

Falkirk Open Space Audit

Site Name		Borrowstoun 2
Site Number	26	
Location	Bo'ness	
Date Reviewed	25.01.13	
Weather Conditions	Light Rain	
Area (m ²)	2292	
Access Type	Public	
Hierarchy	5 - Neighbourhood	
Surrounding Environment		Urban fringe - Farmland / Golf Course

Site Description

The site is an L shaped abandoned field with long grass and fencing all around. The site is adjacent to a recent neighbourhood with quality housing to the north and west and open farmland to the south and east. It sits on a slope, going down towards the north and has no apparent function. There is a small sign saying 'no ball games' and another vandalised sign with indecipherable information.

Site Quality Scores	Primary Factor (Y/N)	Score (1 to 5)
Accessibility	Yes	2
Health and Wellbeing	No	1
Cleanliness and Maintenance	Yes	1
Biodiversity and Nature Conservation	No	2
Cultural Heritage and Local History	No	1
Community Involvement	Yes	1
Design and Aesthetic Qualities	Yes	1
Fitness for Purpose Score		1.2

1. Public Park and Garden	2. Playspaces	3. Amenity Open Space	4. Sports Area
No	No	Yes	No
5. Natural/Semi-Natural	6. School Grounds/Institutions	7. Allotment	8. Churchyard/Cemetery
No	No	No	No

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Site Features (0 = No/Absent 1 = Yes)		Site Facilities (0 = No/Absent 1 = Yes)	
Bog / Marshland	0	Benches	0
Amenity / Ornamental Planting	0	Bins	0
Formal Paths	0	Dog Litter Bins	0
Informal Tracks	0	Lighting	0
Mown Grass	0	Fencing	1
Long Grass	1	Walling	0
General Hard Space	0	Signage	1
General Soft Space	1	Play Facilities	0
Soft Tiling / Play Surface	0	Storage Huts	0
Scrub / Regenerating Woodland	0	Kick-about Areas	0
Shelterbelt	0	Sports Pitch	0
Avenue Trees	0	Public Toilets	0
Formal Water Feature	0	Disabled Access	0
Informal / Natural Water Feature	0	Car Park	0
Deciduous Woodland	0	Cafe / Restaurant	0
Mixed Woodland	0	Other Building	0
Coniferous Woodland	0	Other :	0
Canal Basin	0		
Roadside Planting	0		
Parkland Trees	0		
Other :	0		

Main Benefits of the Open Space

It sits on a border area with great connections to a residential area and the countryside. The topography is interesting and there are no built structures or planting to compromise any adequate use given to it. The site has open views over the forth and towards the countryside.

Main Detractors of the Open Space

Overgrown lawn, run down fencing on the public borders, no accessibility and no structure. No apparent use or function.

Recommendations / Observations

The site could work as an amenity green space for the neighbourhood with the introduction of parkland features, mown grass, paths, benches, bins, play areas, trees and other amenity planting. Improve fencing.

Additional Comments