges of the village, despite the urbanising influences of the hospital to the north and a pocket of industry to the southwest. High ground is located to the west and north-west of the village at Busbiehill – the views from the top of Busbiehill are extensive and the whole of Crosshouse and its setting are visible from this location.

Gatehead is a small village which sits to the south-west of Crosshouse. It is predominantly made up of a housing estate which is split by the railway line. It is surrounded by open fields and the River Irvine lies to the south of the village.



7.8.1. Green Spaces Assessment Table

| Site Name | Size (ha) | Accessible and Well-Connected Place | Attractive and Appealing Place | Biodiversity, Supporting Nature Networks | Active, Supporting Health and Wellbeing | Community Supported | Total Score | % Score | Quality Category |
|-----------------------------|-----------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|---|---------------------|-------------|---------|------------------|
| Crosshouse Football Pitches | 3.1 | 21 | 16 | 0 | 21 | 31 | 89 | 66 | Yellow |
| Annandale View | 1,2 | 10 | 21 | 0 | 15 | 20 | 66 | 47 | Red |
| Busbie View | 0.4 | 10 | 21 | 0 | 15 | 20 | 66 | 47 | Red |
| Craigie Place | 0.2 | 10 | 21 | 0 | 15 | 20 | 66 | 47 | Red |
| Knockentiber Playing Fields | 1.1 | 15 | 19 | 0 | 19 | 20 | 76 | 56 | Yellow |
| Knockentiber Play Park | 0.3 | 10 | 21 | 0 | 16 | 23 | 70 | 50 | Yellow |
| Moorfield Place | 0.9 | 10 | 21 | 0 | 15 | 20 | 66 | 47 | Red |

7.8.2. Summary Table

| Settlements | Total Area of Greenspace | Recommended Area | Quality Greenspace (only spaces that score 50% or above are included in the quality assessment) | Surplus (+) or Deficit (-) | % of total greenspace which is below the 50 % quality score based on the open space audit | Area of greenspace, which has a quality score between 50% -80% based on the open space audit | Area of greenspace, which has a quality score of over 80% based on the open space audit | Accessibility Meets 250m accessibility standard (Y/N) |
|--------------|--------------------------|------------------|---|----------------------------|---|--|---|---|
| Crosshouse | 3.7 | 14.0 | 3.1 | (-)10.9 | 0.6 | 3.1 | 0 | Yes |
| Knockentiber | 1.4 | 4.2 | 1.4 | (-)2.9 | 0 | 1.4 | 0 | Yes |
| Gatehead | 0.9 | 2.6 | 0 | (-)2.6 | 0.9 | 0 | 0 | Yes |

7.8.3. Green Infrastructure Action Plan

| Action | Greening Action Plans – Crosshouse, Knockentiber and Gatehead | Short Term (15 years) | Medium Term (5 – 10 years) | Long Term (10+ years) |
|--------|--|--------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 | Greenspace quality <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop an improvement plan for all spaces that fall below the 50% quality threshold. | X | | |
| 2 | Outdoor equipment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Better park for older children and young adults. Permanent outdoor gym equipment for all ages. New play park needed to suit all age groups. | X | | |

7.8.4. Community Actions

| Action | Community aspirations and actions – Crosshouse, Knockentiber and Gatehead Source: Gatehead Community Action Plan (2024-2029) | Short Term (15 years) | Medium Term (5 – 10 years) | Long Term (10+ years) |
|--------|--|--------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 | Tackle dog dirt problem <ul style="list-style-type: none"> More signage for picking up dog dirt. Enforcement with dog owners. More bins and bags available at high impact areas. | X | | |
| 2 | Tackle litter problem <ul style="list-style-type: none"> More bins available at high impact areas. Enforcement and fines in place. Residents' 'clean my space' campaign | X | | |
| 3 | Path network <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improve river, banking, walkway condition and develop cycle paths. | | | |
| 4 | Community garden <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plant small orchard of fruit trees in the community garden. | | | |

7.9. Hurlford and Crookedholm

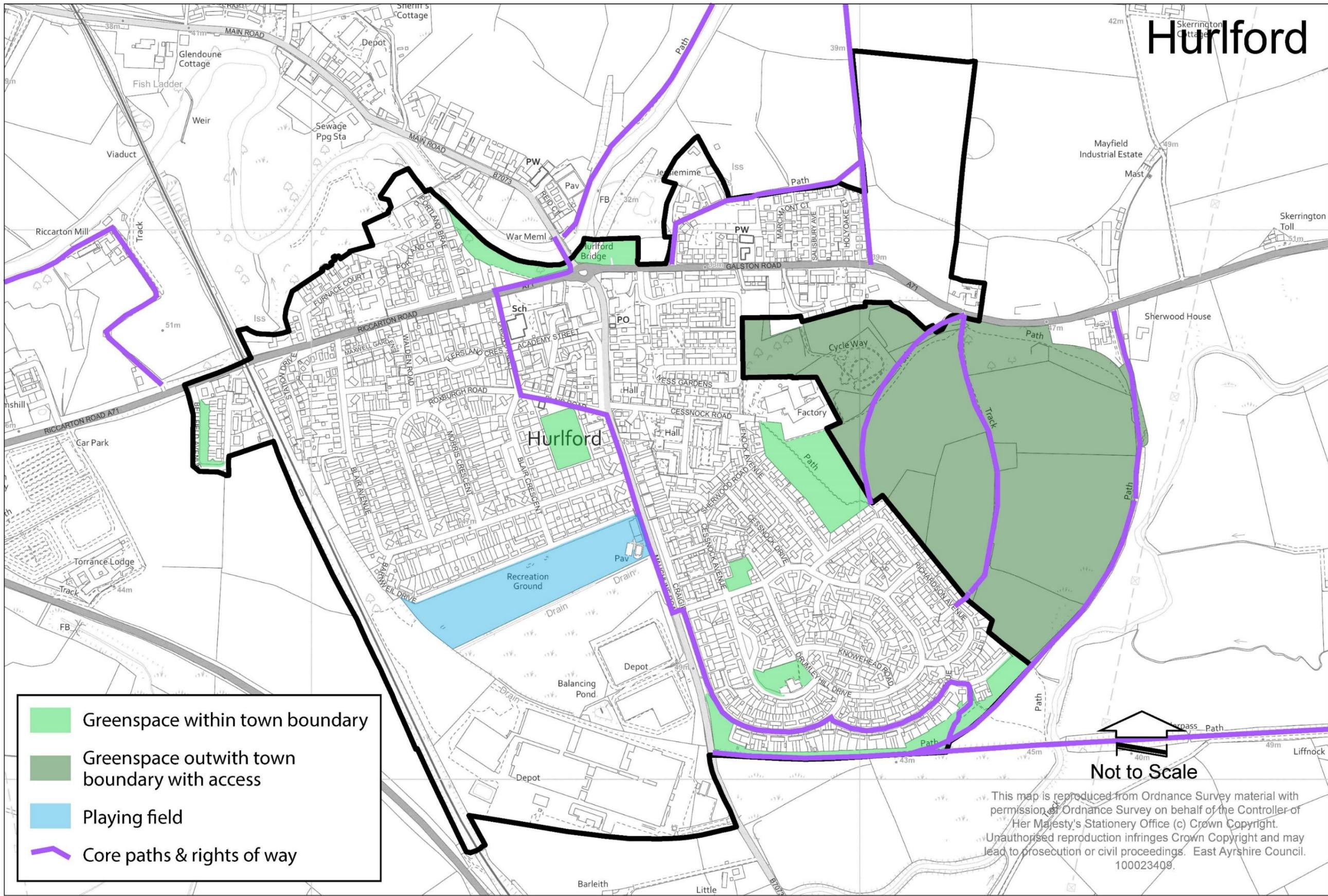
Areas of undulating pasture form a green buffer on the eastern edge of Hurlford up to the River Irvine and Cessnock Water as well as the southwestern edge adjacent to the railway line. The Cessnock Water, a tributary of the River Irvine, runs past the urban fringe and pastureland areas to the south and east of the town. Access into the centre of Hurlford from the A71 and A76 passes the locally medium-to-lower-quality landscape of East and North Hurlford. Vegetation and land cover in these areas is of a lower quality with broken hedgerows and scattered scrub/woodland vegetation. The eastern edge of Hurlford consists of undulating rough grassland and vacant land with some broken hedgerows along the urban edge.

This small settlement is clustered around the junction of the A71 and the B7073, with much of the housing south of the town centre at this junction along the B7073. The townscape mostly consists of two storey semi-detached council housing laid out in curvilinear patterns to the south and the west. Some newer developments of bungalows and detached housing has taken place along the A71 to the east.

The River Irvine runs through the southern edge of Crookedholm from the northeast and forms a natural divide between the village and the town of Hurlford. Access into the village along the B7073 from the A71 passes the edge of the river valley with areas of mature woodland; this area south of Crookedholm, between the A77 and the edge of Hurlford, has a medium to high landscape quality with remnants of estate woodland creating enclosed spaces and screening adjacent roads.

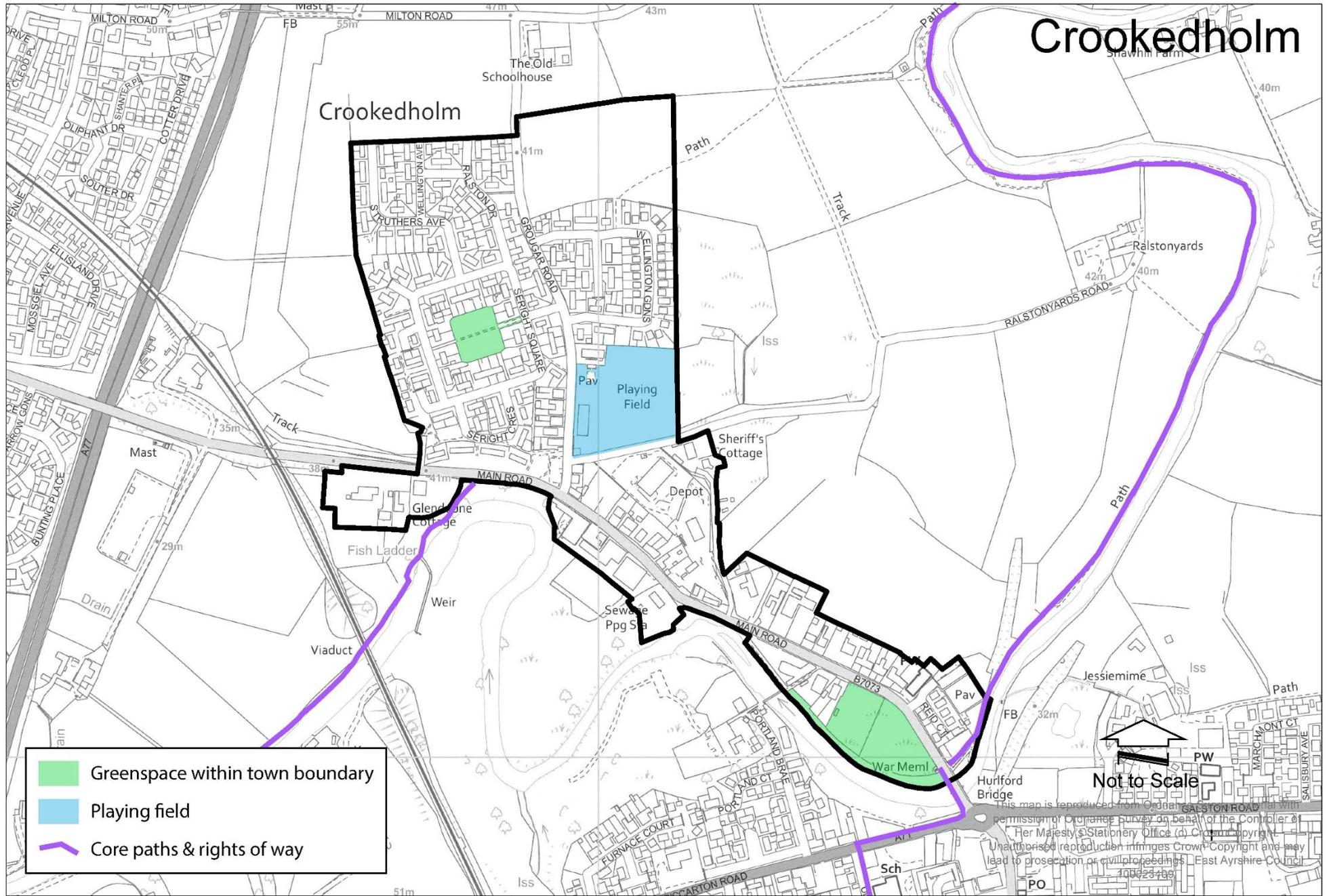
Crookedholm is a small settlement which has expanded from its more historic character along the B7073 road. The predominate pattern of the townscape is a series of 1960s two-storey semi-detached council housing, which is of a rectilinear nature, particularly forming around one central green space at Seright Square.

Hurlford



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7.9.1. Green Spaces Assessment Table

| Site Name | Size (ha) | Accessible and Well-Connected Place | Attractive and Appealing Place | Biodiversity, Supporting Nature Networks | Active, Supporting Health and Wellbeing | Community Supported | Total Score | % Score | Quality Category |
|-------------------|-----------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|---|---------------------|-------------|---------|------------------|
| Riccarton Road | 0.7 | 10 | 21 | 0 | 15 | 20 | 66 | 47 | |
| Galston Road | 0.5 | 10 | 21 | 0 | 15 | 20 | 66 | 47 | |
| Galston Road Park | 27.5 | 14 | 11 | 14 | 8 | 9 | 56 | 30 | |
| Amenity Space | 0.2 | 10 | 21 | 0 | 15 | 20 | 66 | 47 | |
| Richardson Park | 3.9 | 13 | 19 | 14 | 18 | 22 | 86 | 45 | |
| Amenity Space | 0.6 | 10 | 21 | 0 | 15 | 20 | 66 | 47 | |
| Bellfield Avenue | 0.2 | 10 | 21 | 0 | 15 | 20 | 66 | 47 | |
| Sherwood Road | 0.2 | 10 | 21 | 0 | 15 | 20 | 66 | 47 | |
| Cessnock Avenue | 0.4 | 10 | 21 | 0 | 15 | 20 | 66 | 47 | |
| Craigie Road | 1.8 | 10 | 21 | 0 | 15 | 20 | 66 | 47 | |
| Playing Fields | 1.6 | 15 | 22 | 8 | 23 | 27 | 95 | 70 | |
| Seright Square | 0.4 | 10 | 21 | 0 | 15 | 20 | 66 | 47 | |
| Main Road | 1.2 | 10 | 21 | 0 | 15 | 20 | 66 | 47 | |

7.9.2. Summary Table

| Settlement | Total Area of Greenspace | Recommended Area | Quality Greenspace (only spaces that score 50% or above are included in the quality assessment) | Surplus (+) or Deficit (-) | % of total greenspace which is below the 50 % quality score based on the open space audit | Area of greenspace, which has a quality score between 50% -80% based on the open space audit | Area of greenspace, which has a quality score of over 80% based on the open space audit | Accessibility Meets 250m accessibility standard (Y/N) |
|-------------|--------------------------|------------------|---|----------------------------|---|--|---|---|
| Hurlford | 36.0 | 23.2 | 0 | (-)23.2 | 36.0 | 0 | 0 | Yes |
| Crookedholm | 3.2 | 2.6 | 1.6 | (-)1.0 | 1.6 | 1.6 | 0 | Yes |

7.9.3. Green Infrastructure Action Plan

| Action | Greening Action Plans – Hurlford and Crookedholm | Short Term (15 years) | Medium Term (5 – 10 years) | Long Term (10+ years) |
|--------|---|--------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 | Greenspace quality <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop an improvement plan for all spaces that fall below the 50% quality threshold. | X | | |

7.9.4. Community Actions

| Action | Community aspirations and actions – Hurlford and Crookedholm | Short Term (15 years) | Medium Term (5 – 10 years) | Long Term (10+ years) |
|--------|--|--------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. | Tackle dog dirt problem <ul style="list-style-type: none"> More signage for picking up dog dirt. Enforcement with dog owners. More bins and bags available at high impact areas. | X | | |
| 2. | Tackle litter problem <ul style="list-style-type: none"> More bins available at high impact areas. Enforcement and fines in place. Residents' 'clean my space' campaign. | X | | |

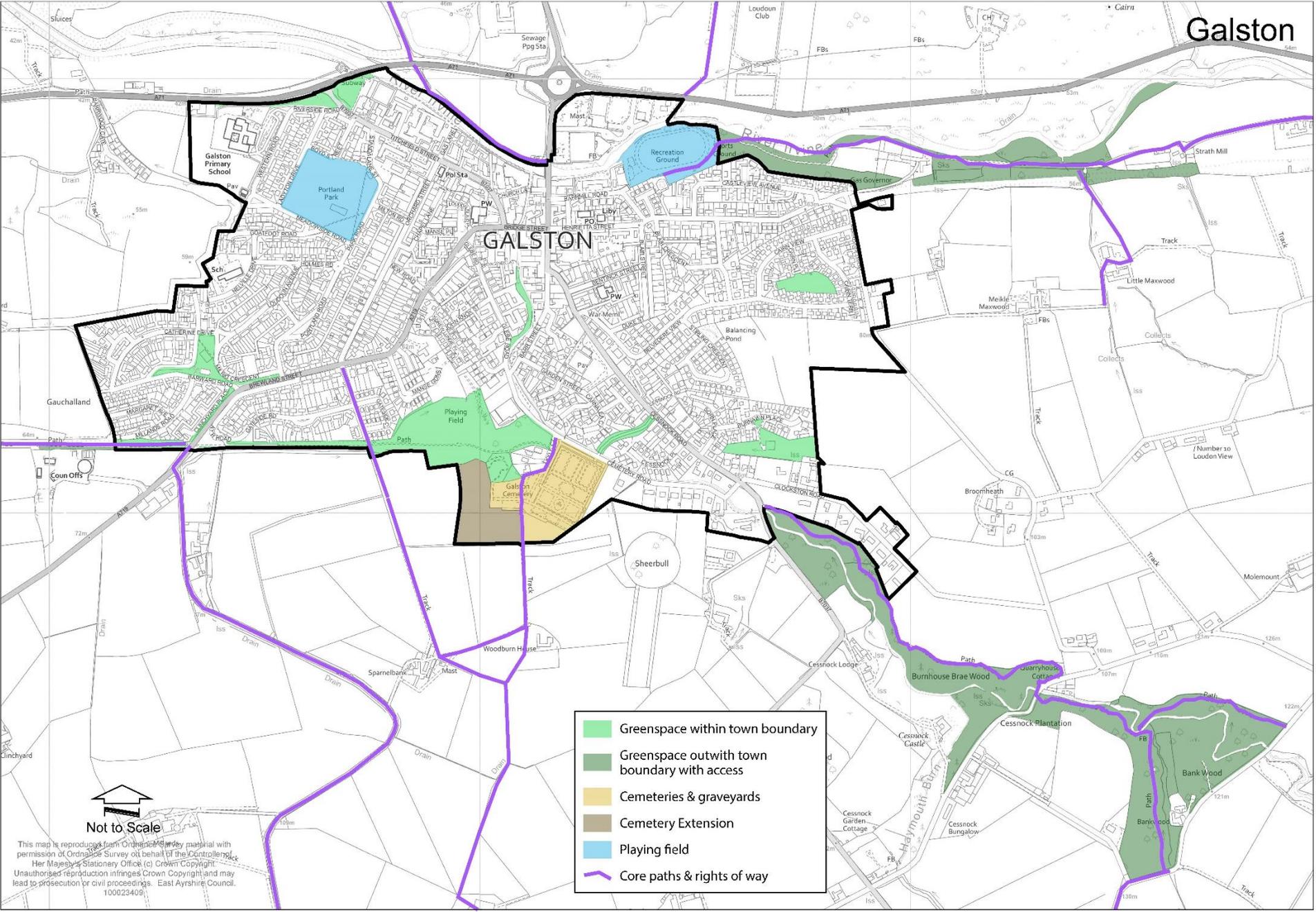
7.10. Galston

Galston contains a real mixture of building types and styles, ranging from older stone town houses to 5 storey council flats. The pattern of development is of a similar nature, with various patterns throughout the settlement. Galston lies south of the A71, and therefore does not have a direct through route to Kilmarnock, but is still a busy settlement, with the town centre sitting on the northern edge of the settlement and development running south from this area. Building density to the southwest is higher, with tightly packed two-story semi-detached council housing and flats laid out in curvilinear patterns. To the southeast, more modern developments have taken place with a pattern of cul-de-sacs and crescents.

The River Irvine defines the northern edge of the town and is located parallel with the A71; the river is not clearly visible at any point as it tends to be screened by the dense native scrub vegetation which is associated with the flood plain. The character area merges with the Loudoun Estate Landscape, where a double row of mature trees define the main vista of the old Loudoun Castle. The character includes various 'town edge' land uses such as the golf course, disused mining and tip activities.



Image: Portland Park, Galston (Source: EAC)



- Greenspace within town boundary
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7.10.1. Green Spaces Assessment Table

| Site Name | Size (ha) | Accessible and Well-Connected Place | Attractive and Appealing Place | Biodiversity, Supporting Nature Networks | Active, Supporting Health and Wellbeing | Community Supported | Total Score | % Score | Quality Category |
|-------------------|-----------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|---|---------------------|-------------|---------|------------------|
| Barmill Stadium | 2.5 | 22 | 18 | 6 | 21 | 26 | 93 | 62 | Yellow |
| Portland Park | 3.0 | 24 | 26 | 15 | 18 | 31 | 114 | 67 | Yellow |
| Galston Cemetery | 3.5 | 31 | 36 | 25 | 19 | 31 | 142 | 89 | Light Green |
| St Mary's Holm | 4.7 | 30 | 40 | 25 | 30 | 35 | 160 | 94 | Light Green |
| Churchyard Place | 0.5 | 10 | 21 | 0 | 15 | 20 | 66 | 47 | Red |
| Barward Place | 0.7 | 10 | 21 | 0 | 15 | 20 | 66 | 47 | Red |
| Riverside Road | 0.3 | 10 | 21 | 0 | 15 | 20 | 66 | 47 | Red |
| Titchfield Street | 0.3 | 10 | 21 | 0 | 15 | 20 | 66 | 47 | Red |
| Cairn Place | 0.5 | 10 | 21 | 0 | 15 | 20 | 66 | 47 | Red |
| Clockston Road | 1.0 | 10 | 21 | 0 | 15 | 20 | 66 | 47 | Red |
| Cessnock Road | 0.7 | 10 | 21 | 0 | 15 | 20 | 66 | 47 | Red |
| Primary Court | 0.2 | 10 | 21 | 0 | 15 | 20 | 66 | 47 | Red |
| Cessnock Wood | 16.1 | 22 | 38 | 25 | 22 | 33 | 140 | 82 | Light Green |
| Strath Path | 5.8 | 9 | 20 | 31 | 6 | 14 | 80 | 57 | Yellow |

7.10.2. Summary Table

| Total Area of Greenspace | Recommended Area | Quality Greenspace (only spaces that score 50% or above are included in the quality assessment) | Surplus (+) or Deficit (-) | % of total greenspace which is below the 50 % quality score based on the open space audit | Area of greenspace, which has a quality score between 50% - 80% based on the open space audit | Area of greenspace, which has a quality score of over 80% based on the open space audit | Accessibility Meets 250m accessibility standard (Y/N) |
|--------------------------|------------------|---|----------------------------|---|---|---|---|
| 39.8 | 24.7 | 35.6 | (+)10.9 | 4.0 | 11.3 | 24.3 | Yes |

7.10.3. Green Infrastructure Action Plan

| Action | Greening Action Plans – New Cumnock Source: New Cumnock Community Action Plan | Short Term (15 years) | Medium Term (5 – 10 years) | Long Term (10+ years) |
|--------|---|-----------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 | Greenspace quality <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop an improvement plan for all spaces that fall below the 50% quality threshold. | X | | |

7.10.4. Other Actions

| Action | Community aspirations and actions - Galston | Short Term (15 years) | Medium Term (5 – 10 years) | Long Term (10+ years) |
|--------|--|--------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. | Tackle dog dirt problem <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More signage for picking up dog dirt. • Enforcement with dog owners. • More bins and bags available at high impact areas. | X | | |
| 2. | Tackle litter problem <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More bins available at high impact areas. • Enforcement and fines in place. • Residents' 'clean my space' campaign. | X | | |
| 3. | Cycle/Walk Routes Established <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Launch the Path Warden Scheme to ensure Irvine Valley Path Network is monitored and maintained. | X | | |

7.11. Newmilns

Areas of upland pastureland enclose the Irvine Valley, with the landform rising steeply to the north and south of Newmilns and Darvel.

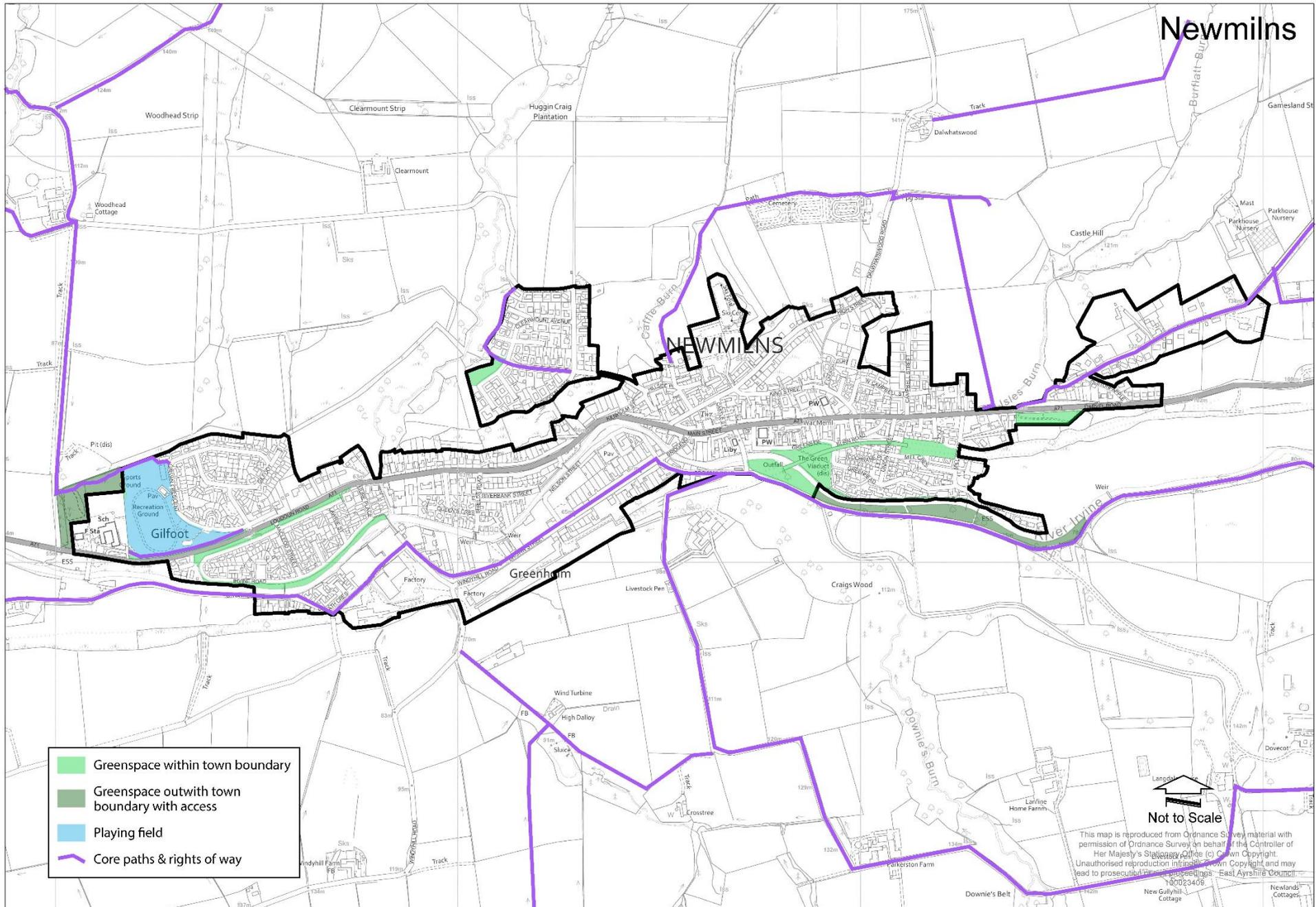
Characteristics of this landscape include mature shelterbelts, hedgerows, scattered woodland and farmsteads, with incised stream valleys running into the River Irvine. The River Irvine is the main river within the area and runs east to west, passing through the centre of Newmilns. The river has a predominantly wooded character, with several paths running adjacent to the town, connecting Newmilns with Darvel and the wider countryside. The estate landscape of Lanfine provides an attractive backdrop when viewing from the north across the Irvine Valley.

Newmilns has a similar townscape and character to Darvel, which also sits in the Irvine Valley, as it is a linear settlement which snakes along the valley floor besides the river. Most of the development is concentrated along the A71 and the townscape consists of older stone buildings tight along the A71, with curvilinear housing estates on the western edge of the settlement containing two-story semi-detached council housing. To the north, the ground is at a higher elevation, with the landscape overlooking the settlement where there are small pocket of villas and bungalows.



Image: Greenside, Newmilns (Source: GoogleMaps Streetview)

Newmilns



7.11.1. Green Spaces Assessment Table

| Site Name | Size (ha) | Accessible and Well-Connected Place | Attractive and Appealing Place | Biodiversity, Supporting Nature Networks | Active, Supporting Health and Wellbeing | Community Supported | Total Score | % Score | Quality Category |
|-------------------|-----------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|---|---------------------|-------------|---------|------------------|
| Jamieson Park | 3.1 | 20 | 28 | 19 | 26 | 31 | 124 | 73 | |
| Nature Park | 1.3 | 18 | 22 | 23 | 12 | 33 | 108 | 64 | |
| Loudoun Road West | 0.9 | 10 | 21 | 0 | 15 | 20 | 66 | 47 | |
| Loudoun Road | 0.2 | 10 | 21 | 0 | 15 | 20 | 66 | 47 | |
| Darnleyhill \walk | 0.3 | 10 | 21 | 0 | 15 | 20 | 66 | 47 | |
| Brown's Road | 2.2 | 10 | 21 | 0 | 15 | 20 | 66 | 47 | |
| The Green | 1.9 | 8 | 32 | 21 | 12 | 25 | 98 | 65 | |
| Darvel Road | 0.5 | 10 | 21 | 0 | 15 | 20 | 66 | 47 | |

7.11.2. Summary Table

| Total Area of Greenspace | Recommended Area | Quality Greenspace (only spaces that score 50% or above are included in the quality assessment) | Surplus (+) or Deficit (-) | % of total greenspace which is below the 50 % quality score based on the open space audit | Area of greenspace, which has a quality score between 50% - 80% based on the open space audit | Area of greenspace, which has a quality score of over 80% based on the open space audit | Accessibility Meets 250m standard (Y/N) |
|--------------------------|------------------|---|----------------------------|---|---|---|---|
| 10.4 | 14.3 | 6.3 | (-)8 | 4.1 | 6.3 | 0 | No |

7.11.3. Green Infrastructure Action Plan

| Action | Greening Action Plans - Newmilns | Short Term (15 years) | Medium Term (5 – 10 years) | Long Term (10+ years) |
|--------|---|--------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 | Greenspace quality <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop an improvement plan for all spaces that fall below the 50% quality threshold. | X | | |

7.11.4. Other actions

| Action | Community aspirations and actions - Newmilns Source: Newmilns & Greenholm Community Action Plan (2022-2027) | Short Term (15 years) | Medium Term (5 – 10 years) | Long Term (10+ years) |
|--------|--|--------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 | Tackle dog dirt problem <ul style="list-style-type: none"> More 24 Hour CCTV and access to mobile CCTV unit and Enforcement. Warden/Patrol issuing fines. More litter bins. | X | | |
| 2 | Leisure Improvements (river walks, cycle tracks & children's parks) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leisure and play parks to be better maintained: i.e. grass cutting, clean-up of poo/glass/equipment/litter. Better and more signage/maintenance of cycle tracks/walking paths. Green Areas to be maintained and improved with more bins and be emptied regularly. | | X | |
| 3 | Maintenance of Gardens, Paths and Roads <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community to engage better with maintaining green spaces. EAC needs to maintain roads including potholes. EAC needs to appoint a more frequent road sweeper. | | X | |
| 4 | Cycle/Walk Routes Established <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Launch the Path Warden Scheme to ensure Irvine Valley Path Network is monitored and maintained. | X | | |

7.12. Darvel and Priestland

Upland pastureland is the most common landscape in the Irvine Valley, the landform rising steeply to the north and south of Darvel. Characteristics of this landscape include mature shelterbelts, hedgerows, scattered woodland and farmsteads, with incised stream valleys running into the River Irvine. The River Irvine is the main river within the area and runs east to west, passing through the centre of Darvel. The river has a predominantly wooded character, with several paths running adjacent to the town, connecting Newmilns with Darvel and the wider countryside. The estate landscape of Lanfine provides an attractive backdrop when viewing from the north across the Irvine Valley.

Darvel, much like the rest of the Irvine valley, is a linear town where development has been concentrated along the main road running through the settlement. This creates a long town centre with buildings tight against the road. South of the A71 there is a grid street pattern that reaches down to the River Irvine. North of the A71, development is different, following arteries up the slope of the valley.

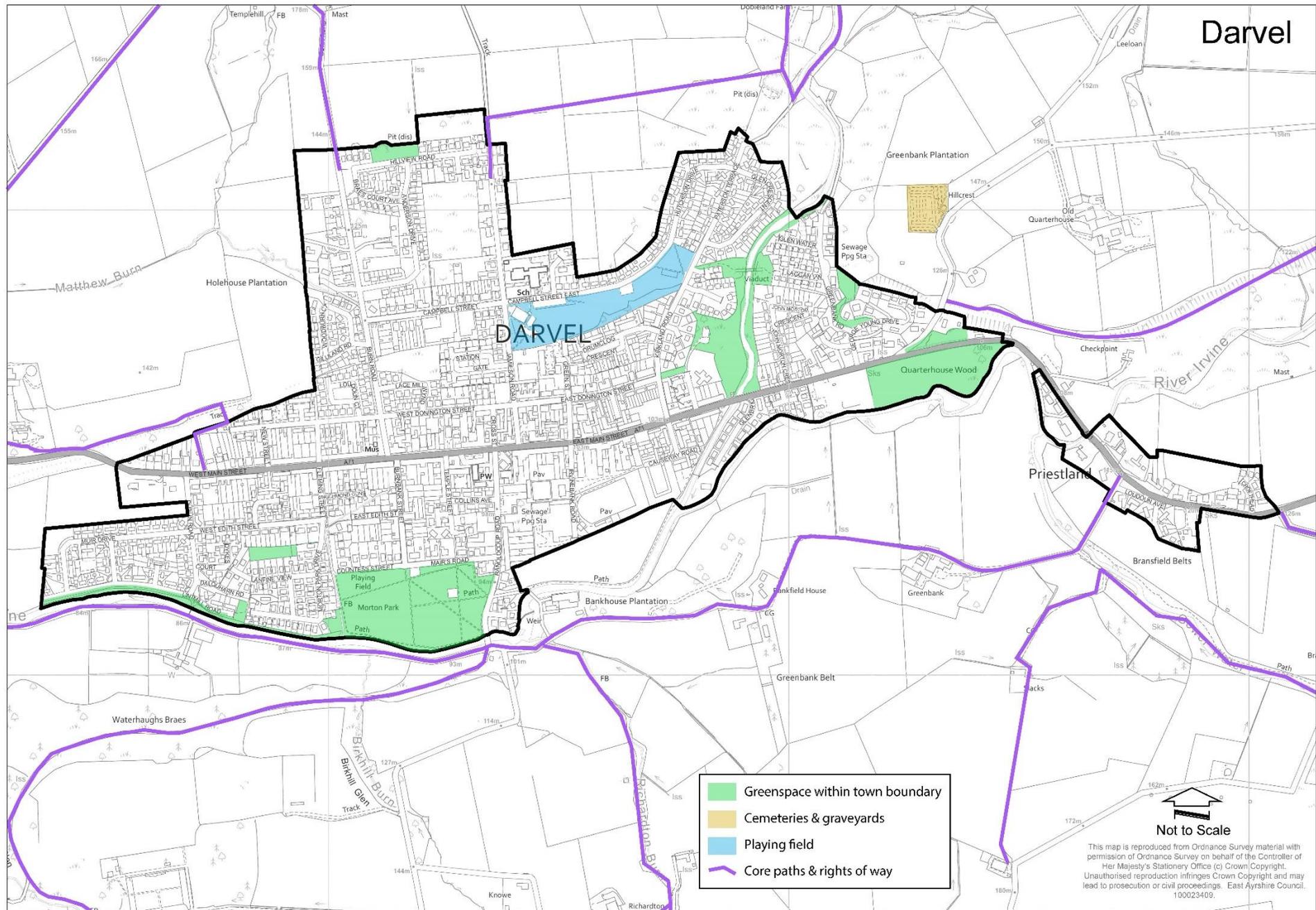


Image: Morton Park, Darvel (Source: GoogleMaps Streetview)



Image: Hillview Park, Darvel (Source: GoogleMaps Streetview)

Darvel



7.12.1. Green Spaces Assessment Table

| Site Name | Size (ha) | Accessible and Well-Connected Place | Attractive and Appealing Place | Biodiversity, Supporting Nature Networks | Active, Supporting Health and Wellbeing | Community Supported | Total Score | % Score | Quality Category |
|-----------------------|-----------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|---|---------------------|-------------|---------|------------------|
| Morton Park | 6.7 | 22 | 40 | 21 | 26 | 35 | 144 | 85 | Green |
| Lanfine Quad | 0.3 | 10 | 21 | 0 | 15 | 20 | 66 | 47 | Red |
| Hillview Road | 0.3 | 10 | 21 | 0 | 15 | 20 | 66 | 47 | Red |
| Gavin Hamilton Sports | 3.0 | 11 | 36 | 16 | 24 | 31 | 118 | 69 | Yellow |
| Kirkland Park | 2.6 | 20 | 34 | 21 | 20 | 31 | 126 | 87 | Green |
| Greenback Road | 0.4 | 10 | 21 | 0 | 15 | 20 | 66 | 47 | Red |
| East Main Street | 0.3 | 10 | 21 | 0 | 15 | 20 | 66 | 47 | Red |
| East Main Street (b) | 2.5 | 10 | 21 | 0 | 15 | 20 | 66 | 47 | Red |
| Darvel Cemetery | 0.9 | 17 | 34 | 21 | 17 | 29 | 118 | 74 | Yellow |

7.12.2. Summary Table

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|--------------------------|------------------|---|----------------------------|---|---|---|---|
| 17.0 | 20.0 | 12.3 | (-)7.7 | 3.8 | 3.0 | 9.3 | No |

7.12.3. Green Infrastructure Action Plan

| Action | Greening Action Plans – Darvel and Priestland | Short Term (15 years) | Medium Term (5 – 10 years) | Long Term (10+ years) |
|--------|---|--------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 | <p>Continue to improve the green areas of the town and surroundings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initial discussion with EAC Outdoor Services and EAC Housing. • Formulate plans, engaging voluntary support if necessary. • Arrange meetings with EAC Outdoor Services to identify plan of securing improvements over a 5 year plan as part of the participative budgeting exercise. • Investigate possible provision of accessible play equipment. • Improve entrances to Morton Park. • Improve the appearance of riverside walks. • Continue with community-based projects to discourage dog fouling. • Improved maintenance and signage of the paths network. | X | | |
| 2 | <p>Increase level of effective recycling</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initiate publicity drive to encourage recycling (particularly plastic). • Discussion with EAC about possibility of reinstating and relocating large bins in the town. | | X | |
| 4 | <p>Cycle/Walk Routes Established</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Launch the Path Warden Scheme to ensure Irvine Valley Path Network is monitored and maintained. | X | | |
| 5 | <p>Greenspace quality</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop an improvement plan for all spaces that fall below the 50% quality threshold. | X | | |

7.12.4. Community Actions

| Action | Community aspirations and actions – Darvel and Priestland Source: Darvel and District Community Action Plan (2020-2025) | Short Term (15 years) | Medium Term (5 – 10 years) | Long Term (10+ years) |
|--------|---|--------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 | <p>Continue to improve the green areas of the town and surroundings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initial discussion with EAC Outdoor Services and EAC Housing. • Formulate plans, engaging voluntary support if necessary. • Arrange meetings with EAC Outdoor Services to identify plan of securing improvements over a 5 year plan as part of the participative budgeting exercise. • Investigate possible provision of accessible play equipment. • Improve entrances to Morton Park. • Improve the appearance of riverside walks. • Continue with community-based projects to discourage dog fouling. • Improved maintenance and signage of the paths network. | X | | |
| 2 | <p>Cycle/Walk Routes Established</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Launch the Path Warden Scheme to ensure Irvine Valley Path Network is monitored and maintained. | X | | |

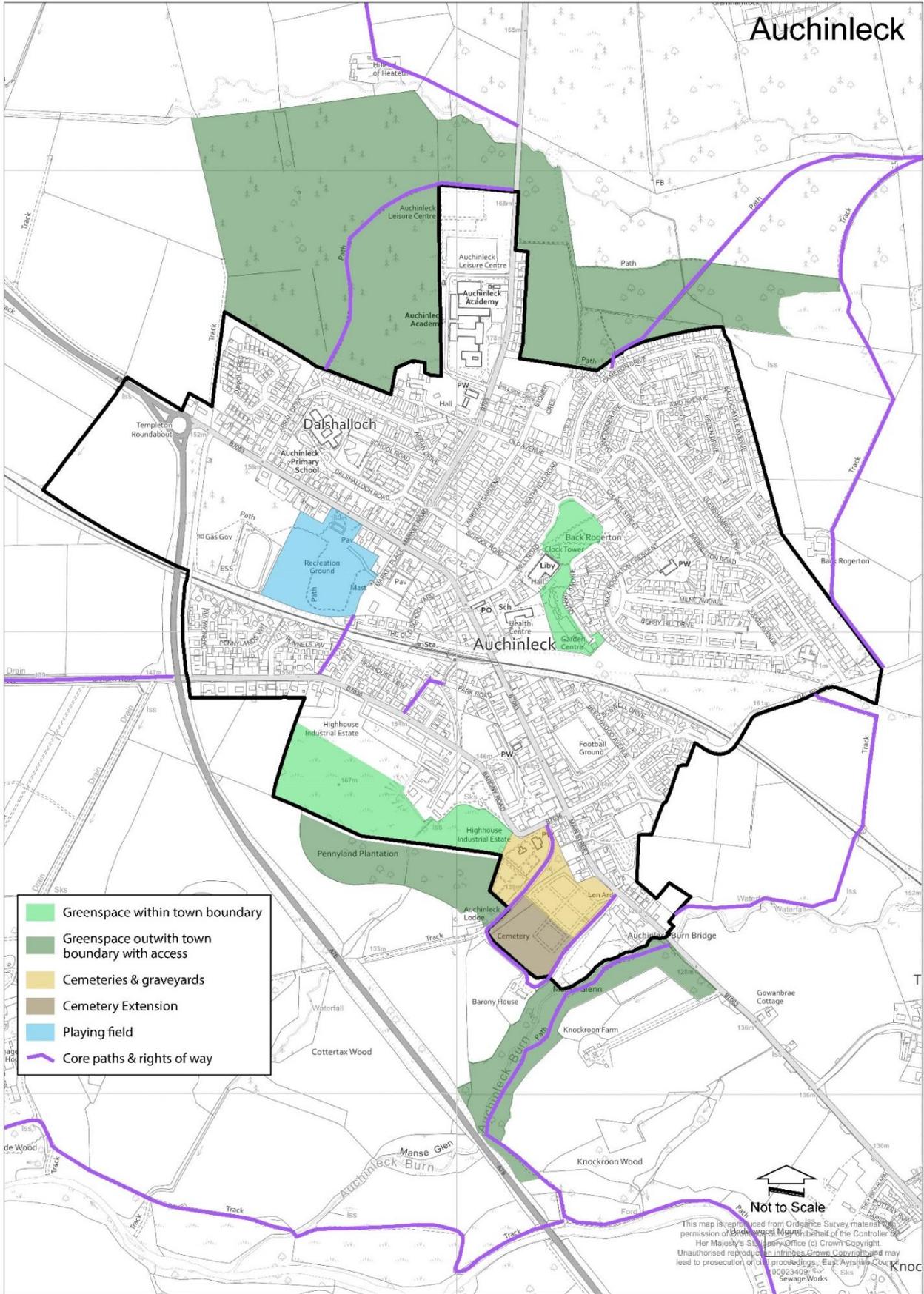
7.13. Auchinleck

Auchinleck is predominantly surrounded by undulating pastureland on the southern, eastern and western edges of the settlement. The landscape to the south and west is adjacent to Dumfries House, with estate woodland features, scattered trees and hedgerows. To the east the pastureland is of lower quality and merges with urban fringe and moorland areas. The Auchinleck Burn runs past Auchinleck to the south and provides important local feature with a waterfall and the Lord Butes Walkway. The northern and eastern fringes of the town are encircled by rough grassland; these areas have few landscape features other than scrub and broken hedgerows and evidence of past industrial uses. There is a series of informal paths to moorland areas from the existing urban edge.

Auchinleck has been formed along Mauchline Road (B7083), which runs north-west to south-east towards Cumnock. The settlement's centre lies along this route and is tightly enclosed by the built environment. The

settlement for the most part has developed to the northeast of the Mauchline Road with rectilinear and curvilinear housing estates densely packed in clusters along the B705 and east of the B7083. To the west and south of the B7083 development is less dense, with mostly business and light industrial type developments.

The open spaces in Auchinleck are predominantly medium-sized and small local open spaces allocated within the centre of the settlement. The two largest areas of open space are located at Mauchline Road (Merlin Loch Park) and Well Road. Merlin Loch Park is essentially a rundown open space consisting of a derelict sports area and play area. The amenity green space at Well Road forms a green wedge with path links to the town centre from adjacent housing areas. At the settlement edge there are two new areas of community woodland at Back Rogerton and Dalshalloch.



- Greenspace within town boundary
- Greenspace outwith town boundary with access
- Cemeteries & graveyards
- Cemetery Extension
- Playing field
- Core paths & rights of way

7.13.1. Green Spaces Assessment Table

| Site Name | Size (ha) | Accessible and Well-Connected Place | Attractive and Appealing Place | Biodiversity, Supporting Nature Networks | Active, Supporting Health and Wellbeing | Community Supported | Total Score | % Score | Quality Category |
|------------------------|-----------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|---|---------------------|-------------|---------|------------------|
| Dalshalloch Wood | 28.9 | 18 | 20 | 20 | 24 | 16 | 98 | 54 | |
| Berryhill Wood | 12.3 | 18 | 18 | 20 | 22 | 16 | 94 | 52 | |
| Merlin Park | 3.9 | 20 | 21 | 3 | 23 | 24 | 94 | 63 | |
| Well Road | 2.3 | 20 | 20 | 12 | 18 | 14 | 74 | 52 | |
| Highhouse | 5.9 | 20 | 20 | 16 | 14 | 12 | 82 | 51 | |
| Pennyland Plantation | 4.4 | 5 | 14 | 20 | 6 | 7 | 52 | 40 | |
| Cemetery and Graveyard | 5.0 | 19 | 30 | 17 | 11 | 23 | 99 | 67 | |
| Manse Glenn | 5.3 | 24 | 32 | 31 | 26 | 27 | 140 | 78 | |

7.13.2. Summary Table

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|--------------------------|------------------|---|----------------------------|---|---|---|---|
| 68 | 18.9 | 14.2 | (-)4.7 | 53.8 | 14.2 | 0 | Yes |

7.13.3. Green Infrastructure Action Plan

| Action | Greening Action Plans - Auchinleck | Short Term (15 years) | Medium Term (5 – 10 years) | Long Term (10+ years) |
|--------|--|--------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 | Improve playing fields <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Install a new synthetic grass pitch at Merlin Park. • Deal with drainage issues on existing grass pitch at merlin Park. | X | | |
| 2 | Greenspace quality <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop an improvement plan for all spaces that fall below the 50% quality threshold. | X | | |

7.13.4. Community Action Plan

| Action | Community aspirations and actions - Auchinleck Source: Auchinleck Community Action Plan (2019-2024) | Short Term (15 years) | Medium Term (5 – 10 years) | Long Term (10+ years) |
|--------|--|--------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 | Improve appearance of Main Street; identify owners of vacant properties in the main street to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore opportunities for creative solutions to improve the appearance of empty properties on the main street. • Encourage businesses to take part in the 'I clean my street' initiative. • Improve the appearance of railway bridge over the main street. | | X | |
| 2 | Improve appearance of surrounding areas <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve the entrances to the village to make them more attractive. • Improve the appearance of the railway station and waste ground at side of railway line. | X | | |
| 3 | Make the most of green spaces and parks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore the possibility of introducing more playparks. • Identify new seating areas. • Identify walking areas. | X | | |

| | | | | |
|---|--|----------|--|--|
| 4 | <p>Village enhancements e.g. flower tubs, hanging baskets</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify gap sites for the potential for community spaces (seated areas / gardens etc.). • Identify green areas that can be taken on and used by the community to develop community gardens. • Maintain existing tubs and baskets. | X | | |
| 5 | <p>Address litter and fly tipping</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify and highlight litter hotspots. • Place litter bins around the community. • Organise and promote community litter picks. • Organise an amnesty event for large and / or white goods once a year. • Develop awareness raising campaigns. | X | | |
| 6 | <p>Deal with dog fouling</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Place dog refuse bins around the community. • Arrange for free bags to be more widely available locally. • Develop awareness-raising campaigns • Explore the possibility of introducing dog wardens. | X | | |

7.14. Muirkirk

Muirkirk is a linear settlement which consists of two sections; Muirkirk itself and the housing estate of Smallburn. Muirkirk town centre has developed at the junction with the A70 and the B703 and consists of a mixture of different styles and ages of buildings. There is a gap in the townscape before the Smallburn estate, which lies to the west and consists of two storey semi-detached council housing and pre-fab housing in a curvilinear pattern.

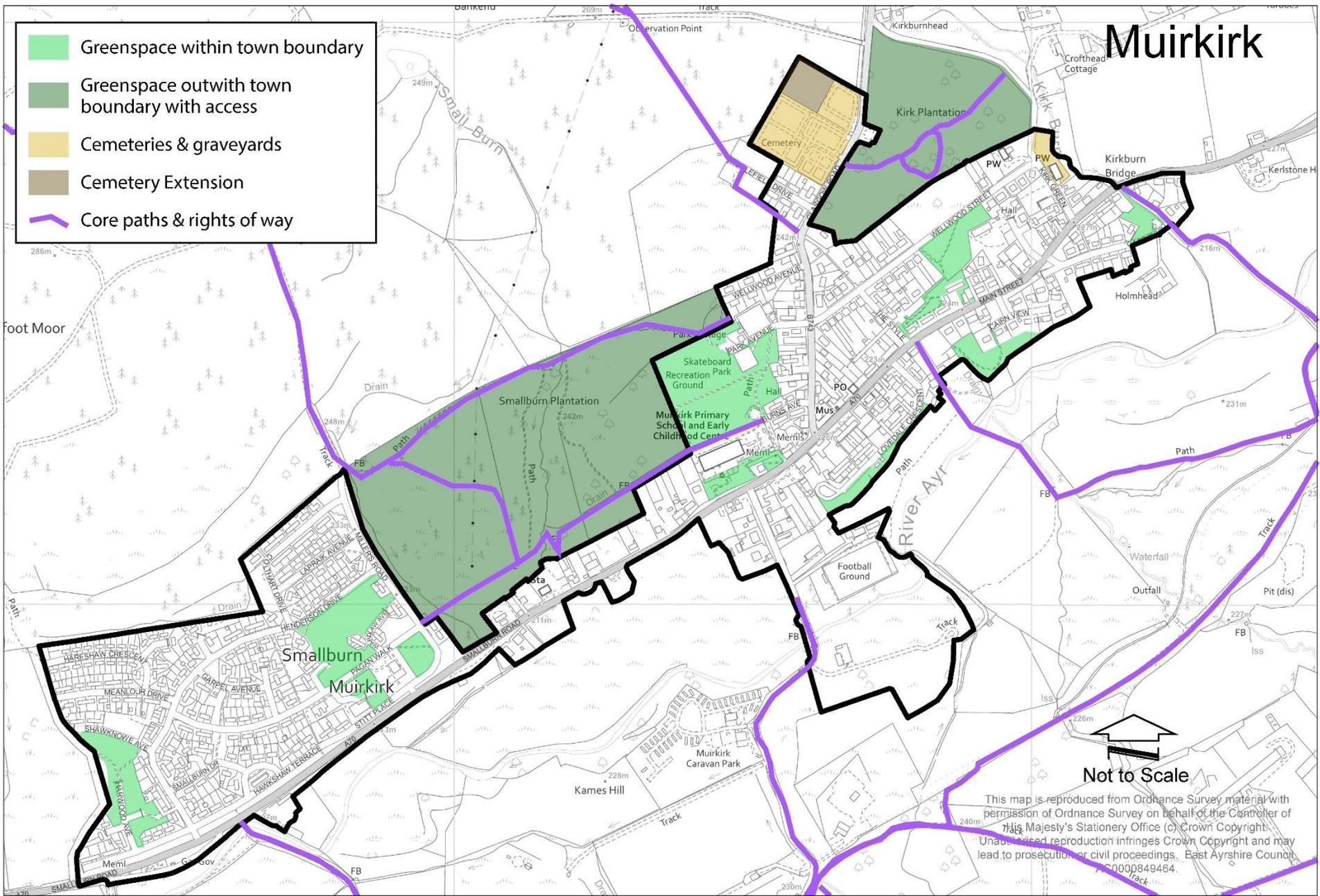
Extensive areas of moorland surround the town, which consist of rough grassland, marshland and moorland with some areas to the north merging into plantation forestry. The upland farmland forms a patchwork with moorland and urban fringe areas around the town. The land use is predominantly rough pasture and sheep grazing, with non-distinct field boundaries. The predominant local landscape on the southern edge, including the hamlet of Kames, is urban fringe. There is a large concentration of former collieries, disused railways and other industrial features located in this area, which now exist as brownfield land with numerous 'preference paths' and tracks leading to the countryside. The River Ayr is the main watercourse and runs east to west along the southern edge of the town; both the Kirk Burn and Auldhouse Burn are tributaries.



Image: Play Park (Source: EAC)

Muirkirk

-  Greenspace within town boundary
-  Greenspace outwith town boundary with access
-  Cemeteries & graveyards
-  Cemetery Extension
-  Core paths & rights of way



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|--------------------------|-----------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|---|---------------------|-------------|---------|------------------|
| Smallburn | 18.9 | 20 | 24 | 8 | 17 | 27 | 96 | 71 | Yellow |
| Kirk Plantation | 6.9 | 11 | 16 | 18 | 8 | 9 | 62 | 48 | Red |
| Muirkirk Cemetery | 2.4 | 15 | 24 | 5 | 3 | 17 | 64 | 58 | Yellow |
| Muirkirk Graveyard | 0.2 | 12 | 28 | 8 | 6 | 19 | 73 | 63 | Yellow |
| Victory Park | 2.8 | 20 | 18 | 4 | 25 | 24 | 91 | 63 | Yellow |
| Pagan Walk | 0.4 | 10 | 21 | 0 | 15 | 20 | 66 | 47 | Red |
| Lovedale Crescent | 0.4 | 10 | 21 | 0 | 15 | 20 | 66 | 47 | Red |
| Cairn View | 0.6 | 10 | 21 | 0 | 15 | 20 | 66 | 47 | Red |
| Wellwood Street | 1.0 | 10 | 21 | 0 | 15 | 20 | 66 | 47 | Red |
| Stitt Place | 0.3 | 10 | 21 | 0 | 15 | 20 | 66 | 47 | Red |
| Miller's Road | 1.4 | 10 | 21 | 0 | 15 | 20 | 66 | 47 | Red |
| Holmhead | 0.2 | 10 | 21 | 0 | 15 | 20 | 66 | 47 | Red |
| A70 (in front of school) | 0.3 | 10 | 21 | 0 | 15 | 20 | 66 | 47 | Red |
| Harwood Avenue | 1.0 | 10 | 21 | 0 | 15 | 20 | 66 | 47 | Red |

7.14.2. Summary Table

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|--------------------------|------------------|---|----------------------------|---|---|---|---|
| 36.8 | 7.2 | 24.3 | (+)17.1 | 8.3 | 24.3 | 0 | Yes |

7.14.3. Green Infrastructure Action Plan

| Action | Greening Action Plans - Muirkirk | Short Term (15 years) | Medium Term (5 – 10 years) | Long Term (10+ years) |
|--------|--|-----------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 | Develop Victory Park for the benefit of the community <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop plans to improve the park including drainage, improved kids play areas, community garden and cycle areas. | | X | |
| 6 | Greenspace quality <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop an improvement plan for all spaces that fall below the 50% quality threshold. | X | | |

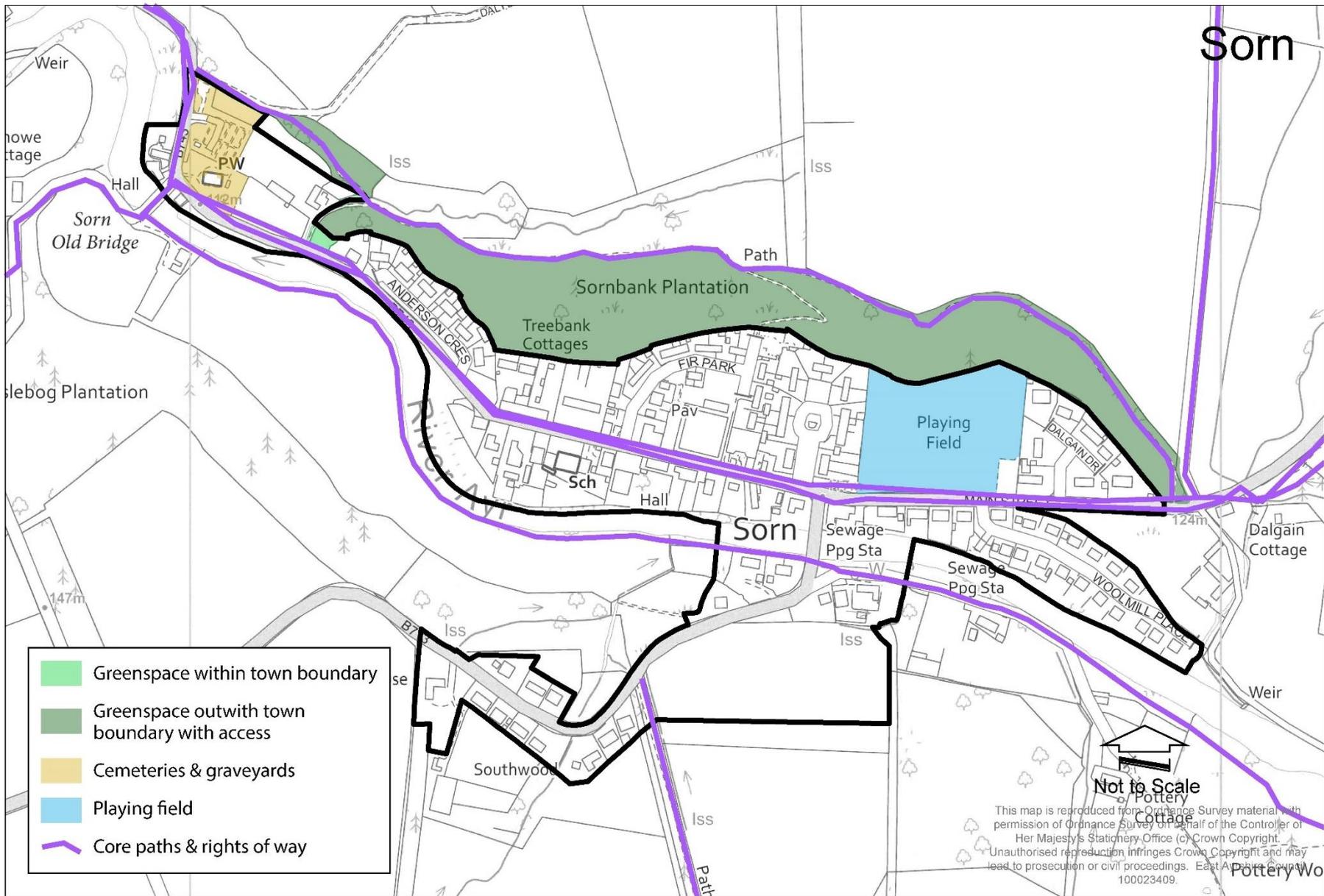
7.14.4. Other actions

| Action | Community aspirations and actions - Muirkirk Source: Muirkirk Community Action Plan (2016-2021) | Short Term (15 years) | Medium Term (5 – 10 years) | Long Term (10+ years) |
|--------|--|--------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 | Develop and promote local cycle and walking routes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Link up all Covenanter walks. • Develop cycle routes to link up other areas of the authority and beyond. • Develop promotional materials. | | X | |
| 2 | Develop environmental initiatives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to link with the Coalfield Environmental Trust to raise awareness of the local wildlife. • Develop a programme to engage the community i.e. making bird boxes, writing blogs or creating artwork. | X | | |
| 3 | Reinstate or develop opencast sites for the benefit of the community <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To research projects in other areas for innovative ideas i.e. Multiverse Sanquhar. • Utilise the sites as a tourist attraction i.e. Wildlife Centre, Sports and Leisure facility. • Climate controlled area i.e. Eden Project. | | X | |
| 4 | Improve maintenance of existing and develop new walking paths in the area <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with organisations in the upkeep and maintenance of the River Ayr Walk. • Develop new forest trails. • Develop accessible walks for buggies and wheelchairs. • Provide bins along walks. | | X | |

7.15. Sorn

The influencing factors in the development of Sorn are the River Ayr and its valley topography. The small settlement includes a mixture of building styles, ranging in age, which all lay along the Main Street and subsequently along the River Ayr. The older section of the settlement sits on the very west and includes Sorn Castle and estate, Sorn Parish Church, a few cottages and Sorn Old Bridge, all of which use similar materials and are of a coherent nature. Many of the spaces within the settlement of Sorn sit adjacent to the B743, which runs through the centre of the town. Other than the sports pitch, the spaces are quite intimate and well-maintained, which includes the cemetery next to the Old Church and bridge, a space in the centre of the town, and a space adjacent to the River Ayr.

The estate landscape character is centred on the River Ayr and forms a mature woodland setting to the west and east of the town. The woodland at Sorn Castle extends southeast into the village and provides an attractive setting and backdrop to the settlement. Other areas of mature woodland are located on the eastern edge of Sorn. The River Ayr is the main river running through Sorn and is characterised by mature woodland, with the estate landscape and open pasture and paddock areas. The estate landscape tends to overlap this natural landscape, creating a wooded river corridor.



7.15.1. Green Spaces Assessment Table

| Site Name | Size (ha) | Accessible and Well-Connected Place | Attractive and Appealing Place | Biodiversity, Supporting Nature Networks | Active, Supporting Health and Wellbeing | Community Supported | Total Score | % Score | Quality Category |
|---------------------|-----------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|---|---------------------|-------------|---------|------------------|
| Sornbank Plantation | 5.9 | 15 | 16 | 21 | 7 | 15 | 74 | 55 | |
| Playing Fields | 1.7 | 15 | 12 | 11 | 15 | 17 | 70 | 52 | |
| Sorn Cemetery | 0.6 | 17 | 14 | 8 | 9 | 24 | 72 | 48 | |

7.15.2. Summary Table

| Total Area of Greenspace | Recommended Area | Quality Greenspace (only spaces that score 50% or above are included in the quality assessment) | Surplus (+) or Deficit (-) | % of total greenspace which is below the 50 % quality score based on the open space audit | Area of greenspace, which has a quality score between 50% - 80% based on the open space audit | Area of greenspace, which has a quality score of over 80% based on the open space audit | Accessibility Meets 250m accessibility standard (Y/N) |
|--------------------------|------------------|---|----------------------------|---|---|---|---|
| 8.2 | 1.8 | 7.6 | (+)5.8 | 0.6 | 7.6 | 0 | Yes |

7.15.3. Green Infrastructure Action Plan

| Action | Greening Action Plans - Sorn | Short Term (15 years) | Medium Term (5 – 10 years) | Long Term (10+ years) |
|--------|---|--------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 | Greenspace quality <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop an improvement plan for all spaces that fall below the 50% quality threshold. | X | | |

7.15.4. Community Actions

| Action | Community aspirations and actions - Sorn Source: Sorn & Auchencloigh Community Action Plan (2014-2019) | Short Term (15 years) | Medium Term (5 – 10 years) | Long Term (10+ years) |
|--------|---|--------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 | Develop walking and cycling routes with improved signage <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Set up a Paths Action Group of volunteers to take this priority forward. Use “Paths for All” resources for support to set up group and access funding. Identify priority paths to be improved or developed. Contact EAC Access Officer to find out what support is available. Identify ways to increase information and signage about routes Liaise with EA Woodlands and Sorn Estates to ensure paths are clean and safe (e.g. no motorised vehicles on pathways). | X | | |
| 2 | Appearance – clean up the village <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clean up the village – organise regular litter picks. Liaise with EAC to have more litter bins installed and regularly emptied. Involve primary school in litter campaign. Re-instate “Village in Bloom”. Improve maintenance and increase planting in public areas and flower beds. | X | | |
| 3 | Reduce dog fouling <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Liaise with EAC to have more dog litter bins installed and ensure that bag dispensers are available. | X | | |
| 4 | Improve maintenance and increase planting in public areas and flower beds <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify which areas need better maintenance and liaise with EAC to agree a maintenance | X | | |

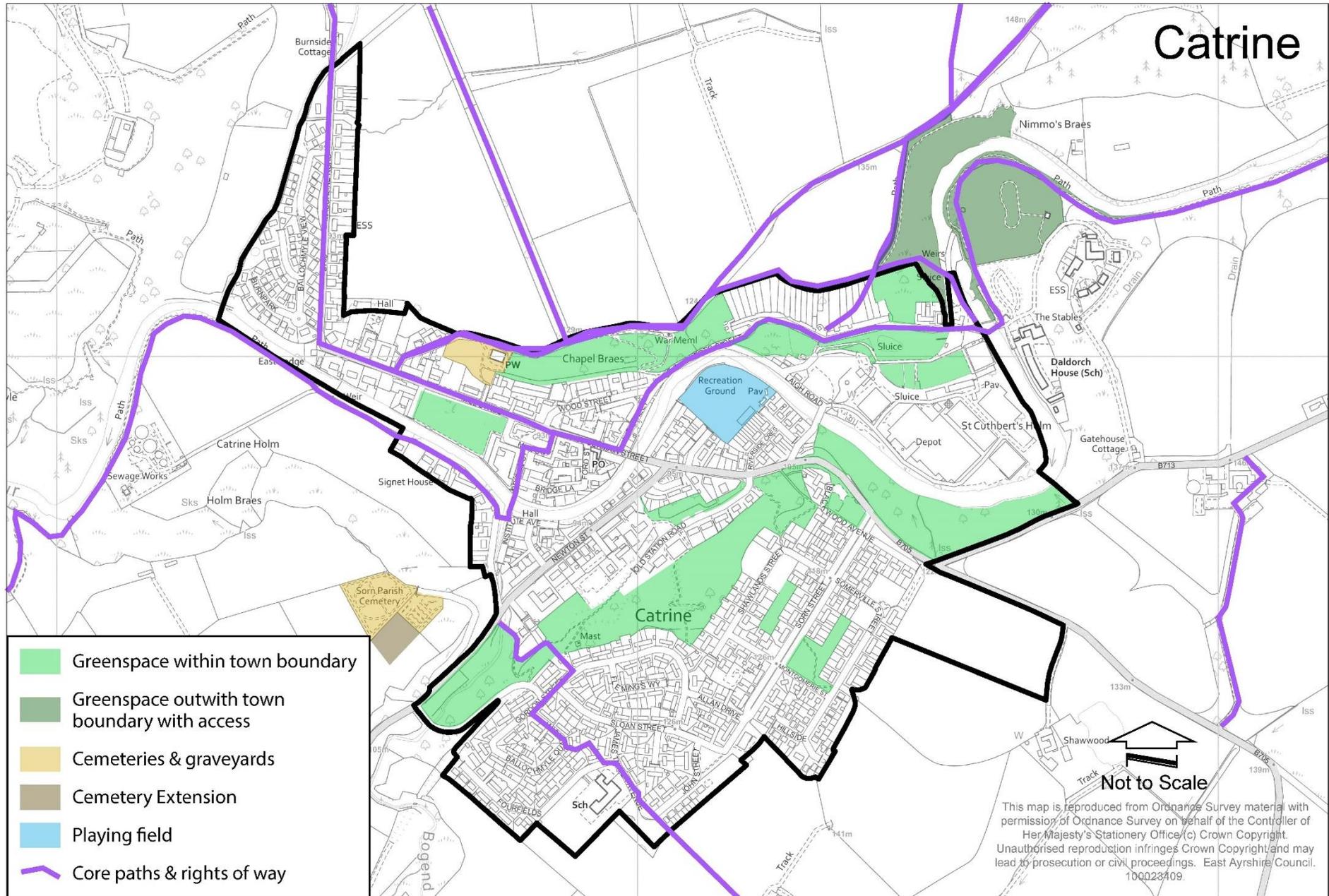
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| | schedule. | | | |
| 5 | Local Economy, Tourism and Open spaces <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop Walking and Cycling Routes with improved signage. | | X | |
| 6 | Improve sporting facilities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investigate the feasibility of increasing sporting facilities e.g. football pitch restored; blue cage/running track installed at football pitch, gym. | | X | |
| 7 | Improve Play Areas <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Set up a Play Action Group of volunteers willing to take this priority forward. Work with EAC staff to identify what improvements can be made. If required, fundraise to update / renovate existing equipment, set up new play area and improve picnic area. | X | | |

7.16. Catrine

Catrine is surrounded by lowland hills, which reinforce the strong sense of containment of the settlement. The war memorial to the north, Clews Mount to the southwest, and the mast on the hill at Catrineshaw, provide focal points while the hillsides generally provide a backdrop to the town. The River Ayr is the main river running through the town and tends to form the focus of the settlement. The mature trees located at the top of the escarpment and the war memorial to the north form important skyline features. The riverside paths and ponds form important recreational areas. The estate landscape tends to overlap this natural landscape character at Ballochmyle and Daldorch House, where riverside level pastures contain mature parkland trees.

The morphology of the settlement has been influenced by the River Ayr, as the settlement pattern follows the winding of the river from west to east, creating a narrow linear settlement. In addition to this, high on the south bank sits a rectilinear housing estate which is of a higher density and overlooks the older section of the settlement. Steep river valley slopes to the north have limited development in this direction. The older section of the settlement contains many individual buildings of one and two stories, with the newer housing estate having a uniform design of two-story semi-detached housing.

Catrine



- Greenspace within town boundary
- Greenspace outwith town boundary with access
- Cemeteries & graveyards
- Cemetery Extension
- Playing field
- Core paths & rights of way


Not to Scale

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7.16.1. Green Spaces Assessment Table

| Site Name | Size (ha) | Accessible and Well-Connected Place | Attractive and Appealing Place | Biodiversity, Supporting Nature Networks | Active, Supporting Health and Wellbeing | Community Supported | Total Score | % Score | Quality Category |
|-----------------------|-----------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|---|---------------------|-------------|---------|------------------|
| Catrine Voes LNR | 2.4 | 16 | 20 | 21 | 12 | 25 | 94 | 51 | Yellow |
| Chapelbraes | 5.0 | 15 | 21 | 23 | 12 | 25 | 96 | 52 | Yellow |
| Games Hall | 6.1 | 18 | 21 | 21 | 12 | 25 | 97 | 52 | Yellow |
| Old Station Road | 0.4 | 10 | 21 | 0 | 15 | 20 | 66 | 47 | Red |
| Shawlands Street | 0.2 | 10 | 21 | 0 | 15 | 20 | 66 | 47 | Red |
| Sorn Street | 0.5 | 10 | 21 | 0 | 15 | 20 | 66 | 47 | Red |
| Lindsay Bank | 3.0 | 10 | 21 | 0 | 15 | 20 | 66 | 47 | Red |
| Mill Street | 0.9 | 10 | 21 | 0 | 15 | 20 | 66 | 47 | Red |
| Catrine Parish Church | 0.5 | 19 | 30 | 17 | 11 | 23 | 100 | 67 | Yellow |
| Catrine Cemetery | 1.1 | 19 | 30 | 17 | 11 | 23 | 100 | 67 | Yellow |
| Recreation Ground | 1.3 | 10 | 21 | 0 | 15 | 20 | 66 | 47 | Red |
| Blackwood Avenue | 0.3 | 10 | 21 | 0 | 15 | 20 | 66 | 47 | Red |
| Daldorch | 3.0 | 18 | 21 | 21 | 12 | 25 | 97 | 52 | Yellow |

7.16.2. Summary Table

| Total Area of Greenspace | Recommended Area | Quality Greenspace (only spaces that score 50% or above are included in the quality assessment) | Surplus (+) or Deficit (-) | % of total greenspace which is below the 50 % quality score based on the open space audit | Area of greenspace, which has a quality score between 50% - 80% based on the open space audit | Area of greenspace, which has a quality score of over 80% based on the open space audit | Accessibility Meets 250m standard (Y/N) |
|--------------------------|------------------|---|----------------------------|---|---|---|---|
| 24.7 | 10.8 | 13.5 | (+)2.7 | 5.0 | 13.5 | 0 | Yes |

7.16.3. Green Infrastructure Action Plan

| Action | Greening Action Plans - Catrine | Short Term (15 years) | Medium Term (5 – 10 years) | Long Term (10+ years) |
|--------|---|-----------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 | Greenspace quality <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop an improvement plan for all spaces that fall below the 50% quality threshold. | X | | |

7.16.4. Community Actions

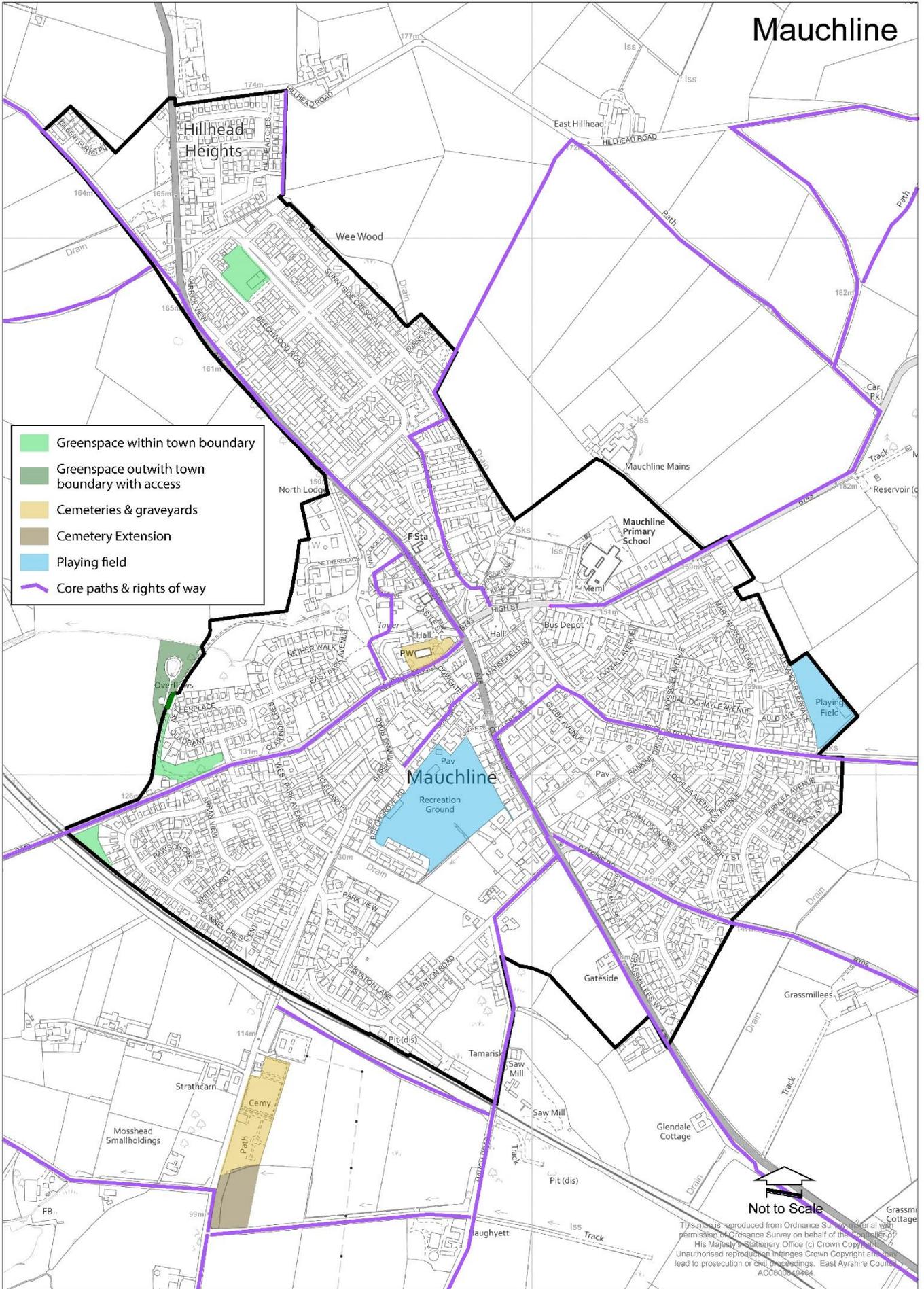
| Action | Community aspirations and actions - Catrine Source: Catrine Community Action Plan (2017-2022) | Short Term (15 years) | Medium Term (5 – 10 years) | Long Term (10+ years) |
|--------|---|--------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 | Village appearance - clean up dog mess <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hold regular clean-up events. • Conduct public information campaigns. • Increase awareness of the environmental problem caused by dog mess. | X | | |
| 2 | Tidy litter and more bins <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hold regular clean-up events. • Conduct public information events. • Hold regular clean-up events. | X | | |
| 3 | Tidy Voes walk <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hold regular clean-up events. • Maintain and preserve all natural riverside and woodland pathways and tracks. | X | | |
| 4 | Improve Mill Square appearance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attract interest for aesthetic development. | | X | |
| 5 | Maintain hanging baskets <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore alternative funding streams. • Investigate different materials for less time-consuming maintenance. | X | | |
| 6 | Clean river <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hold regular clean-up events. • Conduct public information events. | X | | |

7.17. Mauchline

Mauchline is surrounded by undulating pastureland and lowland hills, and the slopes above the town act as a backdrop and are important as part of the town's rural setting. To the south, the line of the railway forms a barrier to views across the immediate landscape, and constitutes the southern natural extent of the town's setting. Undulating pastureland provides the local landscape setting to the south and southwest of the town. The landscape quality is generally medium, with pockets of higher quality to the south and southeast, at the River Ayr and estate landscape of Ballochmyle and Kingencleugh House.

The settlement of Mauchline has developed from a traditional town cross, consisting of Kilmarnock Road north, High Street east, Cumnock Road south and Ayr Road west. This has led to linear development along these roads with some infill development between. The main through-road in the town centre has a distinct typology which is commonly seen throughout east Ayrshire, with a narrowing effect along the street due to the buildings not being set back at all from the road and a continuation of built environment along the length of the road.

Mauchline



7.17.1. Green Spaces Assessment Table

| Site Name | Size (ha) | Accessible and Well-Connected Place | Attractive and Appealing Place | Biodiversity, Supporting Nature Networks | Active, Supporting Health and Wellbeing | Community Supported | Total Score | % Score | Quality Category |
|---------------------|-----------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|---|---------------------|-------------|---------|------------------|
| Mauchline Cemetery | 1.3 | 11 | 24 | 8 | 3 | 22 | 68 | 57 | Yellow |
| Mauchline Graveyard | 0.3 | 25 | 40 | 17 | 9 | 31 | 122 | 81 | Green |
| Beechgrove Park | 3.1 | 16 | 15 | 4 | 25 | 25 | 85 | 55 | Yellow |
| Playing Fieds | 1.0 | 6 | 18 | 8 | 16 | 17 | 65 | 38 | Red |
| Netherplace | 1.0 | 10 | 21 | 0 | 15 | 20 | 66 | 47 | Red |
| Connel Crescent | 0.2 | 10 | 21 | 0 | 15 | 20 | 66 | 47 | Red |
| Jean Armour Drive | 0.5 | 10 | 21 | 0 | 15 | 20 | 66 | 47 | Red |

7.17.2. Summary Table

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|--------------------------|------------------|---|----------------------------|---|---|---|---|
| 7.4 | 20.4 | 4.7 | (-)15.7 | 2.7 | 4.4 | 0.8 | No |

7.17.3. Green Infrastructure Action Plan

| Action | Greening Action Plans - Mauchline | Short Term (15 years) | Medium Term (5 – 10 years) | Long Term (10+ years) |
|--------|---|--------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 | Improve outdoor spaces such as parks, outdoor gym and benches <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improve outdoor spaces by adding or upgrading street furniture. Look at introducing and upgrading park equipment and outdoor gym equipment. | X | | |
| 2 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop an improvement plan for all spaces that fall below the 50% quality threshold | X | | |

7.17.4. Community Action Plan

| Action | Greening Action Plans - Mauchline Source: Mauchline Community Action Plan | Short Term (15 years) | Medium Term (5 – 10 years) | Long Term (10+ years) |
|--------|--|--------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 | Improve path network – increasing footpaths and cycle routes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Extend the existing path network. More bins across path network. Explore visual arts projects along existing path routes (Church, Burns House). Clean and tidy lanes and footpaths. | X | | |
| 2 | Develop allotments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explore expansion of community garden. Look at having allotments available for local people to take ownership of. | | X | |
| 3 | Improve signage for existing tourism opportunities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improve signage to existing tourism opportunities. Coordinate signage into one heritage trail. | | X | |

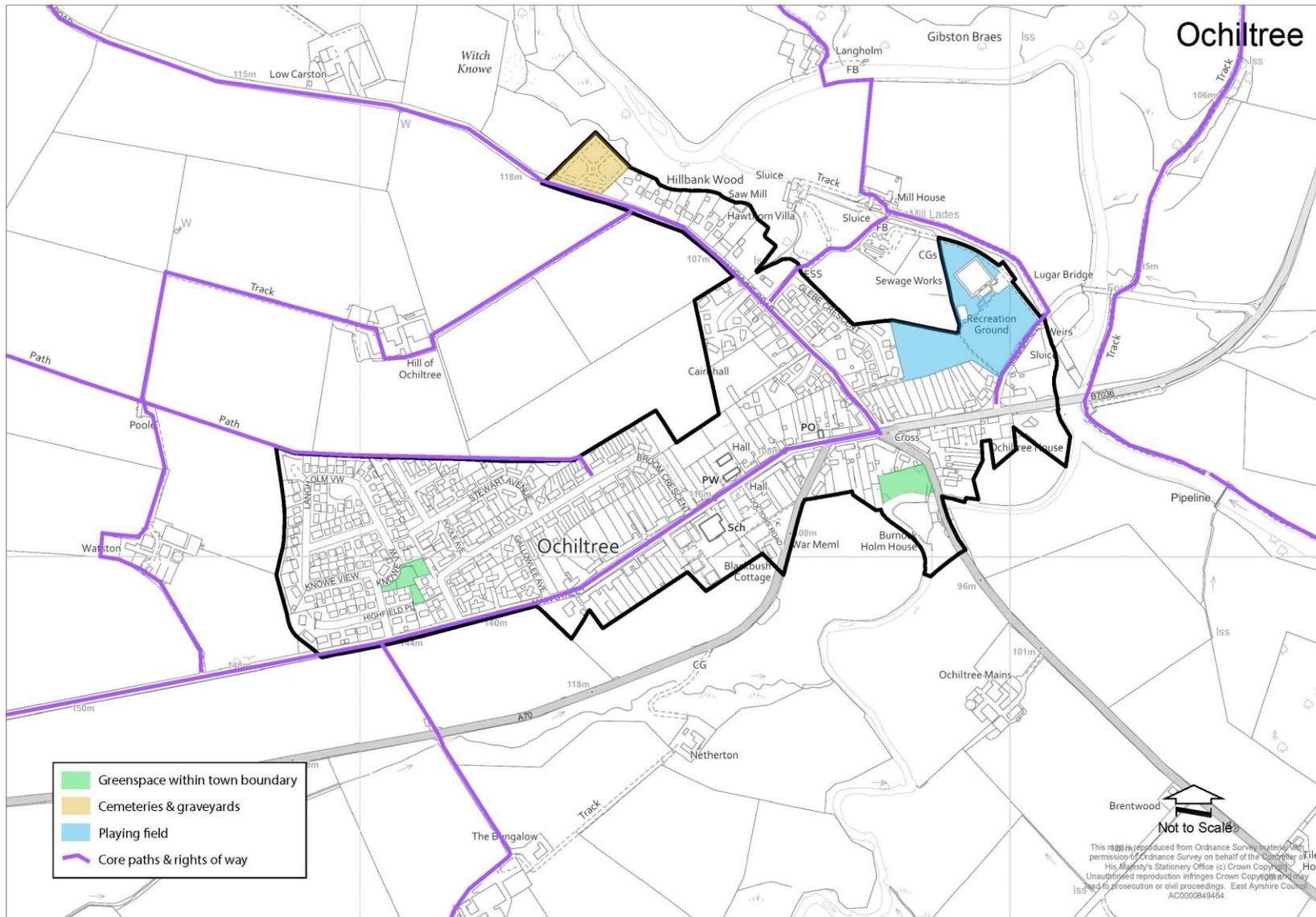
7.18. Ochiltree

Ochiltree is located within undulating pasture and lowland hills, which extend west from the River Ayr and Burnock Water. The western edge of the settlement appears elevated, when viewing from the southeast. The main river valley is the River Ayr, which runs to the northwest of Ochiltree and abuts the estate landscape of Auchinleck House. The landscape consists of mature woodland and scrub enclosed by lowland hills and contributes to the overall setting of the town. The mature shelterbelts and woodland of Auchinleck House extend south to adjoin the River Lugar, creating landscape character of a medium to high quality.

Ochiltree is a small linear settlement which has developed along the A70, although much of the town is set back from this busy road. The settlement is characterised by its Main Street which is fairly wide and behind are two small developments constituting a council housing estate and a new private estate on the eastern edge of the settlement.



Image: Play Park (Source: EAC)



7.18.1. Green Spaces Assessment Table

| Site Name | Size (ha) | Accessible and Well-Connected Place | Attractive and Appealing Place | Biodiversity, Supporting Nature Networks | Active, Supporting Health and Wellbeing | Community Supported | Total Score | % Score | Quality Category |
|--------------------|-----------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|---|---------------------|-------------|---------|------------------|
| Kay Park | 2.1 | 20 | 23 | 4 | 23 | 26 | 96 | 71 | |
| Ochiltree Cemetery | 0.6 | 17 | 26 | 9 | 3 | 21 | 76 | 54 | |
| Burnock Water | 0.3 | 10 | 21 | 0 | 15 | 20 | 66 | 47 | |
| Langholm View | 0.2 | 10 | 21 | 0 | 15 | 20 | 66 | 47 | |

7.18.2. Summary Table

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|--------------------------|------------------|---|----------------------------|---|---|---|---|
| 3.2 | 5.5 | 2.7 | (-)-2.8 | 0.2 | 2.7 | 0 | No |

7.18.3. Green Infrastructure Action Plan

| Action | Greening Action Plans - Ochiltree | Short Term (15 years) | Medium Term (5 – 10 years) | Long Term (10+ years) |
|--------|---|-----------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 | Greenspace quality <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop an improvement plan for all spaces that fall below the 50% quality threshold. | X | | |

7.18.4. Community Actions

| Action | Greening Action Plans - Ochiltree Source: Ochiltree and Skares Community Action Plan (2017-2022) | Short Term (15 years) | Medium Term (5 – 10 years) | Long Term (10+ years) |
|--------|--|--------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 | Develop a path from Ochiltree to Barony A Frame, Dumfries House and Auchinleck House <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upgrade pathway next to the river. • Create a safe pedestrian / cycle track. • Develop a path from Auld Brig to Auchinleck Estate. • Upgrade pathway next to the river. | X | | |
| 2 | Tackle dog mess and litter <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More bins throughout the area. • Introduce wardens. • Use real flowers in baskets. | X | | |
| 3 | Upgrade public spaces <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Restore opencast sites. • Reduce pollution in the area. • Improve village entrances and signs. • Develop picnic areas and play parks. • Plant more trees in Glebe area. • Upgrade the dam. • Upgrade walks around Ochiltree and Skares woods. • Develop areas for visitors and tourists to enjoy. • Assist with the North Kyle Forest Masterplan. | | X | |

7.19. Cumnock

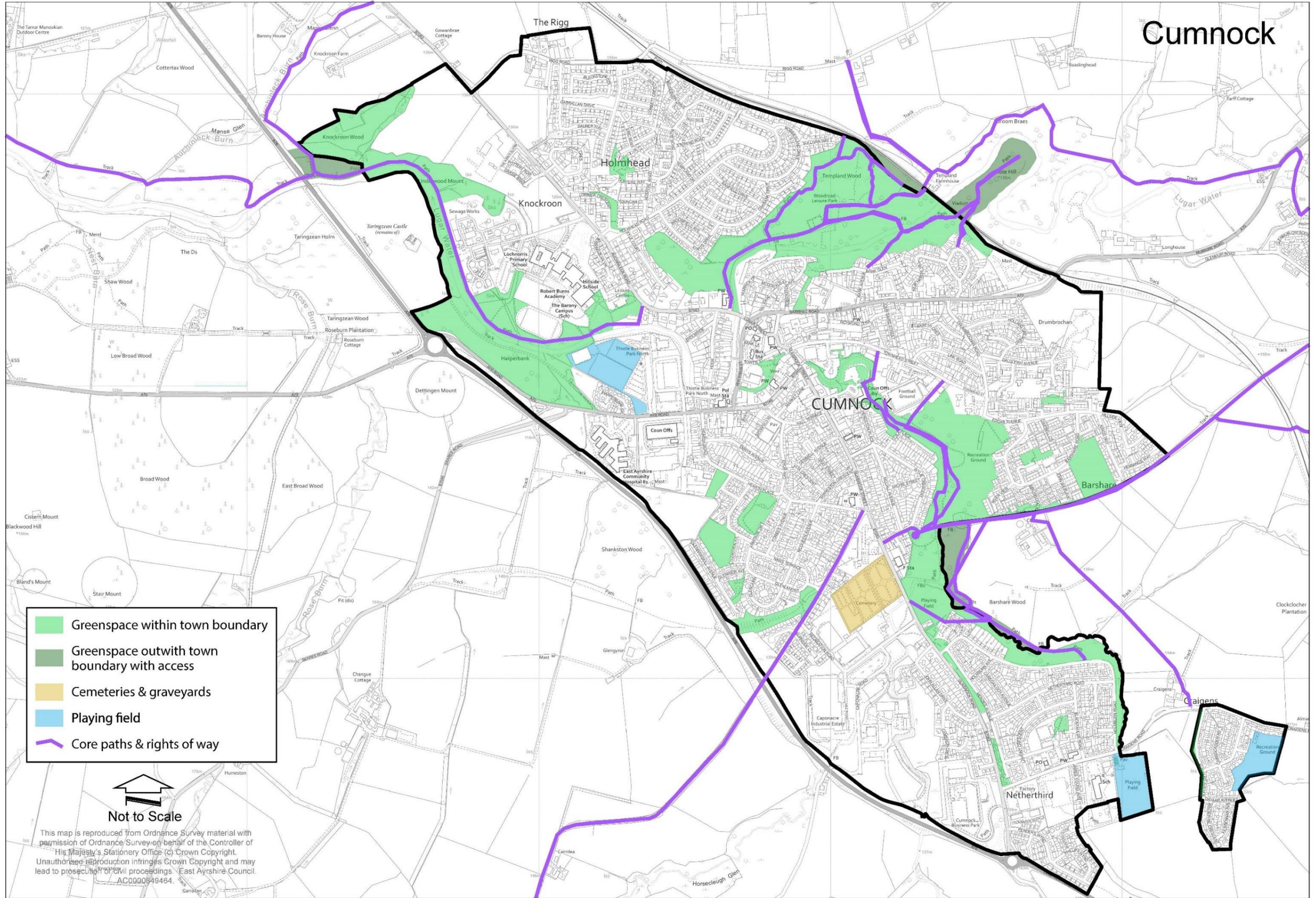
Undulating farmland and hills form a boundary around Cumnock, providing containment beyond the settlement boundary. The Lugar Water is the main river running through the town and dissects the main settlement from the Holmhead area, with mature trees and estate landscape features within the valley. To the east of Cumnock the river is enclosed by lowland hills and to the west it is within the Historic Garden and Designed landscape of Dumfries House. The A76 running past the western edge of Cumnock and the A70 goes through the town from east to west and the B7083, which connects both roads within the town.

A railway line skirts around the town on the eastern side. Cumnock has been formed along the Lugar Water and has spread outward from its historic centre to the south. Drumbrochan sits in the Lugar valley and is directly connected with the town centre; Barshare sits on higher ground to the east looking over the Holm Burn and the rest of the settlement; Netherthird elongates the settlement to the south and is bordered by light industrial typologies in the space adjacent to the A76. Craigen sits outwith the settlement boundary to the southeast.



Image: Cairn Road, Cumnock (Source: GoogleMaps Streetview)

Cumnock



7.19.1. Green Spaces Assessment Table

| Site Name | Size (ha) | Accessible and Well-Connected Place | Attractive and Appealing Place | Biodiversity, Supporting Nature Networks | Active, Supporting Health and Wellbeing | Community Supported | Total Score | % Score | Quality Category |
|----------------------|-----------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|---|---------------------|-------------|---------|------------------|
| Woodroad Park | 28.0 | 23 | 24 | 28 | 25 | 29 | 129 | 96 | |
| Lorimer Crescent | 0.3 | 10 | 21 | 0 | 15 | 20 | 66 | 47 | |
| Eric Ross Way | 0.5 | 10 | 21 | 0 | 15 | 20 | 66 | 47 | |
| Broomfield | 25.4 | 21 | 23 | 20 | 15 | 21 | 100 | 59 | |
| Glaisnock Valley | 23.0 | 21 | 14 | 20 | 15 | 21 | 91 | 63 | |
| Hearth Road | 0.4 | 10 | 21 | 0 | 15 | 20 | 66 | 47 | |
| Hearth Place | 1.3 | 10 | 21 | 0 | 15 | 20 | 66 | 47 | |
| Hearth Place (b) | 1.2 | 10 | 21 | 0 | 15 | 20 | 66 | 47 | |
| Cairn Road | 1.5 | 10 | 21 | 0 | 15 | 20 | 66 | 47 | |
| Glenramskill Avenue | 0.2 | 10 | 21 | 0 | 15 | 20 | 66 | 47 | |
| Menzies Avenue | 0.4 | 10 | 21 | 0 | 15 | 20 | 66 | 47 | |
| Menzies Avenue (b) | 0.3 | 10 | 21 | 0 | 15 | 20 | 66 | 47 | |
| Blackfaulds Road | 0.3 | 10 | 21 | 0 | 15 | 20 | 66 | 47 | |
| Avisyard Avenue | 0.2 | 10 | 21 | 0 | 15 | 20 | 66 | 47 | |
| Craigens Recreation | 1.8 | 15 | 17 | 0 | 25 | 23 | 80 | 59 | |
| Craigens Pitch | 2.4 | 17 | 15 | 0 | 17 | 19 | 68 | 45 | |
| Barony Grass Pitches | 2.6 | 19 | 17 | 0 | 21 | 17 | 74 | 44 | |
| Walker Court | 0.2 | 10 | 21 | 0 | 15 | 20 | 66 | 47 | |
| Barshare | 0.4 | 10 | 21 | 0 | 15 | 20 | 66 | 47 | |
| Barshare (b) | 2.3 | 10 | 21 | 0 | 15 | 20 | 66 | 47 | |
| Cumnock Cemetery | 3.3 | 15 | 21 | 0 | 9 | 21 | 66 | 43 | |

7.19.2. Summary Table

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|--------------------------|------------------|---|----------------------------|---|---|---|---|
| 96 | 44.8 | 76.4 | (+)31.6 | 3.7 | 48.4 | 28 | Yes |

7.19.3. Green Infrastructure Action Plan

| Action | Greening Action Plans - Cumnock | Short Term (15 years) | Medium Term (5 – 10 years) | Long Term (10+ years) |
|--------|---|-----------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 | Develop and upgrade walking routes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify green spaces for allotments and community gardens. | | X | |
| 2 | Develop an improvement plan for all spaces that fall below the 50% quality threshold | X | | |

7.19.4. Other actions

| Action | Community aspirations and actions - Cumnock Source: Cumnock Action Plan (2016-2021) | Short Term (15 years) | Medium Term (5 – 10 years) | Long Term (10+ years) |
|--------|--|--------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 | Rejuvenate the Woodroad Park <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve and develop infrastructure. • Explore the re-opening of camping and caravan facilities. • Create a range of family orientated attractions and activities suitable for all ages and abilities. • Maintain and upgrade woodland flora and fauna, trees and paths, and include mapped trails, adventure walks, signage and bins. | | X | |
| 2 | Improve Broomfield <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop woodland walks, river walks and cycle routes. • Install information boards and signage. • Improve sports and recreational facilities . • Develop cycle and walking links within the local area. | | X | |
| 3 | Create welcoming, friendly outdoor spaces <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop and upgrade walking routes. • Plant more trees and flowers around the town. • Clean up rivers and riverbanks and make them accessible. • Identify green spaces for allotments and community gardens. | | X | |
| 4 | Introduce new and improved outdoor sports facilities for all Actions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify areas to introduce new, and increase existing, outdoor sports and recreational activities. • Re-energise all play parks and play areas to facilitate their use by all ages and abilities. | X | | |
| 5 | Develop and improve town centre appearance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop ‘Keep Cumnock Beautiful’ campaigns. • Provide more dog waste and litter-bins. • Develop a town recycling project. | X | | |

7.20.1. Green Spaces Assessment Table

| Site Name | Size (ha) | Accessible and Well-Connected Place | Attractive and Appealing Place | Biodiversity, Supporting Nature Networks | Active, Supporting Health and Wellbeing | Community Supported | Total Score | % Score | Quality Category |
|-------------------|-----------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|---|---------------------|-------------|---------|------------------|
| Holmhead | 7.9 | 17 | 22 | 0 | 15 | 17 | 71 | 53 | |
| Boswell Crescent | 0.5 | 10 | 21 | 0 | 15 | 20 | 66 | 47 | |
| Logangate Terrace | 0.3 | 10 | 21 | 0 | 15 | 20 | 66 | 47 | |
| Peesweep Brae | 1.3 | 10 | 21 | 0 | 15 | 20 | 66 | 47 | |
| Muirkirk Road | 1.3 | 10 | 21 | 0 | 15 | 20 | 66 | 47 | |

7.20.2. Summary Table

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|--------------------------|------------------|---|----------------------------|---|---|---|---|
| 11.3 | 6.1 | 7.9 | (+)1.8 | 3.4 | 7.9 | 0 | Yes |

7.20.3. Green Infrastructure Action Plan

| Action | Greening Action Plans – Lugar and Logan | Short Term (15 years) | Medium Term (5 – 10 years) | Long Term (10+ years) |
|--------|--|--------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 | Develop an improvement plan for all spaces that fall below the 50% quality threshold | X | | |

7.20.4. Community Actions

| Action | Greening Action Plans - Lugar and Logan Source: Cronberry, Logan and Lugar Community Action Plan 2023-2028 | Short Term (15 years) | Medium Term (5 – 10 years) | Long Term (10+ years) |
|--------|---|--------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 | Upgrade public spaces <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create a new play park. • Upgrade play parks. • Upgrade walks around Cronberry Logan & Lugar. • Improve all waste ground. | X | | |
| 2 | General clean up <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tackle dog fouling. • Better outdoor maintenance of trees and hanging baskets. • Encourage households to keep their gardens clean and tidy. • Improve seating and picnic areas. • Introduce fly tipping and litter initiatives. | X | | |
| 3 | Extend path network <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pathway developed from Cronberry to Lugar. Create a safe pedestrian/cycle route/bike track in all areas. | X | | |

7.21. New Cumnock

Upland farmland surrounds much of New Cumnock, ranging from rough pasture to moorland, and the landscape has been affected dramatically by previous and current coal extraction operations. There are two upland river valleys that intersect within New Cumnock: the Afton Water is a steep sided valley that runs from the southern uplands, and the River Nith is a meandering river within the flatter topography. There are several former mining and industrial sites around New Cumnock; the largest of these is the Knockshinnoch site on the western edge of the town. This area has been reclaimed as lagoons and a wildlife reserve with new woodland planting and wetland areas. The area has a high recreational value and is used by walkers.

New Cumnock has an interesting settlement pattern beginning with a 'L' shape development along the A76 – this development is linear and not very deep; to the south of this a newer housing estate has been developed on Cairnhill which has a very contrasting pattern with almost a spiralling effect as the development moves up the slopes. This section of the settlement consists of mostly two-story semi-detached housing, which is divided by large sections of open space.

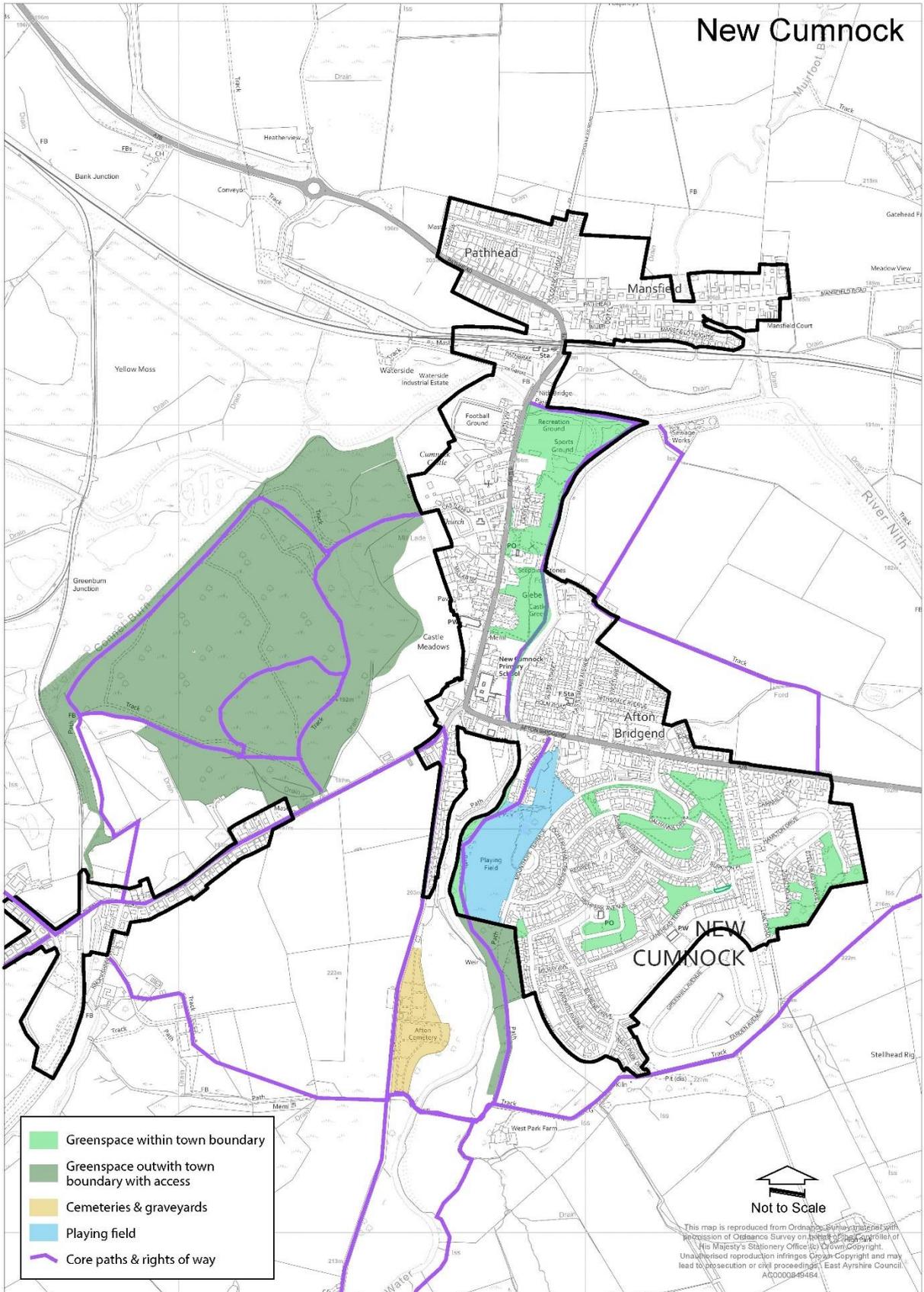


Image: Dalhanna Drive, New Cumnock (Source: GoogleMaps Streetview)



Image: Highpark Avenue, New Cumnock (Source: GoogleMaps Streetview)

New Cumnock



7.21.1. Green Spaces Assessment Table

| Site Name | Size (ha) | Accessible and Well-Connected Place | Attractive and Appealing Place | Biodiversity, Supporting Nature Networks | Active, Supporting Health and Wellbeing | Community Supported | Total Score | % Score | Quality Category |
|--------------------------|-----------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|---|---------------------|-------------|---------|------------------|
| Loch Park | 4.7 | 19 | 24 | 0 | 19 | 35 | 97 | 72 | |
| Castle | 1.6 | 20 | 21 | 21 | 21 | 29 | 112 | 83 | |
| Dalhanna | 3.0 | 7 | 21 | 0 | 15 | 0 | 43 | 29 | |
| Lanehead Terrace | 0.6 | 10 | 21 | 0 | 15 | 20 | 66 | 47 | |
| Highpark Avenue | 0.8 | 10 | 21 | 0 | 15 | 20 | 66 | 47 | |
| Stellhead Avenue | 1.6 | 10 | 21 | 0 | 15 | 20 | 66 | 47 | |
| Greenhead Playing Fields | 4.6 | 18 | 17 | 0 | 25 | 33 | 93 | 64 | |
| Afton Glen | 3.4 | 13 | 19 | 29 | 4 | 18 | 83 | 54 | |
| Knockshinnoch Lagoons | 48.0 | 27 | 29 | 35 | 19 | 34 | 144 | 76 | |
| New Cumnock Cemetery | 2.7 | 19 | 26 | 15 | 6 | 25 | 91 | 59 | |

7.21.2. Summary Table

| Total Area of Greenspace | Recommended Area | Quality Greenspace (only spaces that score 50% or above are included in the quality assessment) | Surplus (+) or Deficit (-) | % of total greenspace which is below the 50 % quality score based on the open space audit | Area of greenspace, which has a quality score between 50% - 80% based on the open space audit | Area of greenspace, which has a quality score of over 80% based on the open space audit | Accessibility Meets 250m standard (Y/N) |
|--------------------------|------------------|---|----------------------------|---|---|---|---|
| 71 | 13.8 | 14.3 | (+) | 0.6 | 63.4 | 1.6 | Yes |

7.21.3. Green Infrastructure Action Plan

| Action | Greening Action Plans – New Cumnock | Short Term (15 years) | Medium Term (5 – 10 years) | Long Term (10+ years) |
|--------|--|--------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 | Develop and promote walking, cycling, horse riding and canoeing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prepare plan of action for physical improvements. Develop plans for promotion and improved signage and interpretation. | | X | |
| 5 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop an improvement plan for all spaces that fall below the 50% quality threshold | X | | |

7.21.4. Community Action Plan

| Action | Greening Action Plans – New Cumnock Source: New Cumnock Community Action Plan | Short Term (15 years) | Medium Term (5 – 10 years) | Long Term (10+ years) |
|--------|---|--------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 | Develop and promote walking, cycling, horse riding and canoeing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review existing footpaths, cycleways, trails, and opportunities for canoeing. Start to implement priority projects. | | X | |
| 3 | Develop outdoor recreation centre <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Build on and progress previous feasibility work. | | | X |
| 4 | Develop Heritage Centre and Trails <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support the development of heritage initiatives. Explore potential to develop a Heritage Centre in one of the derelict/empty buildings. | | | X |

7.22. Dalrymple

Development in Dalrymple has mainly been focused along the Main Street/Barbieston Road axis, with the settlement growing from the old town in the southwest, east along Barbieston road. The junction of Barbieston Road and Burnton Road now forms a centre, where the White Horse Inn and war memorial sits. Residential development is located along these two arteries. On the southern and eastern edges of the settlement, rectilinear council housing creates distinct patterns.



Image: Barbieston Road, Dalrymple (Source: GoogleMaps Streetview)

7.22.1. Green Spaces Assessment Table

| Site Name | Size (ha) | Accessible and Well-Connected Place | Attractive and Appealing Place | Biodiversity, Supporting Nature Networks | Active, Supporting Health and Wellbeing | Community Supported | Total Score | % Score | Quality Category |
|--------------------|-----------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|---|---------------------|-------------|---------|------------------|
| Playing Fields | 1.8 | 12 | 23 | 4 | 13 | 24 | 76 | 51 | |
| Barbieston Park | 1.9 | 25 | 30 | 27 | 23 | 33 | 138 | 102 | |
| Riverside Terrace | 0.5 | 10 | 21 | 0 | 15 | 20 | 66 | 47 | |
| Weir Terrace | 0.6 | 10 | 21 | 0 | 15 | 20 | 66 | 47 | |
| River Doon | 1.8 | 13 | 12 | 18 | 4 | 17 | 64 | 44 | |
| Knockjarder Wood | 1.8 | 7 | 12 | 16 | 4 | 15 | 54 | 42 | |
| Dalrymple Cemetery | 1.2 | 15 | 18 | 9 | 9 | 17 | 68 | 45 | |

7.22.2. Summary Table

| Total Area of Greenspace | Recommended Area | Quality Greenspace (only spaces that score 50% or above are included in the quality assessment) | Surplus (+) or Deficit (-) | % of total greenspace which is below the 50 % quality score based on the open space audit | Area of greenspace, which has a quality score between 50% - 80% based on the open space audit | Area of greenspace, which has a quality score of over 80% based on the open space audit | Accessibility Meets 250m standard (Y/N) |
|--------------------------|------------------|---|----------------------------|---|---|---|---|
| 9.6 | 8.7 | 3.7 | (-)5 | 5.9 | 3.7 | 0 | Yes |

7.22.3. Green Infrastructure Action Plan

| Action | Greening Action Plans - Dalrymple | Short Term (15 years) | Medium Term (5 – 10 years) | Long Term (10+ years) |
|--------|--|--------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 | Introduce seating and picnic areas in the parks and by the river. | X | | |
| 2 | Clean up park areas and walkways along the river | X | | |
| 3 | Develop an improvement plan for all spaces that fall below the 50% quality threshold | X | | |

7.22.4. Community Actions

| Action | Community aspirations and actions - Dalrymple Source: Dalrymple, Hollybush and Skeldon Community Action Plan (2019-2024) | Short Term (15 years) | Medium Term (5 – 10 years) | Long Term (10+ years) |
|--------|---|--------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 | Improve village appearance and outdoor spaces <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop village clean up initiative including partnership organisations to tackle litter, fly tipping and dog fouling. Install more planters and hanging baskets, more planting in green spaces. Install more litter bins. Improve village entrances with new signage and planters. | | X | |
| 2 | Improve environment and outdoor recreation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop a programme to reduce dog poo along with partnership organisations. Look into flood prevention systems. To develop a Community Garden, Hub and Social Space. Enhance and improve children’s play areas to include all weather equipment. Develop signposted nature trails, walking and cycling routes between villages and beyond. Utilise and promote the River Doon i.e. for fishing and outdoor activities. | | X | |

7.23.1. Green Spaces Assessment Table

| Site Name | Size (ha) | Accessible and Well-Connected Place | Attractive and Appealing Place | Biodiversity, Supporting Nature Networks | Active, Supporting Health and Wellbeing | Community Supported | Total Score | % Score | Quality Category |
|-------------------------|-----------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|---|---------------------|-------------|---------|------------------|
| Margaret Drain Crescent | 0.5 | 18 | 11 | 11 | 2 | 15 | 57 | 39 | 0.5 |
| Drongan Cemetery | 0.9 | 27 | 24 | 15 | 10 | 29 | 105 | 68 | 0.9 |
| Playing Fields | 4.1 | 16 | 15 | 5 | 17 | 22 | 75 | 50 | 4.1 |
| Coyle Avenue | 1.5 | 18 | 11 | 11 | 2 | 15 | 57 | 39 | 1.5 |
| Bonnyton Avenue | 2.2 | 18 | 11 | 11 | 2 | 15 | 57 | 39 | 2.2 |
| Barbieston Avenue | 0.5 | 10 | 21 | 0 | 15 | 20 | 66 | 47 | |
| Hannahston | 25.1 | 11 | 28 | 21 | 20 | 31 | 111 | 67 | 25.1 |
| Barrhill Place | 1.0 | 10 | 21 | 0 | 15 | 20 | 66 | 47 | |
| Kerse Terrace | 0.7 | 10 | 21 | 0 | 15 | 20 | 66 | 47 | |

7.23.2. Summary Table

| Total Area of Greenspace | Recommended Area | Quality Greenspace (only spaces that score 50% or above are included in the quality assessment) | Surplus (+) or Deficit (-) | % of total greenspace which is below the 50 % quality score based on the open space audit | Area of greenspace, which has a quality score between 50% - 80% based on the open space audit | Area of greenspace, which has a quality score of over 80% based on the open space audit | Accessibility Meets 250m accessibility standard (Y/N) |
|--------------------------|------------------|---|----------------------------|---|---|---|---|
| 34.8 | 15.9 | 30.1 | (+)14.2 | 4.2 | 30.1 | 0 | Yes |

7.23.3. Green Infrastructure Action Plan

| Action | Greening Action Plans – Drongan | Short Term (15 years) | Medium Term (5 – 10 years) | Long Term (10+ years) |
|--------|--|--------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 | Develop an improvement plan for all spaces that fall below the 50% quality threshold | X | | |

7.23.4. Community Action Plan

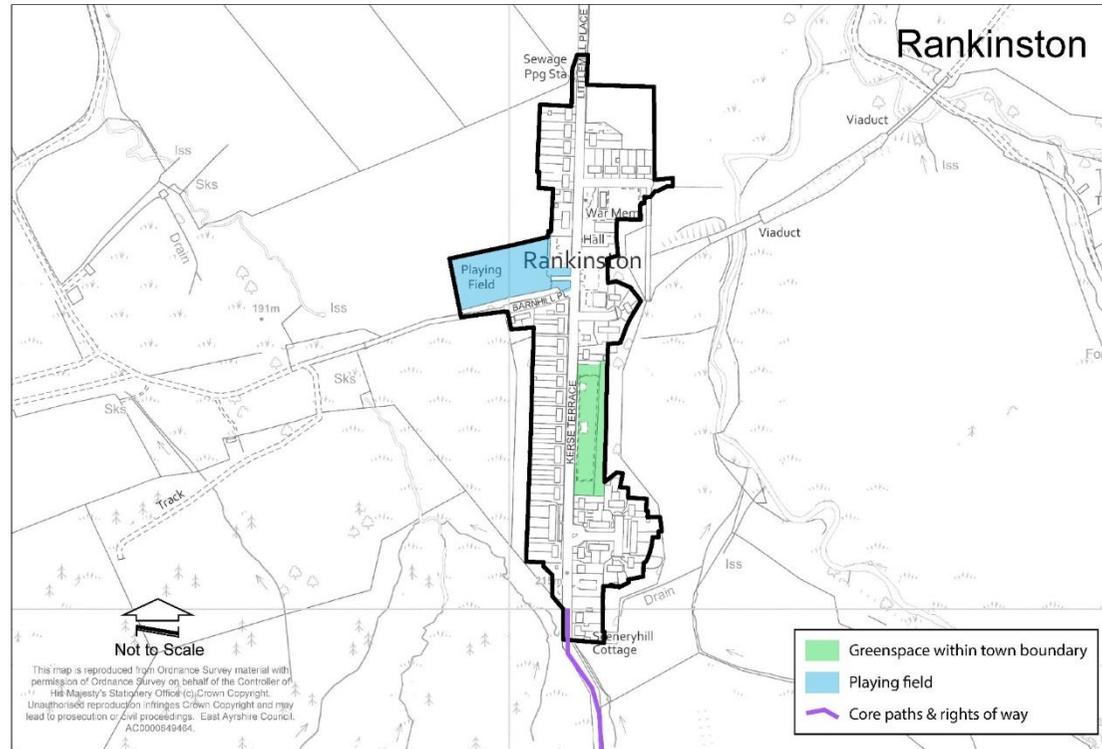
| Action | Community aspirations and actions – Drongan, Rankinston and Stair Source: Drongan, Rankinston & Stair Community Action Plan (2014-2019) | Short Term (15 years) | Medium Term (5 – 10 years) | Long Term (10+ years) |
|--------|---|--------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 | Provide more Dog and Litter Bins <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Display signs throughout the village. • Investigate fines for leaving a mess. • Hold a community litter pick. • Involve schools. | X | | |
| 2 | Clean up Taiglum Burn and Identify Plans to Improve the Surrounding Area. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with East Ayrshire Council and residents to have a clean up. • Consider environmental engagement. | X | | |
| 3 | Improve Entrances to all Areas <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify funding to buy miners’ memorial objects, plaques or signs. | X | | |
| 4 | Upgrade and Develop Parks and Picnic Areas. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with young people and garden projects to assist with renovations / training. • Liaise with East Ayrshire Council and businesses for funding and opportunities. | | X | |
| 5 | Upgrade Sport Facilities and Pitches <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact East Ayrshire Council regarding upgrade. • Set up a group of volunteers to assist. | | | |
| 6 | Promote Healthy Lifestyles Through Walking and Cycling <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop safe walking and cycling paths. | | X | |

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|--|---|--|--|--|
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Distribute safe walking and cycling posters.• Set up a safe walking and cycling group. | | | |
|--|---|--|--|--|

7.24. Rankinston

Rankinston is a linear hamlet, consisting of one main road with housing along either edge; the housing is mainly two-storey semi-detached council housing. This settlement sits on a minor road off any main transport routes and is not a through-route.

The open spaces all sit along this main road running through the settlement, with the sports pitch protruding into the landscape.



7.24.1. Green Spaces Assessment Table

| Site Name | Size (ha) | Accessible and Well-Connected Place | Attractive and Appealing Place | Biodiversity, Supporting Nature Networks | Active, Supporting Health and Wellbeing | Community Supported | Total Score | % Score | Quality Category |
|----------------|-----------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|---|---------------------|-------------|---------|------------------|
| Barrhill Place | 1.0 | 10 | 21 | 0 | 15 | 20 | 66 | 47 | |
| Kerse Terrace | 0.7 | 10 | 21 | 0 | 15 | 20 | 66 | 47 | |

7.24.2. Summary Table

| Total Area of Greenspace | Recommended Area | Quality Greenspace (only spaces that score 50% or above are included in the quality assessment) | Surplus (+) or Deficit (-) | % of total greenspace which is below the 50 % quality score based on the open space audit | Area of greenspace, which has a quality score between 50% - 80% based on the open space audit | Area of greenspace, which has a quality score of over 80% based on the open space audit | Accessibility Meets 250m accessibility standard (Y/N) |
|--------------------------|------------------|---|----------------------------|---|---|---|---|
| 1.7 | 1.4 | 0 | (-)1.4 | 1.7 | 0 | 0 | Yes |

7.24.3. Green Infrastructure Action Plan

| Action | Greening Action Plans - Rankinston | Short Term (15 years) | Medium Term (5 – 10 years) | Long Term (10+ years) |
|--------|--|--------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 | Develop an improvement plan for all spaces that fall below the 50% quality threshold | X | | |

7.24.4. Other actions

See Section 7.20.4.

7.25.1. Green Spaces Assessment Table

| Site Name | Size (ha) | Accessible and Well-Connected Place | Attractive and Appealing Place | Biodiversity, Supporting Nature Networks | Active, Supporting Health and Wellbeing | Community Supported | Total Score | % Score | Quality Category |
|-------------------|-----------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|---|---------------------|-------------|---------|------------------|
| River Doon Valley | 10.1 | 11 | 12 | 22 | 5 | 15 | 65 | 48 | |
| Carnshalloch Ave | 2.2 | 10 | 21 | 0 | 15 | 20 | 66 | 47 | |
| Patna Cemetery | 1.8 | 13 | 34 | 15 | 11 | 27 | 100 | 63 | |

7.25.2. Summary Table

| Total Area of Greenspace | Recommended Area | Quality Greenspace (only spaces that score 50% or above are included in the quality assessment) | Surplus (+) or Deficit (-) | % of total greenspace which is below the 50 % quality score based on the open space audit | Area of greenspace, which has a quality score between 50% - 80% based on the open space audit | Area of greenspace, which has a quality score of over 80% based on the open space audit | Accessibility Meets 250m accessibility standard (Y/N) |
|--------------------------|------------------|---|----------------------------|---|---|---|---|
| 14.1 | 10.8 | 1.8 | (-)9 | 12.3 | 1.8 | 0 | Yes |

7.25.3. Green Infrastructure Action Plan

| Action | Greening Action Plans - Patna | Short Term (15 years) | Medium Term (5 – 10 years) | Long Term (10+ years) |
|--------|--|--------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 | Develop an improvement plan for all spaces that fall below the 50% quality threshold | X | | |

7.25.4. Community Action Plan

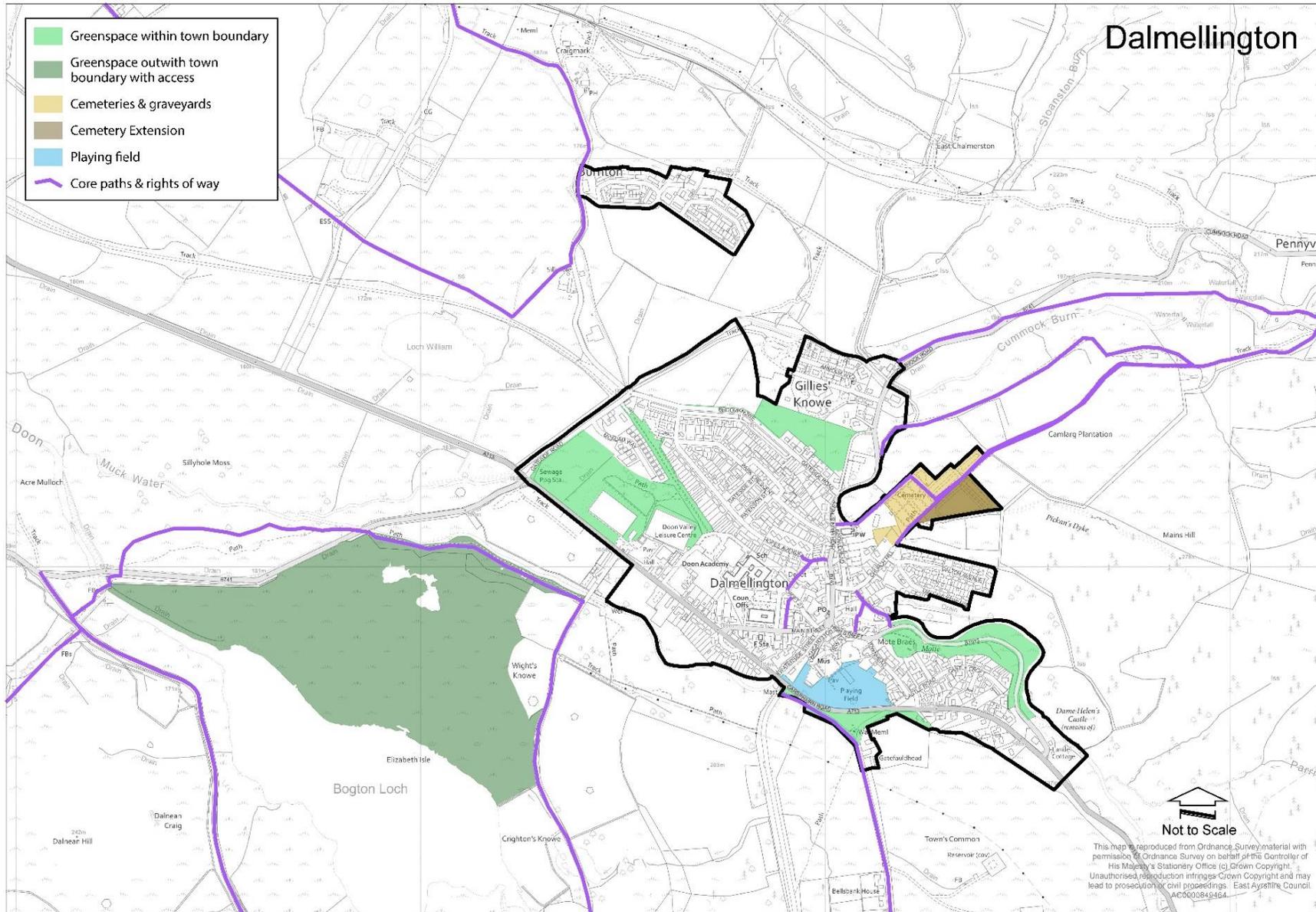
| Action | Greening Action Plans - Patna Source: Patna Community Action Plan | Short Term (15 years) | Medium Term (5 – 10 years) | Long Term (10+ years) |
|--------|---|--------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 | Walking and Cycle Routes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop and support plans to extend and enhance the existing walking routes, as well as the introduction of further routes to create a “Walking Network”. Develop and support plans for the creation of a cycle route. | | X | |
| 2 | Support campaigns to retain Patna Golf Course and Club. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work with the Golf Club to support programmes to encourage participation of all ages. | | | X |
| 3 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop plans to create picnic areas around the village for both locals and tourists | X | | |

7.26.1. Summary Table

| Total Area of Greenspace | Recommended Area | Quality Greenspace (only spaces that score 50% or above are included in the quality assessment) | Surplus (+) or Deficit (-) | % of total greenspace which is below the 50 % quality score based on the open space audit | Area of greenspace, which has a quality score between 50% - 80% based on the open space audit | Area of greenspace, which has a quality score of over 80% based on the open space audit | Accessibility Meets 250m accessibility standard (Y/N) |
|--------------------------|------------------|---|----------------------------|---|---|---|---|
| 0.3 | 0.7 | 0.0 | (-) | 0.3 | 0 | 0 | No |

7.27. Dalmellington

Dalmellington has been formed around an older core, which creates a more traditional town square (now a roundabout). From this core, arteries head off in all directions containing various developments; newer developments have taken place from these arteries concentrated in the north, where there is a council housing estate as well as pockets of newer housing in the east. The character of the town has been influenced by previous coal extraction, with bings, derelict land and the current open cast operations. Located around 1km north of Dalmellington is Burnton, a small hamlet containing two rows of cottages and bungalows.



7.27.1. Green Spaces Assessment Table

| Site Name | Size (ha) | Accessible and Well-Connected Place | Attractive and Appealing Place | Biodiversity, Supporting Nature Networks | Active, Supporting Health and Wellbeing | Community Supported | Total Score | % Score | Quality Category |
|------------------------|-----------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|---|---------------------|-------------|---------|------------------|
| Ayr Road | 6.5 | 15 | 16 | 31 | 0 | 15 | 77 | 57 | Yellow |
| Gateside Road | 1.9 | 21 | 18 | 35 | 21 | 23 | 118 | 87 | Green |
| The Motte | 1.5 | 13 | 12 | 0 | 10 | 17 | 52 | 31 | Red |
| King George V | 1.8 | 18 | 24 | 0 | 21 | 23 | 86 | 59 | Yellow |
| Carsphairn Road | 1.0 | 10 | 21 | 0 | 15 | 20 | 66 | 47 | Red |
| Muck Water | 34.0 | 7 | 14 | 19 | 4 | 12 | 56 | 37 | Red |
| Dalmellington Cemetery | 3.3 | 21 | 30 | 15 | 6 | 21 | 93 | 60 | Yellow |

7.27.2. Summary Table

| Total Area of Greenspace | Recommended Area | Quality Greenspace (only spaces that score 50% or above are included in the quality assessment) | Surplus (+) or Deficit (-) | % of total greenspace which is below the 50 % quality score based on the open space audit | Area of greenspace, which has a quality score between 50% - 80% based on the open space audit | Area of greenspace, which has a quality score of over 80% based on the open space audit | Accessibility Meets 250m accessibility standard (Y/N) |
|--------------------------|------------------|---|----------------------------|---|---|---|---|
| 51.9 | 7.1 | 15.4 | (+)8.3 | 36.5 | 15.4 | 0 | Yes |

7.27.3. Green Infrastructure Action Plan

| Action | Greening Action Plans - Dalmellington | Short Term (15 years) | Medium Term (5 – 10 years) | Long Term (10+ years) |
|--------|--|--------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 | Improve access in the King Georges Field <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Design improved entrance and paths to play area. | | X | |
| 2 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop an improvement plan for all spaces that fall below the 50% quality threshold | X | | |

7.27.4. Community Actions

| Action | Greening Action Plans - Dalmellington | Short Term (15 years) | Medium Term (5 – 10 years) | Long Term (10+ years) |
|--------|---|--------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 | Community woodland <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work with Forestry Commission Scotland to establish a Community Woodland area at the new cemetery above Dalton Terrace. Establish a volunteer Woodlands and Environment group. | | X | |
| 2 | River area improvements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support the project planned by Dalmellington Partnership to create path from Cathcartson to Craigengillan, including a footbridge and two fish passes. | | | |
| 3 | Improve access in the King Georges Field <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Liaise with EAC and Fields in Trust to secure necessary permissions for access improvements. Involve children and families in design of other potential improvements to the field (including seating, garden area, natural play area etc). | | X | |



Image: Corserine Terrace, Bellsbank (Source: GoogleMaps Streetview)



Image: Merrick Drive, Bellsbank (Source: GoogleMaps Streetview)

7.28.1. Green Spaces Assessment Table

| Site Name | Size (ha) | Accessible and Well-Connected Place | Attractive and Appealing Place | Biodiversity, Supporting Nature Networks | Active, Supporting Health and Wellbeing | Community Supported | Total Score | % Score | Quality Category |
|--------------------|-----------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|---|---------------------|-------------|---------|------------------|
| Bellsbank PS | 0.8 | 10 | 21 | 0 | 15 | 20 | 66 | 47 | |
| Minnoch Road | 0.8 | 10 | 21 | 0 | 15 | 20 | 66 | 47 | |
| Merrick Drive | 2.3 | 10 | 21 | 0 | 15 | 20 | 66 | 47 | |
| Dalcairney Road | 2.0 | 10 | 21 | 0 | 15 | 20 | 66 | 47 | |
| Ness Glen Road | 1.6 | 10 | 21 | 0 | 15 | 20 | 66 | 47 | |
| Auchenroy Crescent | 1.7 | 10 | 21 | 0 | 15 | 20 | 66 | 47 | |
| Eriff Road | 0.5 | 10 | 21 | 0 | 15 | 20 | 66 | 47 | |
| Dalfarson Avenue | 0.5 | 10 | 21 | 0 | 15 | 20 | 66 | 47 | |
| 12 Apostles Wood | 8.8 | 21 | 24 | 21 | 21 | 27 | 114 | 63 | |
| Penny Arthur | 8.8 | 21 | 24 | 21 | 21 | 27 | 114 | 63 | |

7.28.2. Summary Table

| Total Area of Greenspace | Recommended Area | Quality Greenspace (only spaces that score 50% or above are included in the quality assessment) | Surplus (+) or Deficit (-) | % of total greenspace which is below the 50 % quality score based on the open space audit | Area of greenspace, which has a quality score between 50% - 80% based on the open space audit | Area of greenspace, which has a quality score of over 80% based on the open space audit | Accessibility Meets 250m standard (Y/N) |
|--------------------------|------------------|---|----------------------------|---|---|---|---|
| 27.8 | 6.6 | 17.6 | (+)11.0 | 10.2 | 17.6 | 0 | Yes |

7.28.3. Community Actions

| Action | Greening Action Plans - Bellsbank | Short Term (15 years) | Medium Term (5 – 10 years) | Long Term (10+ years) |
|--------|---|--------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 | Walking and Cycle Routes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop and support plans to extend and enhance the existing walking routes, as well as the introduction of further routes to create a “Walking Network”. • Develop and support plans for the creation of a cycle route. | | X | |