



<p>Legend</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Urban Limit Surveyed Open Spaces Open Space* Priority Regeneration Areas SIRR Areas 	<p>Local Plan Proposals and Opportunities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Environment Recreational & Community Facilities Transport Economic Development Housing Path proposals 	<p>Access Routes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sustrans Cycle Route Green Travel Path Green Travel Proposed Route Right of Way 	<p>Strategy Key</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Potential lack of access to semi-natural open space Potential lack of access to public parks Potential lack of access to sports area Potential lack of access to play spaces Improve connections between open space Improve access to open space 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 <p>* Areas of open space may include open water.</p>	<p>Falkirk Open Space Strategy Figure 7.7N (GRE.6) Conceptual Strategy - Greenhill</p>
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Greenhill

Survey/ Issues

- Greenhill has a population of approximately 50 people, and 14.26ha public open space within its urban limit. This excludes access to the surrounding countryside.
- A relatively low percentage of households (40%) has access (within 400m) to the one surveyed public open space.
- The supply of private gardens, with an average of 241m² per household, is lower than the average village supply of 384m² but higher than the average town supply of 193m².
- The one surveyed open space (36 – Greenhill Park) is of only fair quality and therefore no households have access (within 400m) to a fit for purpose surveyed public open space.
- This settlement-level public park and garden and playspace is poorly maintained and does not currently meet the local population's requirements.
- There is only a fair level of access (within 400m) to the surveyed public park and garden and playspace in Greenhill, with 40% of households on the eastern side of the village having access to it.
- There is no access (within 800m) to a surveyed sports area in Greenhill.
- There is only a fair level of access (32%) to a surveyed site containing natural/ semi-natural greenspace within 1200m.
- The Forth and Clyde Canal Corridor is the nearest national open space – it is 1.7km from the centre of Greenhill. Seabegs Wood is the nearest regional open space – it is 1.2km from the village.

Strategy Overview

Improvements to the quality and function of Greenhill's one surveyed open space should be prioritised. Access to or provision of semi-natural open space should be considered for west Greenhill if an actual rather than potential underprovision is determined. A new multi-functional neighbourhood park should be provided to serve the western housing (existing and new).

Strategy Actions

National/Regional-Level Open Space

- Both the Forth and Clyde Canal and Seabegs Wood offer green corridor and natural/ semi-natural open space facilities which are within 15 to 20 minutes walk. Good connections to these should be a priority to improve access to semi-natural open space.

Settlement-Level Open Space

- Greenhill Park – Greenhill's one settlement-level public park and playspace is of fair quality and requires upgrading to meet local needs. There is potential for improvement with new play facilities, benches located to optimise views, better signage and clearer

access points, as a priority – contributions from the new housing allocation should be considered. Biodiversity is already good but could be varied more.

Neighbourhood-Level Open Space

- No neighbourhood-level spaces were surveyed in Greenhill. From the quantitative audit there appears to be other public open space in the village to the north, that should be assessed and considered as a means of providing the improvements and facilities suggested.

General

- Connections to green corridors and natural/ semi-natural open spaces are not well-provided for in the western part of Greenhill which is allocated for housing. Connections to adjacent semi-natural spaces in the layouts should be a priority and provision of open space with biodiversity value made if underprovision cannot be raised through improved access. The audit also shows an area of unsurveyed natural/ semi-natural greenspace to the south of the village. A quality survey of this space should be considered prior to addressing potential underprovision of this typology. Surveying this sites and opening up access to it should be a priority.
- Where actual underprovision is determined after survey, the need to determine providing new spaces should relate to how far access to semi-natural space falls below the accessibility thresholds for the western part of Greenhill.
- The strategy, in terms of typology provision, should be to focus on improving provision of and/ or access to semi-natural space, park, playspace and sports area for western Greenhill, and to a sports area for the remainder of the village, to enhance the health and well-being of the local population.
- Increasing provision in western Greenhill should consider: a new neighbourhood-level park with play facilities and biodiversity interest in the new housing which also serves existing housing, and improving access to adjacent semi-natural space. Consultation should be undertaken with the community regarding either upgrading existing kickabout facilities or providing a new sports area in or on the edge of the settlement.
- Implement local biodiversity 'toolkit' for settlement/ neighbourhood-level spaces.