

**PROFILE**

22.1 Letham is a village with a population of 206, lying to the south of Airth and north of the M876. It is surrounded by good quality agricultural land and is a prominent village in the flat carse landscape. The village was established early in the 20th century to house mine workers and has been designated a Conservation Area. The site of the former mine lies between the two groups of cottages. The previous Local Plan advocated a policy of restraint on further growth in Letham.

**KEY LOCAL ISSUES**

22.2 The key issue for the village is:

- The need to continue to protect the Conservation Area.

**LOCAL PLAN SUMMARY**

22.3 The Local Plan proposes the following key provisions for Letham:

- Sensitive growth of the village, the location of which is to be defined through Supplementary Planning Guidance.

**ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY**

22.4 The Conservation Area includes both groups of cottages and the former colliery site. The cottages form two distinct groups, with a row to the north of the village and cottages backing onto an area of open space in the southern part of the village. The cottages are still mainly in local authority ownership and remain relatively unchanged. The Conservation Area also includes a group of houses converted from the former village hall which reflects the character of the village.

22.5 The former colliery site which separates the two parts of the village is now used for grazing and some woodland planting has been undertaken to the north of the playing field and to the south of the open space at Letham Terraces. The abandoned opencast coal site at Waterslap lies to the north east of the village. Further restoration of this site will be considered in accordance with Policy EQ37.

**SUSTAINING COMMUNITIES**

**Housing**

22.6 Expansion of the village is proposed, and a suitable site defined through the preparation of Supplementary Planning Guidance. The village’s prominence in the landscape, its Conservation Area status, and the need to preserve the essential character of the two separate groups of historic dwellings, mean that such growth will need to be very carefully handled. A planning brief will be required to set out the design requirements.

22.7 **Housing - Proposals and Opportunities - Opportunities**

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| 22.7.1 | <b>H.LET01</b>    | <b>Letham Terraces</b>  |
|        | <b>Site Area:</b> | 0.2 hectares  |
|        | <b>Capacity:</b>  | 4   |
|        | <b>Developer:</b> | Unknown   |
|        | <b>Status:</b>    | Opportunity   |
|        | <b>Comments:</b>  | Site within Conservation Area. Planning brief required. Previous local plan allocation. |

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| 22.7.2 | <b>H.LET02</b>    | <b>Letham</b>  |
|        | <b>Site Area:</b> | To be defined  |
|        | <b>Capacity:</b>  | 30-40  |
|        | <b>Developer:</b> | Private  |
|        | <b>Status:</b>    | New Allocation   |
|        | <b>Comments:</b>  | Location and detailed boundaries of allocation to be defined through the preparation of Supplementary Planning Guidance, which will involve a review of all potential development opportunities in and adjacent to the village, and public consultation. Particular attention will have to be paid to respecting the character and setting of the Conservation Area. |

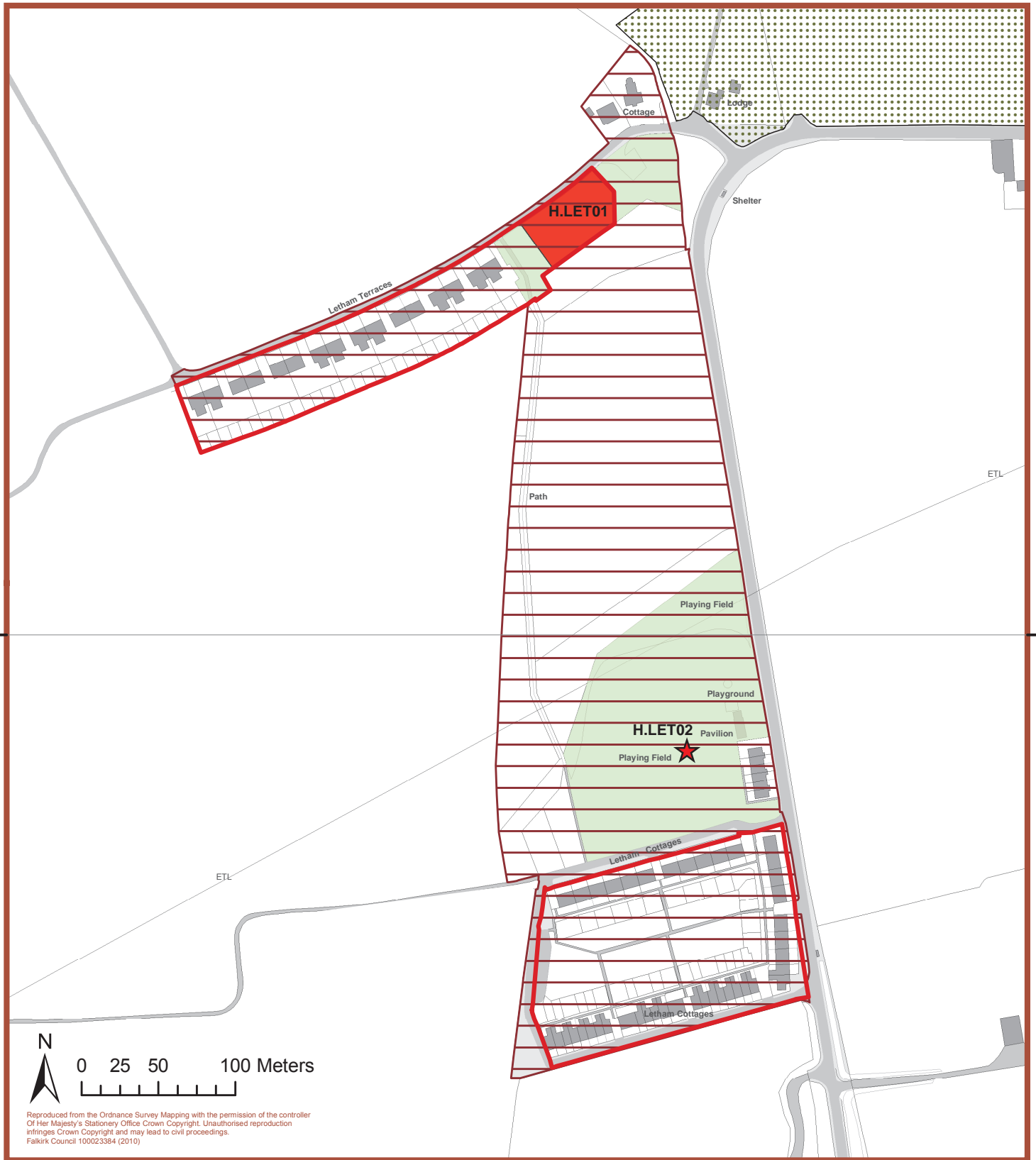
### Recreation and Community Facilities

- 22.8 The village has a large area of open space in proportion to its size mainly made up of the playing fields and an area of open space to the north. The village is in the catchment area for Airth Primary School which has been refurbished and extended to make it a single stream school.

## SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT & INFRASTRUCTURE

- 22.9 A previous constraint on sewerage provision in the village has been removed and a system has been installed to pump waste to the Airth WWTW.





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## Key

### Policies

-  Village Limit (EQ19)
-  Conservation Areas (EQ12)
-  Tree Preservation Order (EQ26)
-  Open Space (SC12)

### Proposals & Opportunities

-   Housing

