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Bonnybridge and Banknock Area Strategy Map

Legend

- Audited Open Space
- Potential Key Open Space Asset
- Priority Quality Improvement
- Fields in Trust
- ★ Playspace Deficit
- ★ Parkland Deficit
- ★ Sports Area Deficit
- ★ Semi-Natural Space Deficit
- ★ Potentially Surplus Playspace
- ★ Potentially Surplus Sports Area
- Green Network Opportunity
- Housing development
- Economic development
- Mixed use development
- Idp urban village limit

5.4 Denny

Analysis

	Number of surveyed open spaces	Area of open space (hectares)	Rate of open space provision (hectares per 1000 people)	Percentage of total area of open space which scores 3.0 or better in the fitness for purpose assessment	Percentage of households with access to an open space which scores 3.0 or better in the fitness for purpose assessment within a 400m walk (5mins)	Percentage of households with access to a park or amenity space of 2000m ² or greater within a 400m walk (5mins)	Percentage of households with access to an open space containing a playspace within 800m (10mins)	Percentage of households with access to an open space containing a sports area within 1200m (15mins)	Percentage of households with access to an open space containing a natural/ semi natural open space within 1200m (15mins)
Denny	51	154.5	11.7	47.9%	78.8%	90.7%	98.9%	97.8%	99.0%
FC Area	632	2448.9	15.9	64.0%	65.7%	85.7%	96.9%	92.9%	96.6%

There is a significant amount of open space within the Denny area, although the level of provision is below average amongst urban settlements, it is still over double the 5ha quantitative standard. The quality of that open space is more of a concern with its open spaces having the third lowest average score, percentage of sites scoring good or better in the fitness for purpose; and percentage of the total area of open space scoring good or better in the fitness for purpose assessment. This marks the settlement out as one of the priorities for open space investment. Distribution of open space is of less concern as the settlement scores above the Council in every other measure. There appears to be localised scope for rationalisation of the portfolio of playspaces in the Stripeside and Stoneywood branch disused railway corridor areas without reducing the percentage of households which have access to an open space containing a playspace within an 800m walk.

Relevant Objectives

1. Investing in the parks and open spaces that are particularly valued by the local community
2. Raising the quality standard of our national and regional level open spaces
3. Investing in poorer quality parks and open spaces where there is no better quality alternative provision
5. Developing new sports areas in areas of identified need
8. Improve the green network in and around the Council area by improving open space sites, corridors and connectivity
9. Rationalise our portfolio of playspaces and sports areas to improve overall quality

Action (Parks Development Plan action reference in bold, open space reference number in brackets)	Objective	Agency/Mechanism	Strategic/Thematic Priority	Local Priority
MVAL.05 - Develop and implement a masterplan for Herbertshire Castle Park (104)	1,8	Falkirk Council. External funding to be sought	Priority 2	Top local priority
MNATREG.03 - Improve the quality of Little Denny Reservoir (111)	2,8	Falkirk Council, Callendar Estates	Priority 3	
MQUAL.10 & 11 - Improve open spaces at Archibald Russell Centre (114) and Little Denny Burn (83)	3,8	Falkirk Council	Priority 4	
MSPOR.08 - Investigate potential for new sports area in the Fankerton area	5		Priority 4	
MGNT.13 - River Carron Corridor improvements	8	Falkirk Council, CATCA. Developer contributions may be available to assist		Top local priority
MGNT.14 - Develop broadleaved woodland corridor on the southern edge of the Denny Eastern Access Road	8	In conjunction with development of the Mydub 1 and Mydub 2 sites	Dependent on timing of development	
MGNT.15 - Develop woodland corridor along the northern edge of the Rosebank site and retaining woodland on eastern edge.	8	In conjunction with development of the Rosebank site	Dependent on timing of development	
MGNT.16 - Create a new path between Denny and Camelon using the solum of the disused railway line	8			Top local priority
Rationalise play space provision in the Stripeside and Stoneywood branch disused railway corridor areas	9	Falkirk Council		
Rationalise sports area provision at the former Denny High School	9	Falkirk Council		

5.5 Falkirk

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Falkirk	124	795.0	20.4	69.8%	74.5%	87.5%	97.6%	91.8%	99.4%
FC Area	632	2448.9	15.9	64.0%	65.7%	85.7%	96.9%	92.9%	96.6%

Falkirk has highest rate of open space provision of any of the urban settlements, it also has the highest: average quality score; percentage of open spaces which are fit for purpose and total area of open spaces which are fit for purpose. Despite this high performance there are some challenges in relation to distribution of open space, most notably in relation to access to sports areas in which the area performs below the council wide average. Although access to fit for purpose open space is well above the Council average, there are still pockets of the town which do not have access to open space which is fit for purpose. Certain parts of the town have a deficit of play space provision (Merchiston, Grahamston and Woodlands) whereas others have an abundance of play areas (Tamfourhill, Mungal, Hallglen, Etna Road, Lionthorn and North East Camelon) with scope for rationalisation.

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4. Developing new play facilities in areas of identified need
5. Developing new sports areas in areas of identified need
6. Developing new park and amenity space in areas of identified need
8. Improve the green network in and around the Council area by improving open space sites corridors and connectivity
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Priority Actions

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MVAL.06 - Develop and implement a masterplan for Callendar Park (365) and Callendar Wood (232) and maintain the quality of these open spaces	1,8	Falkirk Council. Forestry Commission Scotland External funding to be sought	Priority 3	Top local priority
MVAL.07 & MNATREG.06 - Develop a long term masterplan for the Helix area incorporating all land between Dalderse (376) and Falkirk Stadium (871) and prioritise improvement of the Falkirk Stadium area whilst maintaining the quality of Dalderse, Helix Park(870) and Helix North/Canal Hub (871).	1,2,8	Falkirk Council, Falkirk Community Trust, Scottish Canals	Wider masterplan : Priority 2 Falkirk Stadium: Priority 3	
MVAL.08 - Develop a masterplan for the Falkirk Wheel (187) and maintain the quality of this open space	1,8	Scottish Canals	Priority 5	
MNATREG.04 - Improve under performing parts of the Forth and Clyde Canal (Falkirk Helix to Rosebank) (159, 884 & 886)	2,8	Falkirk Council, Scottish Canals . Developer contributions may be available	Priority 1	
MQUAL.12-18 - Improve open spaces at Blinkbonny Park (379), Summerford (185), Princes Park (380), Merchiston Road Park(546), Easter Carmuir (188), Macadam Place (121) and Roman Drive (161).	3,8	Falkirk Council. Developer contributions have already been secured for Summerford (185) and may become available for other sites	Priority 4	
MPLAY.05-07; EACC.02 & 08 - Investigate opportunities to create new playspaces in Merchiston, Grahamston, and Woodlands areas	4	Falkirk Council. Opportunities may arise in association with new development. New playspace coming forward as part of the St Mungo's Council Housing site should	Priority 4 Dependent on timing of development	

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		address the deficiency in Merchiston		
EACC.10 & 11 - Investigate the potential to widen public access to the sports areas at Falkirk High, and Woodlands Sports Hall	5		Priority 1	
EACC.01 & 04 - Investigate potential to provide new sports areas in association with new development at the Portdownie and Falkirk Royal Infirmary site	5		Priority 1 Dependent on timing of development	
MPARK.02-07; EACC.02 & 08 - Investigate opportunities to create new park or amenity space of over 0.2ha in the Mechiston, Grahamston, Arnothill, Bantaskin, East Dawson and Southern Camelon areas	6	Opportunities may arise in association with new development	Priority 4 Dependent on timing of development	
MGNT.05 - Carry out landscape and access improvements along the length of the John Muir Way which runs through the Falkirk area	8			
MGNT.13 - River Carron Corridor improvements including a new bridge across the Carron connecting Carronshore to Abbotshaugh and the Helix	8	Falkirk Council, CATCA. Developer contributions may be available to assist		
MGNT.17 - Develop an improved sports area at the Lionthorn Policy Bing	8	Developer contributions are available		
MGNT.18 & 19 - Develop a new green corridor along the Mungal Burn path as part of the development of the Cauldhame Farm 2 housing development site. Investigate the potential to incorporate part of the site into an extension of Sunnyside Playingfields North (190)	8	In conjunction with development site at Cauldhame Farm 2	Dependent on timing of development	
MGNT.20 - Improve the recreational function and setting of the Forth and Clyde Canal corridor	8	In conjunction with development sites at Potdownie, Gowan Avenue, Etna Road 2 and Falkirk Gateway	Dependent on timing of development	

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MGNT.21 - Develop new green corridor linking the Helix to Victoria Park	8	In conjunction with development sites at Forth Valley College and Falkirk Gateway	Dependent on timing of development	
MGNT.22 - Investigate the potential for channel restoration of the Ladysmill Burn	8	In conjunction with the development site at Etna Road 2		
Rationalise play space provision in the Tamfourhill, North East Camelon, Hallglen, Etna Road, Lionthorn and Mungal areas	9	Falkirk Council		
Rationalise sports area provision in the Dawson, Westfield, North East Camelon and Hallglen areas	9	Falkirk Council		