



<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 7.7S (SKI.6) Conceptual Strategy - Skinflats</p>
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Skinflats

Survey/ Issues

- Skinflats has a population of approximately 338 people, and 2.9ha of public open space within its urban boundary. This excludes access to the surrounding countryside.
- Almost all households (99%) have access (within 400m) to the one surveyed public open space.
- The supply of private gardens, with an average of 202m² per household, is much less than the average village supply of 384m² and only slightly more than the average town supply of 193m².
- The one surveyed open space (122 – Skinflats Park) is of only fair quality. Therefore no households have access within 400m to a fit for purpose surveyed public open space.
- As the village's one surveyed open space is a settlement-level sports area of only fair quality, it does not currently offer facilities that are good enough for the local population to access and use in a manner which maximises their quality of life.
- There is no access to a public park and garden (within 400m).
- There is excellent access to a surveyed site containing a sports area (100% within 800m) and also to a playspace (99% within 400m).
- There is no access (within 1200m) to a site containing natural/ semi-natural greenspace.
- Callendar Park is the nearest surveyed national open space – it is 4.7km from the centre of Skinflats. Falkirk Stadium Wetlands is the nearest regional open space – it is 2.4km from the village.

Strategy Overview

The one surveyed open space is well-accessed, but is of only fair quality and not fit for purpose. The priority in Skinflats should be to improve access to and/ or provision of semi-natural open space, and to provide a village park, probably as an extension of the existing playingfield site.

Strategy Actions

National/Regional-Level Open Space

- Public transport connections to Callendar Park should be examined, as it offers a range of facilities.

Settlement-Level Open Space

- Skinflats Park – this settlement-level sports area which includes a playspace is of only fair quality and does not currently meet the needs of the local population. Improvements to quality through better planting, biodiversity, benches, and play facilities are a priority. Diversifying and extending the site to make it more of a village public park is also a priority.

Neighbourhood-Level Open Space

- No neighbourhood-level spaces were surveyed in Skinflats. From the quantitative audit there appears to be little or no other public open space in the village.

General

- Access to surveyed green corridors and natural/ semi-natural open spaces is not provided for in Skinflats. A quality survey of any unsurveyed spaces within 1200m should be considered, prior to addressing potential underprovision.
- The strategy, in terms of typology provision, should be to focus on improving provision of and/ or access to natural/ semi-natural open space and provision of a public park as a priority. This could be through consideration of a community scrub/ grassland/ woodland area appropriate to the carseland location.
- Implement local biodiversity 'toolkit' for existing and new spaces.