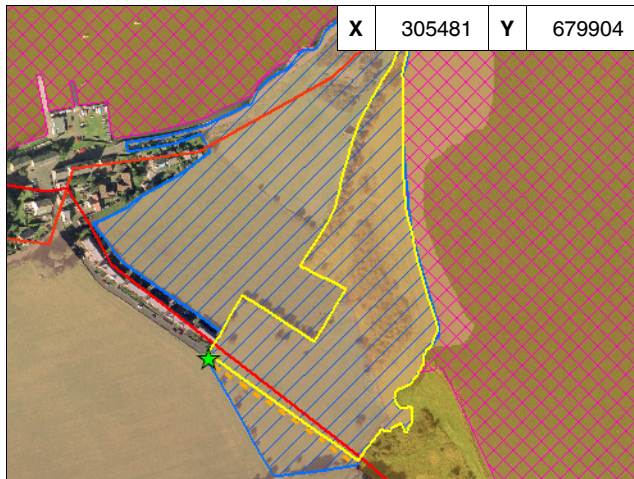


Site Number	69	Site Name	St Ninian's Way Playground, Blackness
Location	Blackness		



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Hierarchy	4 - Settlement	Typology	Public Park and Garden
Area (Ha)	3.6	Ownership	

Surrounding Environment	Next to some residential buildings & an historic castle & associated buildings.		
Access Points	Single (Map Correct)	Access Type	Public

ELEMENTS		FACILITIES	
0 = Absent	1 = Minimal	2 = Evident	3 = Abundant
Bog / Marshland	0	Benches	2
Amenity / Ornamental Planting	0	Bins	2
Formal Paths	2	Dog Litter Bins	0
Informal Tracks	0	Lighting	1
Mown Grass	3	Fencing	0
Long Grass	2	Walling	3
General Hard Space	0	Signage	2
General Soft Space	3	Play Facilities	2
Soft Tiling / Play Surface	0	Storage Huts	0
Scrub / Regenerating Woodland	1	Kick-about Areas	1
Shelterbelt	0	Sports Pitch	0
Avenue Trees	0	Public Toilets	0
Formal Water Feature	0	Disabled Access	1
Informal / Natural Water Feature	3	Car Park	2
Deciduous Woodland	0	Cafe / Restaurant	0
Mixed Woodland	0	Other Building	0
Coniferous Woodland	0	Other:	0
Canal Basin	0		
Roadside Planting	0		
Parkland Trees	0		
Other:	2		

Public Park and Garden	Amenity Open Space	Playspaces
Yes	No	Yes
Sports Area	Natural / Semi-Natural Greenspace	Green Corridor
No	No	No

QUALITY SCORES - SITE	Included	Score
Accessibility	YES	3
Health and Wellbeing	YES	3
Cleanliness and Maintenance	YES	3
Biodiversity and Nature Conservation	NO	3
Cultural Heritage and Local History	NO	3
Community Involvement	NO	4
Design and Aesthetic Qualities	YES	2
Marketing	NO	0
Management	NO	0
Average Quality and Fitness For Purpose Score		2.8

Main benefits of the open space
Well used playspace for children in Blackness village - football and play facilities. Cultural history - situated next to Blackness Castle. Setting and views of firth of forth provide local distinctiveness. Biodiversity - orchids, gorse, part of site SSSI. Bird watchers seen using site - views to the forth mudflats.
Main detractors of the open space
Abundance of mown grass. Some dog fouling. Exposure to coastal wind/elements.
Main design opportunities
Improved footpath access around the site and interpretation of cultural heritage and setting of the park. New play facilities for local children. Potential for new parking, as space limited for visitors from outside Blackness. Potential for shelters along waters edge e.g. for appreciation of setting, bird watching etc.
Main design constraints
Historic buildings and walls
Recommendations / Observations / Strategy
Conserve heritage of site and improve access and interpretation of the site and setting for visitors. Enhance opportunities for local recreation activity e.g. new childrens play facilities. Habitat management and planting to improve biodiversity. Shelters to provide enclosed seating areas.

Finalised Draft Local Plan Comments
Additional Comments
quite windy, beautiful views of firth of forth