

5. Area Strategies

Wellsfield Farm, Denny

5.1 Introduction

5.1.1 Area strategies have been produced for each of 9 sub areas as defined in the Council's Local Development Plan. These are: Bo'ness; Bonnybridge and Banknock; Denny; Falkirk; Grangemouth; Larbert and Stenhousemuir; the Polmont Area; the Rural North and the Rural South. The area strategies all follow the same structure as follows:

| Sub Section Name | Content |
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| Analysis | This sub-section summarises the findings of the open space audit for the relevant sub area, showing how it performs against some key performance indicators in comparison with the Council average. Where the area performs 10% or more above the Council average the indicator is shaded green, where it performs 10% or more below the Council average the indicator is shaded red and where it performs within 10% of the Council average the indicator is un-shaded. |
| Relevant Objectives | <p>This sub-section lists the relevant strategic objectives which specific actions within the sub area will be trying to achieve. The full list of strategic objectives is as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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 4. Developing new play facilities in areas of identified need 5. Developing new sports areas in areas of identified need 6. Developing new park or amenity open space in areas of identified need 7. Developing new semi natural 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 10. Provide new open space where the rate of open space provision is below the 5ha/1000 people standard |
| Priority Actions | <p>This sub-section highlights the specific actions needed within each sub area to achieve the relevant strategic objectives of the Open Space Strategy. Where specific open spaces are mentioned a reference number is quotes in brackets which can be cross referenced to that open space on the indicative spatial strategy map.</p> <p>For each specific action the following details are given: the strategic objectives the action will help to deliver; the agencies who will be involved in delivery and the mechanisms that could be used to fund the action; and the Council wide priority of the action within that particular strategic objective in relation to other actions which also help to deliver that strategic objective³. There is also a column for recording the local priority of the action where this has been identified during the consultation process.</p> |
| Indicative Spatial Strategy | This comprises a map spatially representing the information contained in the sub sections above. |

³The criteria used for prioritisation within each strategic objective are detailed within the Parks Development Plan at appendix 5.

5.2 Bo'ness



Analysis

Bo'ness is very well provided for in terms of open space scoring above the Council average in every measure. It has the third highest amount of open space, the third highest proportion of the total area of open space which is fit for purpose and the highest percentage of households with access to parks and amenity space of over 0.2ha within a 400m walk amongst all settlement areas. Its key open space assets have been identified as Kinneil Estate, Bo'ness Foreshore and Kinneil. Despite this high performance the areas of Borrowstoun and Carriden do not have access to an open space containing a playspace within an 800m walk and the area around Borrowstoun Mains does not have access to a sports area within 1200m.

| | Bo'ness | Falkirk Council Area |
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| Number of surveyed open spaces | 48 | 632 |
| Area of open space (hectares) | 243.7 | 2448.9 |
| Rate of open space provision (hectares per 1000 people) | 16.8 | 15.9 |
| Percentage of total area of open space which scores 3.0 or better in the fitness for purpose assessment | 69.3% | 64.0% |
| 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 (5 mins) | 75.0% | 65.7% |
| Percentage of households with access to a park or amenity space of 2000m ² or greater within a 400m walk (5 mins) | 98.8% | 85.7% |
| Percentage of households with access to an open space containing a playspace within 800m (10 mins) | 97.2% | 96.9% |
| Percentage of households with access to an open space containing a sports area within 1200m (15 mins) | 95.7% | 92.9% |
| Percentage of households with access to an open space containing a natural/semi natural open space within 1200m (15 mins) | 98.5% | 96.6% |

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.
4. Developing new play facilities in areas of identified need.
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.

Priority Actions

| Action (Parks Development Plan action reference in bold, open space reference number in brackets). | Objective | Agency/Mechanism | Strategic/Thematic Priority | Local Priority |
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| MVAL.01 & 02 Implement Kinneil Estate (51) masterplan and expand masterplan to incorporate Bo'ness Foreshore (52) and Kinneil Foreshore (53). | 1,8 | Falkirk Council. External funding to be sought. | Kinneil Estate: Priority 4 Kinneil and Bo'ness Foreshore: Priority 2 | Top Local Priority |
| MNATREG.05 & 07 Improve Bo'ness Foreshore East (56) and consider temporary greening at Bo'ness Foreshore West (545). | 2,8 | Falkirk Council. External funding to be sought. Improvements at Bo'ness Foreshore East could be delivered in conjunction with mixed use development at Bo'ness Foreshore. | Priority 2 Dependent on timing of development. | Top Local Priority |
| MQUAL.01-03 & 46 Improve open spaces at Maiden Park (48); Newtown Park (46); Victoria Park (55) and Borrowstoun 1 (25). | 3,8 | Falkirk Council. Developer contributions may be available. | Priority 4 | |
| MPLAY.01 & 02 Investigate the potential to create new playspaces in the Borrowstoun and Carriden areas. | 4 | Falkirk Council. Developer contributions may be available to assist. | Priority 3 | |
| MSPOR.01 Investigate potential for new sports area in Borrowstoun Mains. | 5 | Falkirk Council. | Priority 3 | |
| MGNT.05 Carry out landscape and access improvements along the length of the John Muir Way which runs along the coastline and through Kinneil Estate. | 8 | | | |
| MGNT.04 Improve quality, function and diversity of open space corridors within Bo'ness. | 8 | Falkirk Council. | | |
| MGNT.01 Develop link between Drum open space (39) Kinningars Park (43) and the Crookies (35). | 8 | In conjunction with development of Drum Farm North site. | Dependent on timing of development. | |
| MGNT.02 Develop green corridor along Drum Farm South frontage. | 8 | In conjunction with development of Drum Farm North site. | Dependent on timing of development. | |
| MGNT.03 Develop woodland corridor along urban edge at Kinglass Farm. | 8 | In conjunction with development of Kinglass Farm 1. | Dependent on timing of development. | |
| Rationalise sports area provision in the Deanfield and Grange areas. | 9 | Falkirk Council. | | |