



Site ID	Site Name
46	Hay Park
47	Community Centre, Denny Road
48	Chacefield Wood
49	Myathall, Denny
50	Herbertshire Playingfield
51	Herbertshire Castle, Core Park
52	Rosebank Community Woodland
53	Spine Road, Castlerankine Burn
55	Railway Corridor, Denny to Dunipace
56	Railway Corridor, Denny
59	Little Denny Reservoir
60	Carron Corridor

Legend	Local Plan Proposals and Opportunities	Access Routes	Strategy Key
Urban Limit	Environment	Sustrans Cycle Route	Potential lack of access to semi-natural open space
Surveyed Open Spaces	Recreational & Community Facilities	Green Travel Path	Potential lack of access to public parks
Open Space*	Transport	Green Travel Proposed Route	Potential lack of access to sports area
Priority Regeneration Areas	Economic Development	Right of Way	Potential lack of access to play spaces
SIRR Areas	Housing		Improve connections between open space
	Path proposals		Improve access to open space
			Conserve + enhance regional semi-natural spaces for biodiversity
			Enhance local biodiversity through local biodiversity 'toolkit'
			Conserve + enhance awareness of cultural heritage
			Opportunity for new allotments/ community gardens
			Promote + enhance canal as a national green space
			Priority quality improvements required

* Areas of open space may include open water.

Falkirk Open Space Strategy
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 Conceptual Strategy - Denny

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Denny & Dunipace

Survey/ Issues

- Overall there is a relatively high supply of public open space in Denny & Dunipace in quantitative terms (10.33ha per 1000 people), although there are some neighbourhoods (central Denny and Fankerton) which have restricted accessibility.
- This is supported by a relatively high percentage of households (75.8%) with access (within 400m) to a surveyed public open space.
- The supply of private gardens, with an average of 181m² per household, is significantly lower than the average village supply of 384m² but only slightly lower than the average town supply of 193m².
- At 72.3%, the percentage of households with access (within 400m) to a fit for purpose surveyed public open space is only marginally lower than the figure for access to public open space (75.8%). This suggests that the majority of public open space in Denny & Dunipace is fit for purpose.
- Only two of the town's public open spaces (sites 47 and 60) are considered to be of only 'fair' quality and not fit for purpose in their current state.
- There are only three surveyed public parks and gardens in Denny & Dunipace (Sites 46, 47 and 51). As such, accessibility (within 400m) to surveyed public parks and gardens is limited. This provision is concentrated to the south of Denny and in Dunipace, leaving other areas with limited access.
- Accessibility (within 800m) to surveyed sports areas in Denny & Dunipace is varied, with only 52.3% of households having access to a surveyed site containing a sports area. Some neighbourhoods have restricted access (Rosebank, Fankerton, central Denny) and others having access (Dunipace, south Denny).
- Accessibility (within 400m) to surveyed playspaces is varied, with only 58.5% of households having access to a surveyed playspace. Many areas within the settlement have access to a playspace (e.g. Myathall, Castlerankine, Dunipace, south Denny). However, for many areas, playspaces are under-provided e.g. Rosebank, Fankerton, central Denny). There is a relatively small part of Denny with access (within 400m) to more than one site containing a playspace.
- Almost all households within Denny & Dunipace (96% of households) have access to a surveyed green corridor or a site containing semi-natural greenspace (within 1200m). The majority of the settlement has multiple access to more than one green corridor or semi-natural greenspaces (within 1200m).
- The town also benefits from several large regional-level semi-natural greenspaces, such as at Chacefield Wood and Little Denny Reservoir, which are generally of good quality and offer potential as future regional facilities.

Strategy Overview

Continue to develop the town's semi-natural greenspaces on the urban edge and link the town's open space provision through its green corridor assets such as the canals, disused railway corridors and rivers, whilst improving quantity, quality and accessibility at the local level in key areas through the upgrading of a selected number of local parks, augmented by some new open spaces in new developments within the areas of quantitative deficiency.

Strategy Actions

At the regional level, the town benefits from the presence of Chacefield Wood and Little Denny Reservoir on the urban edge, which provide significant resources as woodland and open water, as does Drumbowie Reservoir (not currently surveyed).

- Chacefield Wood - enhance the woodland as recreational and a biodiversity resource with improved facilities, focal points of interest and gateway entrance points.
- Little Denny Reservoir – improve access around the water's edge with more signage and facilities to encourage passive recreation such as walking and fishing, while managing marginal waterside habitats and woodlands for biodiversity, and consider in tandem with Drumbowie Reservoir.

Settlement/ Neighbourhood-level Open Space

- At the settlement level, the town has a strong basis for interconnected network of open spaces provided by River Carron (60), Castlerankie Burn (53) and disused railway corridors (55 & 56). They currently offer green access and wildlife connections into other urban greenspaces and the wider countryside, but they would benefit from improved green access strategy linkages, signage and maintenance.
- Despite the abundance of green corridors and semi-natural greenspaces, there is a generally limited supply of public parks & gardens. Herbertshire Castle Park (51) is one of the few; it provides an important centrally located urban open space resource and improvements to its facilities should be prioritised to create a 'very good' quality core park. Consideration should be given to providing a new park in Denny within the large housing allocation at Denny High School.

General

- Maintain the 'good' quality standard of existing public open spaces within the settlement while targeting new provision at key areas with deficiencies in provision. Overall provision of open space in this settlement needs to be increased to provide accessible public open space for all. In particular, new provision should focus on central Denny and Fankerton.
- Improve the quality of sites identified as being of less than 'good' fitness

for purpose through improvements in facilities and maintenance to support their function.

- The settlement is somewhat unusual in that there is a shortfall of public parks & gardens. This places great importance on maintaining the quality of Herbertshire Castle Park, while also encouraging provision of new public parks in central Denny to address this.
- Opportunities to enhance the health and well-being of the local population through improved provision to sports areas and play spaces in areas identified as being limited.
- Green corridors and semi-natural open space are well provided for in Denny & Dunipace. The town benefits from several settlement-level green corridors, often associated with disused railway corridors, rivers or adjacent public parks, which form the basis of strong green access network through the town.