



<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>
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Falkirk Open Space Strategy
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 Conceptual Strategy - South Alloa

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South Alloa

Survey/ Issues

- South Alloa has a population of approximately 112 people, and 0.6ha of public open space within its urban limit. This excludes access to the surrounding countryside.
- A fairly low percentage of households (45%) has access (within 400m) to the one surveyed public open space.
- The supply of private gardens, with an average of 445m² per household, is much higher than the average village supply of 384m² and the average town supply of 193m².
- The one surveyed open space (77 – Kersie Terrace) is of only fair quality and is not deemed fit for purpose. 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 neighbourhood-level public park and garden and playspace of only fair quality and currently offers very limited facilities for the local population to access and use in a way that maximises their quality of life.
- There is no access to a surveyed sports area in South Alloa (within 800m).
- There is only fair access (45% within 400m) to the surveyed public park and garden in South Alloa.
- There is also a fair level of access (45% within 400m) to the surveyed site with a playspace.
- There is no access (within 1200m) to surveyed sites containing natural/ semi-natural greenspace.
- Callendar Park is the nearest surveyed national open space – it is almost 14km from the centre of South Alloa. The Tryst Golf Course is the nearest regional open space – it is 8.8km from the village. Closer facilities may lie outwith the Falkirk area.

Strategy Overview

The one surveyed open space, although offering a park and play function, is not centrally located and offers limited facilities. This space should be prioritised for improvements to its accessibility, quality and diversity. Access to existing and new semi-natural open space and green corridors along the foreshore and disused railway should aim to address the underprovision of this typology and maximise opportunities offered by the setting. The absence of sports facilities in South Alloa should be addressed if feasible, and the lack of access to park and play functions in the central and northern part of the village, through a new small play-park, either connected with or separate from the sports area.

Strategy Actions

National/Regional-Level Open Space

- Public transport connections to Callendar Park should be examined, as it offers a diversity of facilities, and access to facilities outwith the Falkirk area also considered.

Settlement-Level Open Space

- No settlement-level spaces were surveyed in South Alloa. However, from the quantitative audit the foreshore appears to offer linear public open space to the village.

Neighbourhood-Level Open Space

- Kersie Terrace – This neighbourhood-level public park and garden is of only fair quality and not fit for purpose currently. Although community interest is already good, it could offer more to the village, and quality improvements to planting, layout, access and facilities should be prioritised.

General

- Access to surveyed green corridors and natural/ semi-natural open spaces is not provided for in South Alloa. A quality survey of the adjacent unsurveyed green corridor along the disused railway line, and the amenity greenspace along the foreshore, should be considered prior to addressing potential underprovision of this typology.
- 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. If access is underprovided, opening up access to them, and extending with scrub/ woodland/ grassland/ path networks as appropriate to the carseland location should be a priority.
- Access to a surveyed sports area is also not provided for. Community consultation should be carried out in this small settlement to determine requirements, and central provision of a sports area provided as a priority if demanded.
- The strategy, in terms of typology provision, should focus on improving provision of and/ or access to semi-natural open space, provision of a sports area, and better access to existing and/ or new local park and play facilities for the central and northern part of the village.
- Increasing provision in South Alloa should consider: extending semi-natural space and creating a green network around the village; improving Kersie Terrace; and creating new local sports/ play/ park facilities in the centre and/ or north of South Alloa that serve a greater proportion of the community.
- Implement local biodiversity 'toolkit'.
- Maximise opportunities for a green coastal corridor and potential of foreshore setting, and connections with railway corridor.