Settlement Summary: Kincardine O’Neil

Population: 338

Observations (of Community Council)
None Received.

Green Network Links
Kincardine O’Neil is a historic rural village which is surrounded by open countryside and farmland. The village is of a linear form and therefore has strong linkages with the surrounding countryside, which is easily accessible from all parts of the village. It is proposed that the final part of the Deeside Way will pass through Kincardine O’Neil linking it to Aboyne and Banchory. There are a number of path networks starting out at the village which have been documented by the local community, including, a circular walk to the north of the village leading to St Erchard’s Well and one to the south leading to the river Dee.

Open Space Requirements
For a village of its size Kincardine O’Neil has a good range of open spaces, which site purposes including recreational, sporting and historic. The large proportion of semi-natural spaced audited can be apportioned to the woodland on the outskirts of the village.

During the open space audit the following observations/recommendations were made:

- The tennis court is in a poor state of repair and has been heavily vandalised, remediation and upgrading is required.
- Improvements to the paths in the woodland to the rear of the football pitch was recommended to improve access, however site ownership is unknown so this may affect the council/community’s ability to make alterations to the site.
Open Space Audit Update 2019: Kincardine O’Neil

An update exercise was carried out in 2019 to account for new open spaces arising from major developments completed since the Open Space Audit 2010, and to address any known disparities/gaps in information. The scope of the update exercise did not include a review of the Open Space Audit 2010. The Audit update 2019 has been used to assist in the preparation of the Proposed Aberdeenshire Local Development Plan 2020.

**This is an interim Audit.** Whilst this information will feed into a future comprehensive Open Space Audit, at this stage there may be some auditing inconsistencies across settlements due to factors such as community interest, and landscape/topography influencing how open spaces are identified, particularly at and around the edges of settlement.

Allotments are excluded as these are audited separately as part of the Food Growing Strategy 2019-2030.

There are no updates to the Open Space Audit 2010.