



<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
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Falkirk Open Space Strategy
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 Conceptual Strategy - Limerigg

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Limerigg

Survey/ Issues

- Limerigg has a population of approximately 206 people, and 1.88ha of public open space within its urban limit. This excludes access to surveyed public open space adjacent to the urban edge and to the surrounding countryside.
- A relatively high percentage of households (73%) has access (within 400m) to one or both surveyed public open spaces.
- The supply of private gardens, with an average of 304m² per household, is lower than the average village supply of 384m² but much higher than the average town supply of 193m².
- Both surveyed open spaces (73 – Slamannan Road Playingfield, and 86 – Limerigg Ponds) are of good quality and fit for purpose. Therefore 73% of households have access (within 400m) to a fit for purpose surveyed public open space.
- The village's two surveyed open spaces are settlement-level and comprise a public park and garden with sports area and playspace, and a natural/semi-natural greenspace. As these are both of good quality, they offer good facilities for the local population to access and use them in a manner which maximises their quality of life.
- There is very good access (73%) to the surveyed public park and garden in Limerigg (within 400m).
- There is very good access (73%) to the surveyed site with a playspace (within 400m).
- There is excellent access (98%) to the surveyed site with a sports area in Limerigg (within 800m).
- There is excellent access (98%) to surveyed sites containing natural/ semi-natural greenspace (within 1200m).
- Hallglen Canal Corridor is the nearest surveyed national open space – it is over 10km from the centre of Limerigg. Drumbowie Park is the nearest regional open space – it is 9.4km from the village.

Strategy Overview

Limerigg is generally well-provided for in terms of centrally located, good quality open spaces with diverse functions and typologies. Priority should be given to ensuring that the new housing in the village supplies multi-functional open space of a high quality to serve existing and new users.

Strategy Actions

National/Regional-Level Open Space

- Improved public transport connections to the canal corridor could be examined. As semi-natural open space is already very well-provided for in Limerigg, this is not a priority.

Settlement-Level Open Space

- Slamannan Road Playingfield – this settlement-level public park and garden is of good quality and meets 'fitness for purpose' requirements. It has a diversity of facilities including play, sports and woodland, and is central and well-accessed. Improvements are not a priority but better play equipment, boundary planting and connections with other open spaces would benefit the community.
- Limerigg Ponds - this settlement-level semi-natural greenspace and wildlife site is of good quality and meets 'fitness for purpose' requirements. Improvements are not a priority, but better access and signage would enhance its use.

Neighbourhood-Level Open Space

- No neighbourhood-level spaces were surveyed in Limerigg. From the quantitative audit there appear to be very few other un-surveyed areas of neighbourhood-level public open space in the village.

General

- Access to all typologies of open space is very well-provided for in Limerigg, with only the northern part of the village – mainly where there are housing allocation sites – having insufficient access to a public park/ playspace/ semi-natural open spaces within the distance thresholds.
- The strategy, in terms of typology provision, should be to focus on improving provision of and/ or access to natural/ semi-natural open space, public parks and playspaces as a priority for the northern part of the village.
- Increasing provision in Limerigg should consider: improving access to existing semi-natural open space and providing a new neighbourhood-level park with play facilities in the north.
- The northern part of the village is designated for housing in two areas – good access links to the un-surveyed nearby areas of semi-natural open space should be integral to the layout of the northernmost one in particular. The park and play facilities within the allocated sites should also serve existing housing with underprovision.
- Utilising planning gain for improvements to the two central surveyed spaces should be considered as well.
- Implement local biodiversity 'toolkit' for the settlement and other unsurveyed neighbourhood-level spaces.
- Maximise connections of village spaces to outlying natural/ semi-natural open space, while ensuring appropriate conservation and management for natural heritage and biodiversity benefits.