



<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 96 Priority quality improvements required <p>* Areas of open space may include open water.</p>	<p>Falkirk Open Space Strategy Figure 7.7T (SLA.6) Conceptual Strategy - Slamannan</p>
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Slamannan

Survey/ Issues

- Slamannan has a population of approximately 1,357 people, and 17.39ha of public open space within its urban limit. This excludes access to the surrounding countryside.
- A relatively high percentage of households (83%) has access (within 400m) to one or more of the four surveyed public open spaces.
- The supply of private gardens, with an average of 284m² per household, is lower than the average village supply of 322m² but higher than the average town supply of 192m².
- Although there is very good access to surveyed public open space in Slamannan, the percentage of households with access (within 400m) to a fit for purpose surveyed public open space is slightly lower, at 71% (the west and centre but not the north-east of the village, and not the Binniehill area). Of the four surveyed open spaces in Slamannan, two are fit for purpose (74 – Blinkbonnie Terrace Playingfield, and 75 – South Slamannan Green).
- Slamannan's one surveyed settlement-level public park and garden with playspace and sports area (91 – Slamannan Recreation Ground) is considered to be of only fair quality and it does not therefore contribute adequately to the local population's use of this space in a way that benefits quality of life. This is due to poor/ vandalised play and sports facilities, and inadequate maintenance.
- The village has two neighbourhood-level public parks and gardens. 75 is of good quality and fit for purpose, whereas 76 – Binniehill Playground, which also includes a playspace is of only fair quality. This is primarily due to lack of shelter and poor boundaries.
- There is a very good level of access (within 400m) to the surveyed public parks and gardens in Slamannan, with 78% of households having access to one or both. These are concentrated in the central part of Slamannan and Binniehill, with no access within 400m from the northern end of the village and areas allocated for new housing.
- There is very good access (within 800m) to the two surveyed sites with a sports area, with 85% of households (all apart from the very north of Slamannan and Binniehill, and areas allocated for new housing) having access to one or both.
- There is also very good access (within 400m) to the three surveyed sites with a playspace, with 75% of households having access to one or more. Only the northern edge of the village and areas allocated for new housing do not have access to a surveyed playspace within 400m.
- There is excellent access (93% of households) to surveyed sites containing natural/ semi-natural greenspace within 1200m.
- Hallglen Canal Corridor is the nearest national open space – it is 7.6km from the centre of Slamannan. Bantaskine Estate is the nearest regional open space – it is 7.5km from the village.

Strategy Overview

Surveyed open spaces are fairly well-distributed around the village and offer a variety of typologies. The two sites that are not fit for purpose should be a priority for upgrading, with improvements to the accessibility and facilities of other surveyed and un-surveyed sites also being considered where they can contribute to the open space requirements of the large areas of new housing allocations. It is unlikely that all existing open spaces can meet the needs for play/ park/ sports facilities in the allocated sites, and provision of new spaces needs to be prioritised in the layout design design in addition to connecting with existing spaces.

Strategy Actions

National/Regional-Level Open Space

- Public transport connections to national/ regional open space should be examined.

Settlement-Level Open Space

- Blinkbonnie Terrace Playingfield – this settlement-level sports area is of good quality and meets 'fitness for purpose' requirements. Access from the new housing sites to the south and east should be designed into the layouts. Although improvements to this site are not a priority, potential utilisation of planning gain could contribute to upgrading, materials, facilities and drainage in this well-used site, and expanding its biodiversity and educational value.
- Slamannan Recreation Ground – this public park and garden with sports and play facilities on the southern boundary of the village is of only fair quality. It is part of a large area of allocated housing land within the Slamannan SIRR. Quality improvements should be made to the existing site as a priority, and/ or new park/ playspace/ sports area/ semi-natural areas provided as part of the new housing layouts.

Neighbourhood-Level Open Space

- South Slamannan Green – this public park is essentially amenity space of good quality and therefore 'fit for purpose'. Although not a priority, there is potential for improvement through utilisation of planning gain for new play facilities, planting and boundaries, lighting etc.
- Binniehill Playground – this public park and playspace is of only fair quality. Priority should be given to formalising a sports area in this space to rectify underprovision in Binniehill, improving boundaries and planting, and strengthening connections along the old railway line.

General

- Green corridors and natural/ semi-natural open spaces are extremely well-provided for around Slamannan, and no further provision is necessary except where new housing areas may not have adequate access to this typology.
- The strategy, in terms of typology provision, should be to focus on improving provision of and/ or access to parks/ playspaces/ sports areas in all the new housing areas, and to increase access to and/ or provision of parks in the existing housing to the north and east, and a new sports area should be provided in Binniehill.
- The surveyed open spaces do not include what appear to be a number of small amenity open spaces or pocket parks in the centre and north of the village off New Street. A quality survey of these spaces should be considered prior to determining actual underprovision.
- Where actual underprovision is determined after survey, the need to determine providing new spaces should relate to how far access to these types of spaces falls below the accessibility thresholds.
- Increasing provision in the west of Slamannan should consider: improving provision of park, play and sports facilities in site 91 – or replacing in the new housing areas if site 74 does not provide acceptable levels of access; and using planning gain to improve facilities/ typology/ access of existing surveyed and un-surveyed open space.
- Increasing provision in the north and east of Slamannan should consider: new provision of park, play and sports facilities in the housing allocation for the new and existing housing if sites 74, 75 or other un-surveyed sites do not provide acceptable levels of access after improvements; using planning gain to improve facilities/ typology/ access of existing surveyed and un-surveyed open space; and increasing access to/ provision of neighbourhood-level pocket parks and playspaces.
- Increasing provision in Binniehill should consider: improving access to existing and new open spaces in Slamannan; and determining through consultation the need for a formal sports area in site 76.
- Implement local biodiversity 'toolkit' for settlement/ neighbourhood-level spaces.
- Maintain the high level of provision of natural/ semi-natural greenspace provided by the surrounding spaces, while ensuring appropriate conservation and management for natural heritage and biodiversity benefits.