



<p><b>Legend</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Urban Limit</li> <li>Surveyed Open Spaces</li> <li>Open Space*</li> <li>Priority Regeneration Areas</li> <li>SIRR Areas</li> </ul>	<p><b>Local Plan Proposals and Opportunities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Environment</li> <li>Recreational &amp; Community Facilities</li> <li>Transport</li> <li>Economic Development</li> <li>Housing</li> <li>Path proposals</li> </ul>	<p><b>Access Routes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sustrans Cycle Route</li> <li>Green Travel Path</li> <li>Green Travel Proposed Route</li> <li>Right of Way</li> </ul>	<p><b>Strategy Key</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Potential lack of access to semi-natural open space</li> <li>Potential lack of access to public parks</li> <li>Potential lack of access to sports area</li> <li>Potential lack of access to play spaces</li> <li>Improve connections between open space</li> <li>Improve access to open space</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conserve + enhance regional semi-natural spaces for biodiversity</li> <li>Enhance local biodiversity through local biodiversity toolkit</li> <li>Conserve + enhance awareness of cultural heritage</li> <li>Opportunity for new allotments/ community gardens</li> <li>Promote + enhance canal as a national green space</li> <li>Priority quality improvements required</li> </ul> <p>* Areas of open space may include open water.</p>	<p><b>Falkirk Open Space Strategy</b>                  Figure 7.7V (STA.6)                  Conceptual Strategy - Standburn</p>
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## Standburn

### Survey/ Issues

- Standburn has a population of approximately 146 people, and around 1.6ha of public open space within its urban limit. This excludes access to surveyed public open spaces adjacent to the urban edge and to the surrounding countryside.
- All households (100%) have access (within 400m) to one or both surveyed public open spaces.
- The supply of private gardens, with an average of 467m<sup>2</sup> per household, is much higher than the average village supply of 384m<sup>2</sup> and more than double the average town supply of 193m<sup>2</sup>.
- The two surveyed open spaces (78 – Irene Terrace Recreation Ground, and 88 – Drumbowie Park) are of good (78) and very good (88) quality, and fit for purpose. Therefore 100% of households have access (within 400m) to a fit for purpose surveyed public open space.
- Of the village's two surveyed open spaces, one is a neighbourhood-level sports area and playspace, and one is a regional-level natural/ semi-natural greenspace. As these are of good and very good quality respectively, they function in a manner that allows the local population to access and use them in a manner which greatly benefits their quality of life.
- There is no access to a surveyed public park and garden in Standburn (within 400m).
- There is excellent access (100%) to the surveyed site with a playspace (within 400m).
- There is excellent access (100%) to the surveyed site with a sports area in Standburn (within 800m).
- There is excellent access (100%) to surveyed sites containing natural/ semi-natural greenspace (within 1200m).
- Muiravonside Country Park is the nearest surveyed national open space – it is just over 2km from the centre of Standburn. Drumbowie Park is the nearest regional open space – it is on the edge of the village.

### Strategy Overview

**Standburn has excellent provision of public open space of good quality or better, which is centrally located. Although the two surveyed sites provide access to semi-natural greenspace, sports and play areas, they do not currently fulfil a public park function. The central location and existing facilities suggest that changes to design, planting, and connections could create more of a park character while retaining existing functions.**

### Strategy Actions

#### *National/Regional-Level Open Space*

- Standburn benefits from Muiravonside Country Park being about 25 minutes walk from the village, and from the regional facility of Drumbowie Park and Wildlife Site being on its doorstep. Quality improvements are not a priority for Drumbowie, but diversity of function may be desirable to address underprovision of public parks in Standburn through consultation with the community. Promoting its educational value, improving signage, extending path links to the open space to the south, and continuing to manage for diversity are recommendations.

#### *Settlement-Level Open Space*

- No settlement-level spaces were surveyed in Standburn. From the quantitative audit there is substantial un-surveyed public open space south of the village.

#### *Neighbourhood-Level Open Space*

- Irene Terrace Recreation Ground – this neighbourhood-level sports area and playspace is of good quality and meets fitness for purpose requirements. Improvements to it are not a priority but better drainage, safer access and additional planting should be considered. From the quantitative audit there appear to be no other un-surveyed areas of neighbourhood-level public open space.

#### *General*

- Access to all typologies of open space except public park and garden is excellent in Standburn.
- The strategy, in terms of typology provision, should be to focus on a settlement-level park facility as a priority. Although this could be a new area to the south of the village, it would seem more appropriate to strengthen the park characteristics and functions in the already central Irene Terrace Recreation Ground and the adjacent area of Drumbowie Park by strengthening connections between the two sites with planting and facilities that link formal with informal. Community consultation should be undertaken to inform this process.
- Implement local biodiversity 'toolkit' for the unsurveyed and neighbourhood-level spaces.
- Maximise regional facilities for visitors and education purposes offered by natural/ semi-natural open space, while ensuring appropriate conservation and management for natural heritage and biodiversity benefits.