



5.6 Grangemouth

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)
Grangemouth	33	100.1	5.8	50.3%	60.5%	78.3%	96.4%	99.0%	86.2%
FC Area	632	2448.9	15.9	64.0%	65.7%	85.7%	96.9%	92.9%	96.6%

Grangemouth has the lowest rate of open space provision amongst all of the urban settlements but still has more open space than the 5ha/ 1000 people standard. The average quality of open space and percentage of the total number of open spaces is above the Council average, however the total area of open space which is fit for purpose is below the Council average. This marks the settlement out as one of the priorities for open space investment. Grangemouth scores below the Council average for the percentage of households with access to all types of open space functions. In particular access to park and amenity space of over 0.2 hectares and playspace in the older part of the town to the north east of Zetland Park is limited due to the historic settlement pattern. There appears to be scope for rationalisation of the portfolio of playspaces across in the Bowhouse and Wood Street 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
3. Investing in poorer quality parks and open spaces where there is no better quality alternative provision
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
7. Developing new semi natural open 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

9. Rationalise our portfolio of playspaces and sports areas to improve overall quality

Priority Actions

Action (Parks Development Plan action reference in bold, open space reference number in brackets)	Objective	Agency/Mechanism	Strategic/Thematic Priority	Local Priority
MVAL.09 - Implement the masterplan for Zetland Park (218) and maintain the very good quality of this open space	1,8	Falkirk Council. External funding to be sought	Priority 4	Top local priority
MQUAL.19-21 - Improve open spaces at Portal Road 1 (252), Grange Burn (251) and Inchyra Park (241)	3,8	Falkirk Council	Priority 3	
MPLAY.04 - Investigate opportunities to create new playspaces in the area to the north of Bo'ness Road	4	Falkirk Council	Priority 4	
MSPOR.13 - Investigate opportunities to create new sports areas in the Beancross area	5	Falkirk Council	Priority 4	
MPARK.08 - Investigate opportunities to create new park or amenity space of over 0.2 hectares in the area to the north of Bo'ness Road	6	Falkirk Council	Priority 3	
MVAL.09; MSEM.01 - Investigate opportunity to create new semi natural open space within Zetland Park (218)	7	Falkirk Council. External funding to be sought	Priority 2	Top local priority
MGNT.34 - Extend the access network along the River Avon downstream from Linlithgow Bridge to Grangemouth	8			
MGNT.23 - Opportunity along the coastline to the north of the River Carron to create new supporting habitat for Firth of Forth Special Protection Area species and new visitor facilities for bird viewing and improve access to the area from the Helix.	8	Falkirk Council, RSPB		
Rationalise play space provision in the Bowhouse and Wood Street areas	9			
Rationalise sports area provision to the	9			

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south and east of the town				