

APPENDIX 6 ELGIN

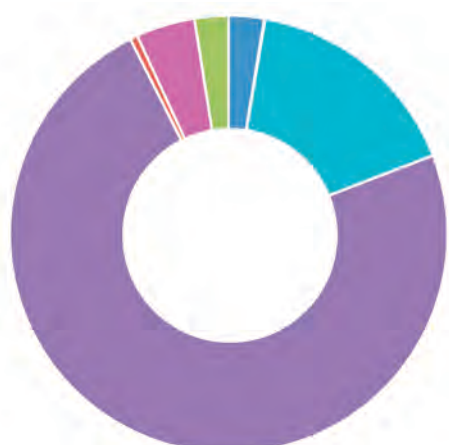
Elgin Audit Findings

Elgin has approximately 820 ha of publicly usable open space. A large proportion of this is woodland on the edge of the settlement, which accounts for approximately 600 ha of the total publicly usable open space.

1.1 Quantity of Open Space

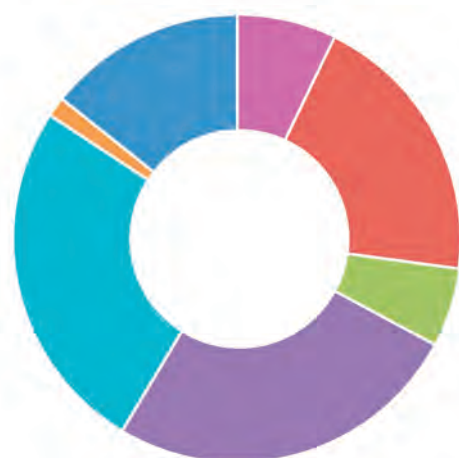
A primary typology was identified for each site and the analysis below has been completed on primary typology to avoid double counting sites. Where a site includes a playspace or playingfields this has been identified and measured to allow analysis of these features.

The greatest number of sites is within the Green Corridor and Natural/Semi Natural typology. Playspaces are also well represented. Many of the Natural/Semi Natural spaces are woodland and the Green Corridors include areas along the River Lossie and roads. There is around 600ha of woodland or natural/semi natural space and around Elgin. Woodlands provide a well used resource, in particular the Oakwood, Quarrel Wood and Mayne Wood which have signposted routes. The central green corridor which runs east to west through Elgin is a key strength that provides visual amenity and attractive active travel routes.



Area (ha)

Public Parks and Gardens	35.68
Playspace*	4.52
Sports Area*	20.6
Natural/Semi Natural	602.49
Green Corridor	135.04
Civic	0.6
Amenity	21.28
TOTAL Area (ha)	820.21



Number of sites

Public Parks and Gardens	5
Playspace*	14
Sports Area*	4
Natural/Semi Natural	18
Green Corridor	18
Civic	1
Amenity	10
TOTAL Number of sites	70

*Playspace and playingfields may be found in other typologies, see table below.



The cycle path along the flood alleviation scheme has further enhanced this asset. This corridor is made up of several different sites which run either side of the River Lossie and while the function of each space is important it is the combination of these and the access between which enhances the quality and character of this central green corridor. Elgin benefits from a variety of different types of open space and several of these such as Cooper Park and Doocot Park offer several functions which help to create attractive and well used spaces. Elgin also benefits from some unique spaces such as the Biblical Gardens, the historic town centre, and the Wards Wildlife Site.

The Natural/Semi Natural typology makes up 73% of the total area of open space. This is due to the number of sites and also the extent of some of the woodlands. The remaining typologies make up 27% of total area of open space.

Plan 1 shows the location of sites and their typology.

Sites may have more than one function and therefore playspaces and playingfields are also found within other typologies. The table below indicates the total number and area of these.

PLAYSPACE



PLAYING FIELDS



* This figure does not include Deanshaugh as at the time of the audit no playingfields were set out.

	Total land audited in Elgin	Total land audited in Moray	Audited land excluding Natural/ Semi Natural	Audited land excluding Natural/ Semi Natural Moray
Open Space per household	713.36 m ²	584.48m ²	189.36 m ²	180.63m ²
Open Space per 1,000 people	35.46 ha	28.89ha	9.41 ha	8.93ha



This demonstrates that more sites are used for playspace and playing field than is shown within the overall figures for the primary typologies. The area of playingfields appears lower than the overall "Sports Area" typology because in the overall figures the whole site area has been used and not just the area that is a playing field. It should be noted that the quality of the sites relates to the whole site and therefore may not be representative of the condition of individual playingfields or play equipment.

The open space per household /per 1,000 people has been calculated by dividing the open space provision by the number of households in a town or by its population. Household numbers were identified using address data and the population figures are based on the census figures. A figure that excludes the Natural/Semi Natural typology has been provided as the high level of space in this typology skew the figures. However, this typology is key to providing the character and setting to many towns as well as providing opportunities for walking and cycling.

When taking into account all the audited space in Elgin the rate per household and per 1,000 people is higher than the overall "Moray" figure by a significant margin. This is due to large areas of woodland provision and also the extensive central green corridor. Excluding Natural/Semi Natural typology from the figures both the open space per household and per 1,000 people is above the overall Moray figure.



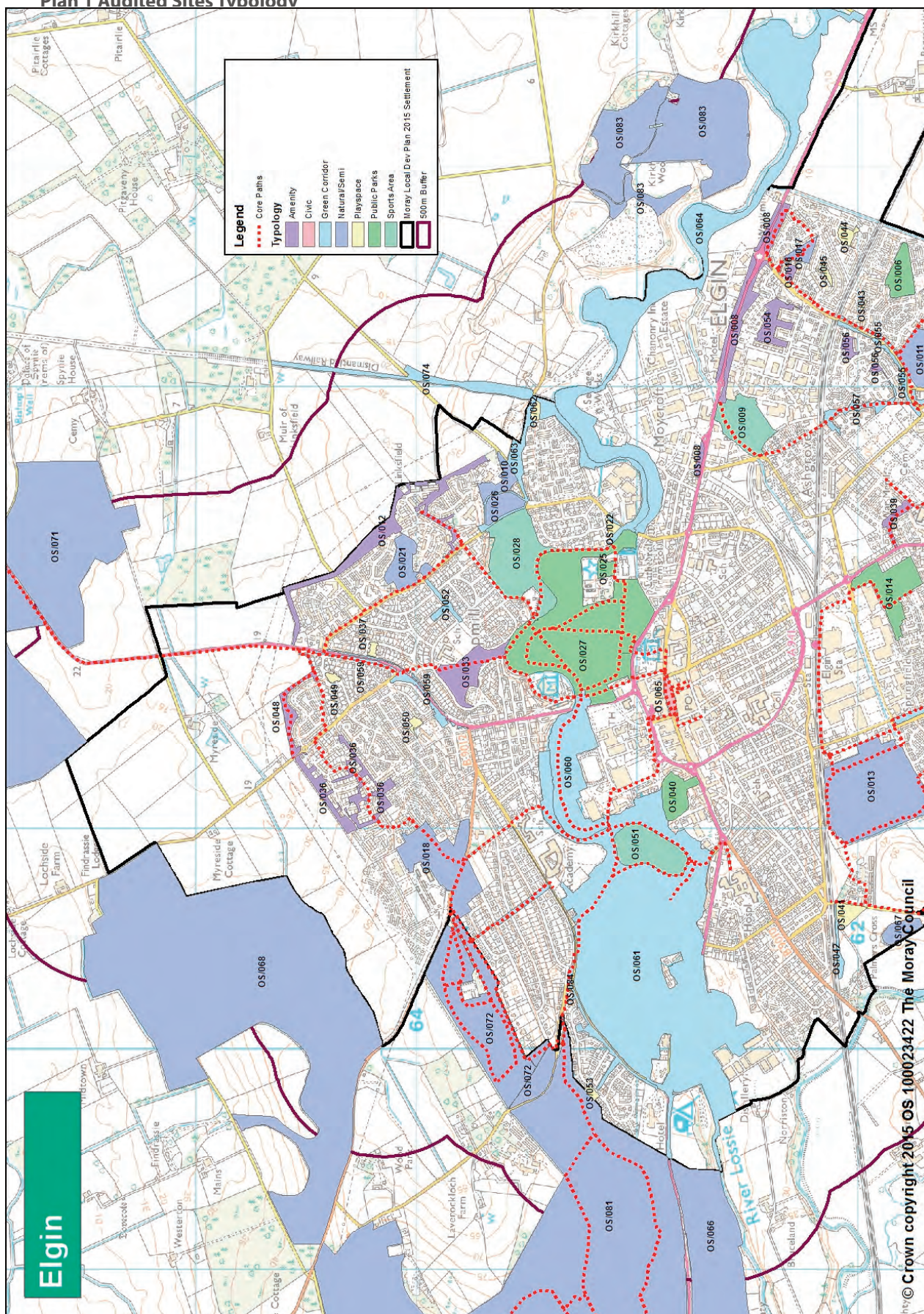
It is difficult to benchmark the quantity of open space in Moray against other authorities, particularly as many Moray towns are blessed with large woodlands on their boundary. Reviewing the Open Space Strategies of other authorities the standards set vary but generally range between 4 and 6 hectares per 1,000 people. The open space per 1,000 people in Elgin exceeds these targets.

Fields in Trust, formerly operating as the National Playing Field Association made recommendations on planning for outdoor sport and children's play. This became known as the "6 acre standard". Fields in Trust recommends a minimum standard for outdoor playing space of 2.4 hectares (6 acres) for 1,000 people. This standard only applies to Public Parks and Gardens, Playspace and Sports Area. Comparing these typologies to the "six acre standard" shows that Elgin currently achieves this standard.

Type of Open Space	Ha per 1,000		Six Acre Standard	Moray
Public Parks and Gardens	1.54 ha	2.63 ha	2.42 ha	1.65 ha
Playspace (Playspace in other typologies)	0.20 ha (0.27)			0.13 ha (0.24ha)
Sports Area Playing fields	0.89 ha (0.58)			0.94ha (0.62)
Natural/Semi Natural	26.05 ha			19.96 ha
Green Corridor	5.84 ha			4.63 ha
Civic	0.03 ha			0.07 ha
Amenity	0.92 ha			1.51 ha



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1.2 Quality

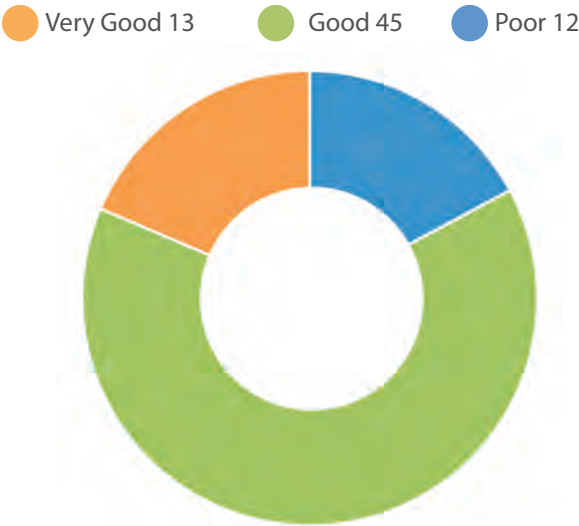
Plan 2 shows the quality of each audited site in Elgin.

13 sites fall within the highest quality category, including The Wards Wildlife Site, Cooper Park and Doocot Park.

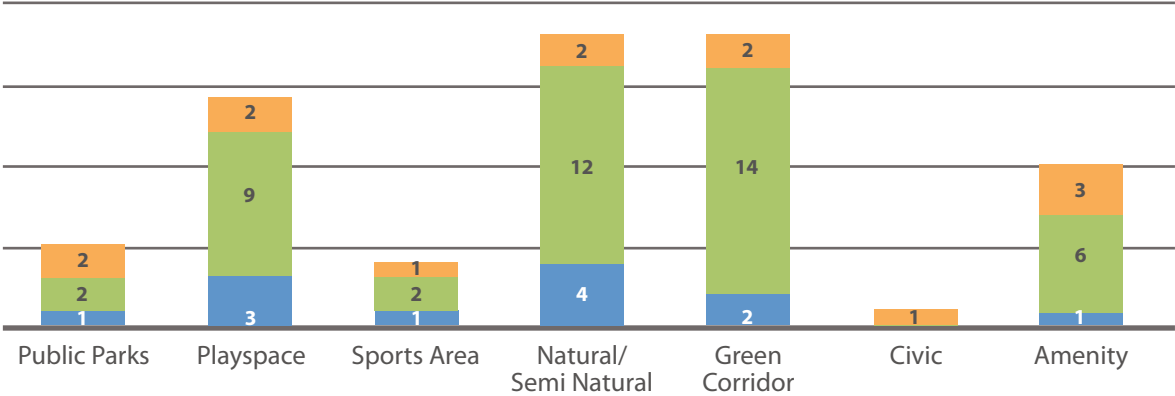
12 sites fall within the lowest quality category. Accessibility contributed to the low scoring for some of these sites, either due to lack of any footpaths or only rough informal footpaths being available. Some spaces scored poorly due to their lack of any obvious function. These sites are discussed further below.

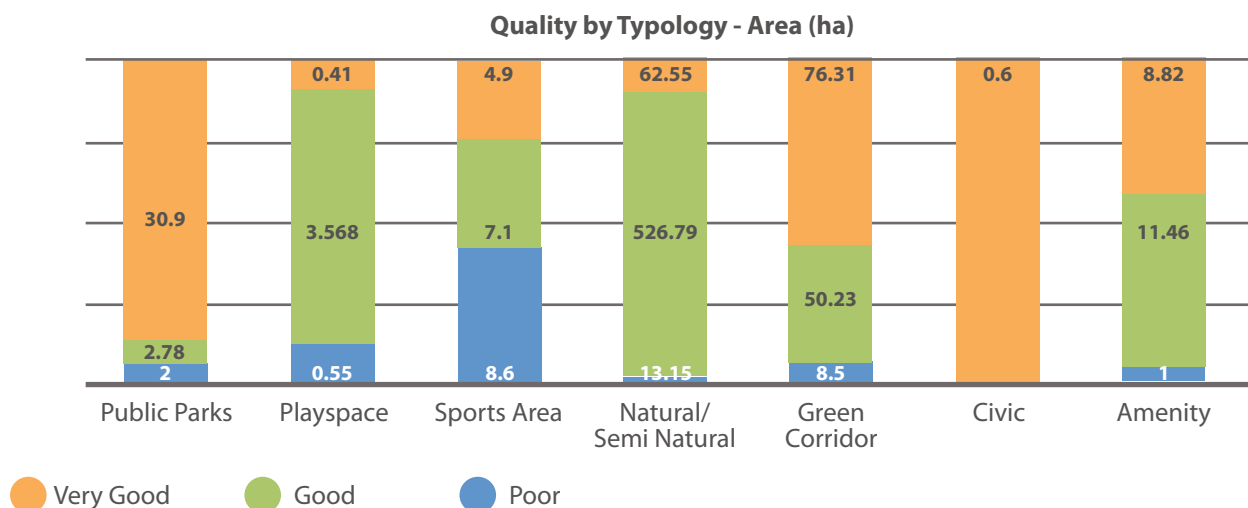
82% of sites were classed either as good or very good when considered against the quality criteria. This can be broken down by typology, which shows the proportion of poor sites is highest within playspace, Natural/Semi Natural space, and Green Corridors.

Number of Sites



Quality by Typology - Site Numbers





The poor sites are spread across the typologies with the most in the natural/semi natural category and playspace typology. The poor Public Park is the open space at Bain/McMillan Avenue (M/EL/OS/006) which whilst containing a good playspace the remainder of the space lacks any character or function. The poor playspaces are at Hardhillock (M/EL/OS/47), Lesmurdie (M/EL/OS/62) and Reynolds Crescent (M/EL/OS/045). At Hardhillock the site is to the rear of housing with narrow access points, the play equipment was of poor standard at the time of the audit and has since been removed. Similarly at Reynolds Crescent the site is to the rear of housing with limited access and damaged play equipment. At Lesmurdie the play equipment was graffitied and some equipment was dirty. The sports area is at Deanshaugh (M/EL/OS/028) scored poorly as no pitches were set out at the time of the audit and access was restricted in place by steps and fencing. The Natural/Semi Natural spaces that scored poorly are Lesmurdie Wood (M/EL/OS/026), Spynie Hospital Wood (M/EL/OS/018), and Marleon/Leslie Place Woods (M/EL/OS/021) these scored poorly due to the quality of the paths and access and unwelcoming appearance. Lesmurdie House Gardens (M/EL/OS/010) also scored poorly in this typology due to access provision which is through private ground. Whilst scoring poorly these spaces all have value as they provide screening to development and break up development. Two Green Corridors fall within the poor category. The former railway at Lesmurdie (M/EL/OS/074) scored poorly due

to the restricted access and overgrown nature. The River Lossie/Lesmurdie corridor (M/EL/OS/63) scored poorly due to its unwelcoming appearance in places (graffiti, fly tipping). In the amenity typology Fairway Avenue (M/EL/OS/007) scored poorly due to its lack of clear function and long rough grass.

Whilst in terms of numbers poor sites make up about 17% of the open space sites in terms of area the poor sites make up only 4% of the total area of open space.

1.3 Accessibility

See section 5.1 for a description of how accessibility is assessed.

Overall 92% of households Elgin were within 400m of an audited site. 89% of households in Elgin were within 400m of a good or very good quality site. Gaps in provision are shown in the table below. See Plan 2 which shows the access buffer for good and very good audited sites.

There are gaps in provision of access to open space in the following areas:

West End – Provision is poor around Fleurs Place, parts of Wittet Drive, parts of Pluscarden Road, parts of Forteach Avenue, parts of Young Street, parts of Grant Street and parts of Mayne Road.



Central - Provision is limited in the southern parts of South Guildry, Reidhaven, Academy Street, Moss Street, Duff Avenue, Seafield Street, Seafield Crescent and Maisondeau Place

When considering access to Good or Very good sites gaps in provision also appear at:

Lesmurdie – There are gaps in provision at eastern parts of Lesmurdie around Woodside Terrace, Riverside Drive and Leuchars Drive.

76% of households in Elgin are within 400m of a Public Park and Garden, Playspace or Sports Area (or other sites containing these functions). 71% of households are within 400m of a good or very good Public Park and Garden, Playspace or Sports Area (or other sites containing these functions). Gaps in provision are shown the table below. See Plan 3 which shows the access buffer for good and very good Public Parks and Gardens, Playspace and Sports Areas.

Gaps in provision to a good or very good Public Park and Garden, Playspace or Sports Area in addition to the areas outlined are outlined below with potential solutions.

Bishopmill – Morriston Road, Hamilton Drive, Duncan Drive, Duff Place, and Braemorrison Road. There is open space provision at Elgin Academy (playingfields) but this is not always available to the public. Improvements should focus on enhancing quality and access to Morriston Playingfields (M/EL/OS/051) and Sherriff/Oldmills (M/EL/OS/061).

Lesmurdie – There are gaps in provision at eastern parts of Lesmurdie around Woodside Terrace, Riverside Drive and Leuchars Drive. Improvement of the quality and function of the open space to the east of this area could improve provision (M/EL/OS/062) and (M/EL/OS/063).

Central – A larger area than outlined above expanding more northwards to the town centre but incorporating Victoria Crescent to. There is some provision of open space and sports at Eastend School, St Sylvesters School and private facilities (bowling and Tennis clubs) but these are not freely open to the public. Due the tight grain of development and private ownership new provision in this area is difficult.

Westend - Larger area than outlined above with Catherine Place, Rose Avenue, Moray Place and Wards Road showing gaps in provision. There is provision of open space area at Westend primary school but this is not freely open to public. Land in this area is primarily in private control and achieving new provision is difficult.

Linkwood East and Dunkinty – Parts of Bain Road, Millbuie Street and Dunkinty are highlighted as gaps in provision. Potential to enhance the quality of the open space at Bain/McMillan Avenue (M/EL/OS/006) which would reduce the gaps in provision in this area.

Parts of Beechfield Road, Ashfield Drive, parts of Milnfield Avenue and parts of Linkwood Road around Moray College – Gaps in provision are shown in these areas. There are areas of open space within these areas that were not audited due to size. The function and quality of these could be enhanced as these are mainly just grass areas between housing.

South of Elgin High School – Gaps in provision highlighted at Hardhillock Avenue, High School Drive, Birnie Crescent, Kirkton Place and Golfview Crescent. There are opportunities to enhance and improve the function of open space within these areas e.g. Fairway Avenue (M/EL/OS/007), Hardillock Avenue (M/EL/OS/047) and smaller greenspaces between developments.

West of Sandy Road – Gaps in provision are highlighted on western parts of Birnie Place, western parts of Land Street, Murifield Road/Crescent, and western parts of Springfield Road. There is limited scope to improve provision as primarily private land other than land at the side of Sandy Road.



2 Open Space Requirements

New Development Sites

Minimum requirements for open space provision in sites designated within the Local Development Plan are set out below. These should be read in conjunction with the Strategy Standards and Park Hierarchy Guideline which includes definitions of spaces.

R2 Thornhill/R5 Spynie Hospital North/R7 Birnie Road/R8 Glassgreen/ R9 Driving Range Site/R10 Linkwood Steading

Development consent, new ENV's to be created to protect the open space provision within these consents.

Site R3, R4, and R12 Bilbohall Area

The Bilbohall area, including sites R3, R4 and R12, will be the subject of a masterplan. The masterplan must include new planting and open space on the edge of the existing woodland and along the edge of these sites to create a continuous green network. Links to the core path, Wards Wildlife site and the Bilbohall play area must be enhanced. Facilities at Bilbohall playspace must be enhanced and a kickabout/small pitch included within provision to create a Neighbourhood Park. A Pocket Park must be provided in the south of R4.

Site R6 Hattonhill

The site must include a Pocket Park within its open space provision. Open space must be on the lower (northern) part of the site and buffer must be provided to the river which should incorporate connecting paths.

Site R11 Findrassie

A masterplan has been developed for this site which includes a central spine of open space which runs from east to west and will be the focus of open space provision for the development. The area will contain a series of events such as an amphitheatre, sports pitches, playspace, and places of interest such as the school and local hub. Development and spaces will be subdivided by woodland reflecting the woodland character in the north of Elgin. Networks of greenspace will provide links to Findrassie woods. There will be green corridors with dedicated detached

footpath and cycle ways on various routes through the development. Allotments have been shown in the masterplan at various points within the R11 site. Green corridor which will incorporate the existing pylon line.

R13 Hamilton Drive

Open space must provide amenity to housing and link to core path provision. Existing trees must be incorporated into open space provision.

R14 Lesmurdie Fields

Open space to be provided below the power lines and should be a sequence of linked parks and greenspace which provides connecting paths. This must include a Pocket Park.

LONG 1 North East

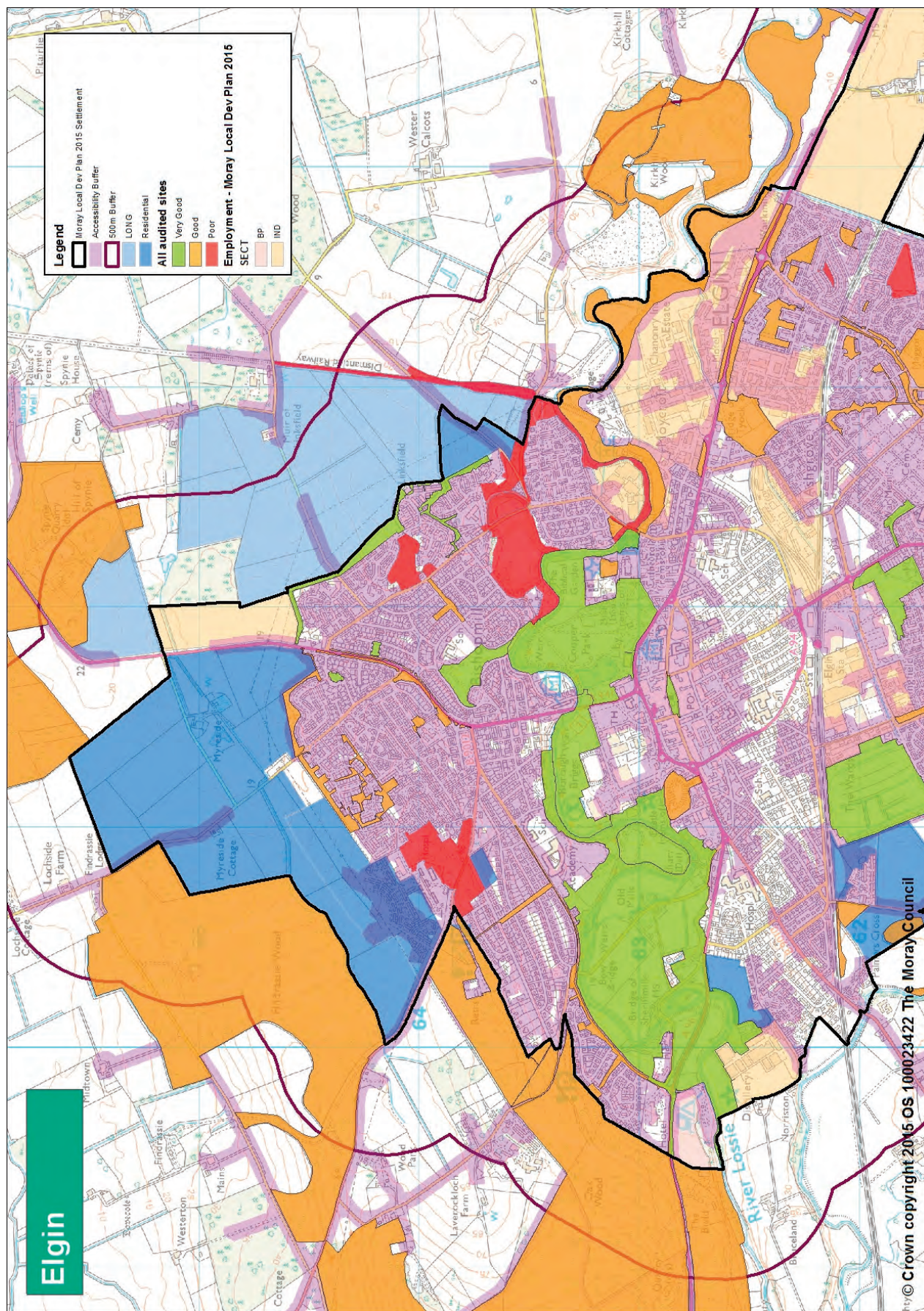
LONG 1 North East should build on the open space provision with R11 Findrassie and look to provide a green corridor west to east through the site. A north-south off road connection from the existing old railway path to Lossiemouth should be created through the development.

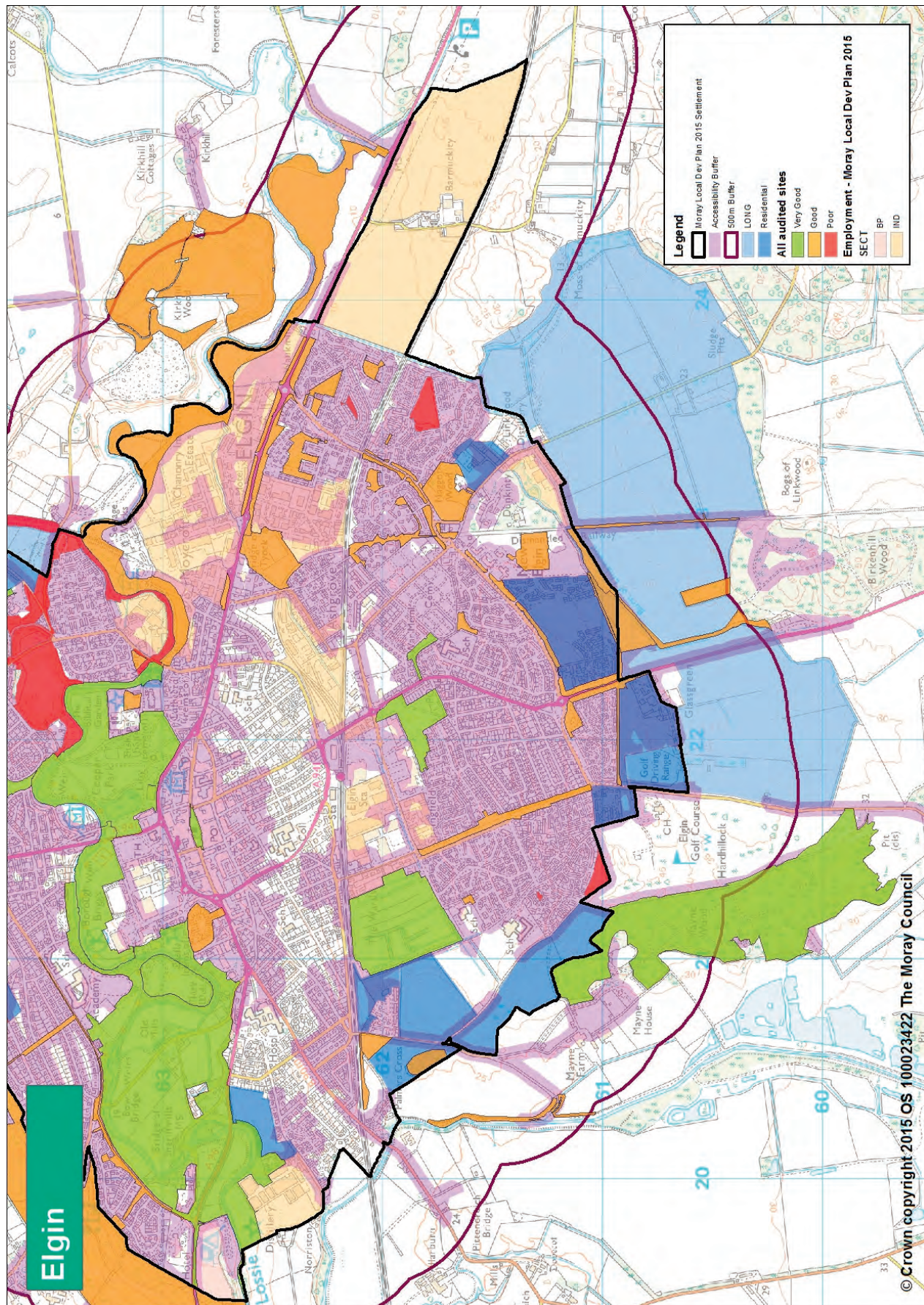
LONG 2 Elgin South

Part of the Vision within the Elgin South Masterplan is healthy living and this theme will be part of the focus of the open space provision including provision for sport, and pedestrian and cycle linkages. The masterplan proposes a linear parks connecting through the development areas and providing a range of formal and informal activities. A central park will provide a community focus and be complementary to the neighbouring sports centre. Opportunities for paddocks and allotments are identified. An application has been submitted for the first phase of development which include provision of sports centre, pitches, pocket park and allotments.

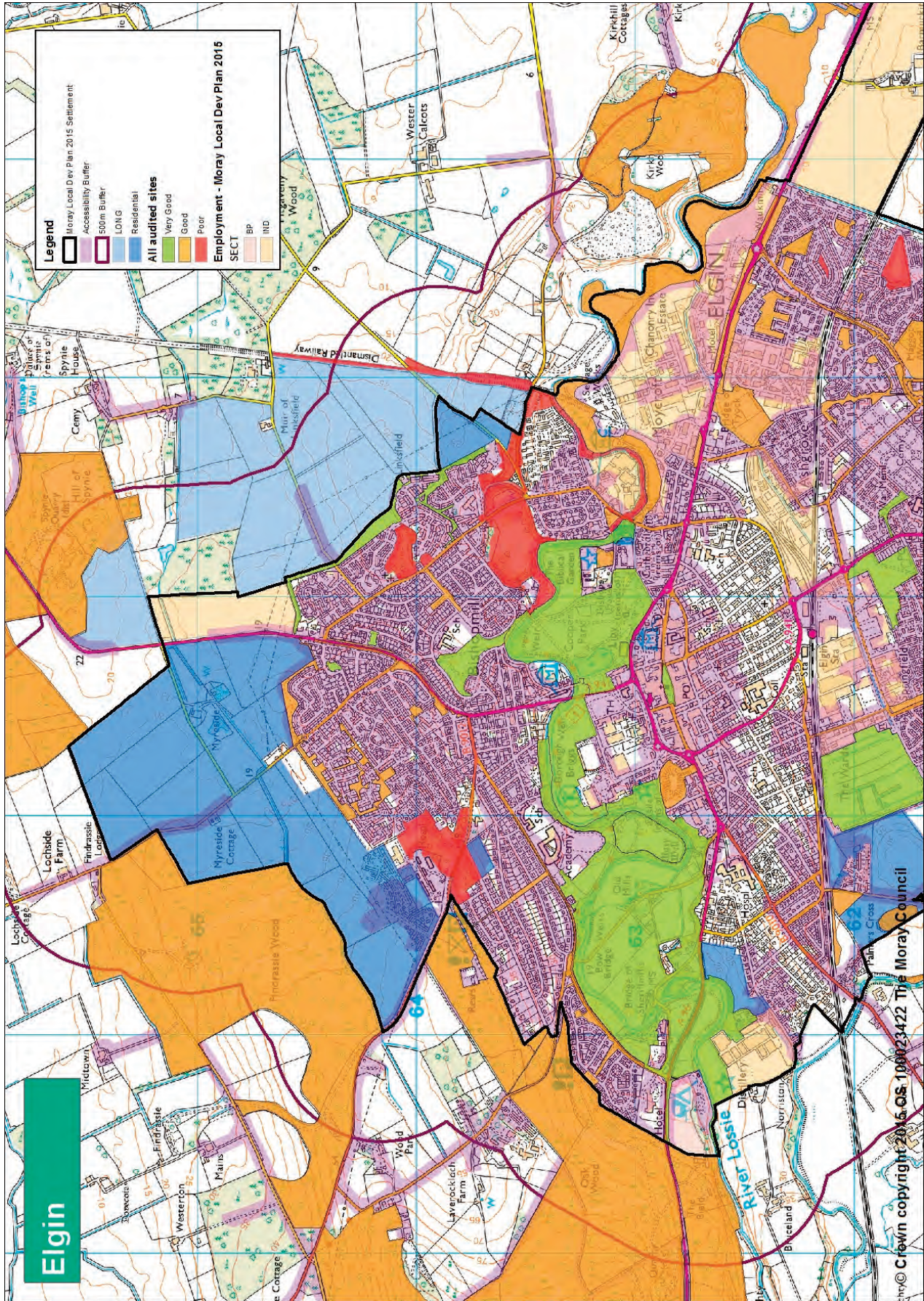


Plan 2 All Audited sites with Access Buffer



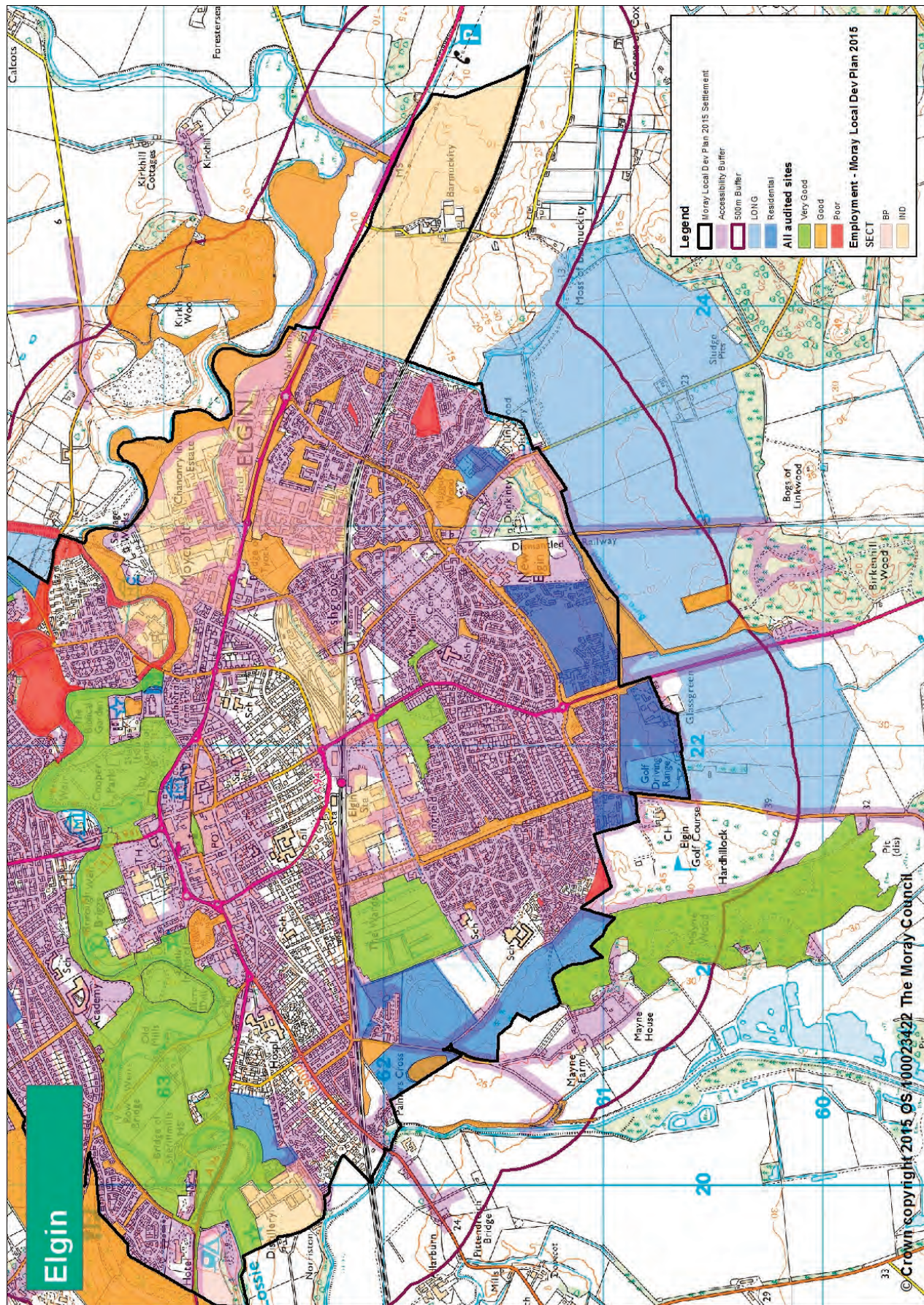


Plan 3 Access Buffer for Good or Very Good Sites

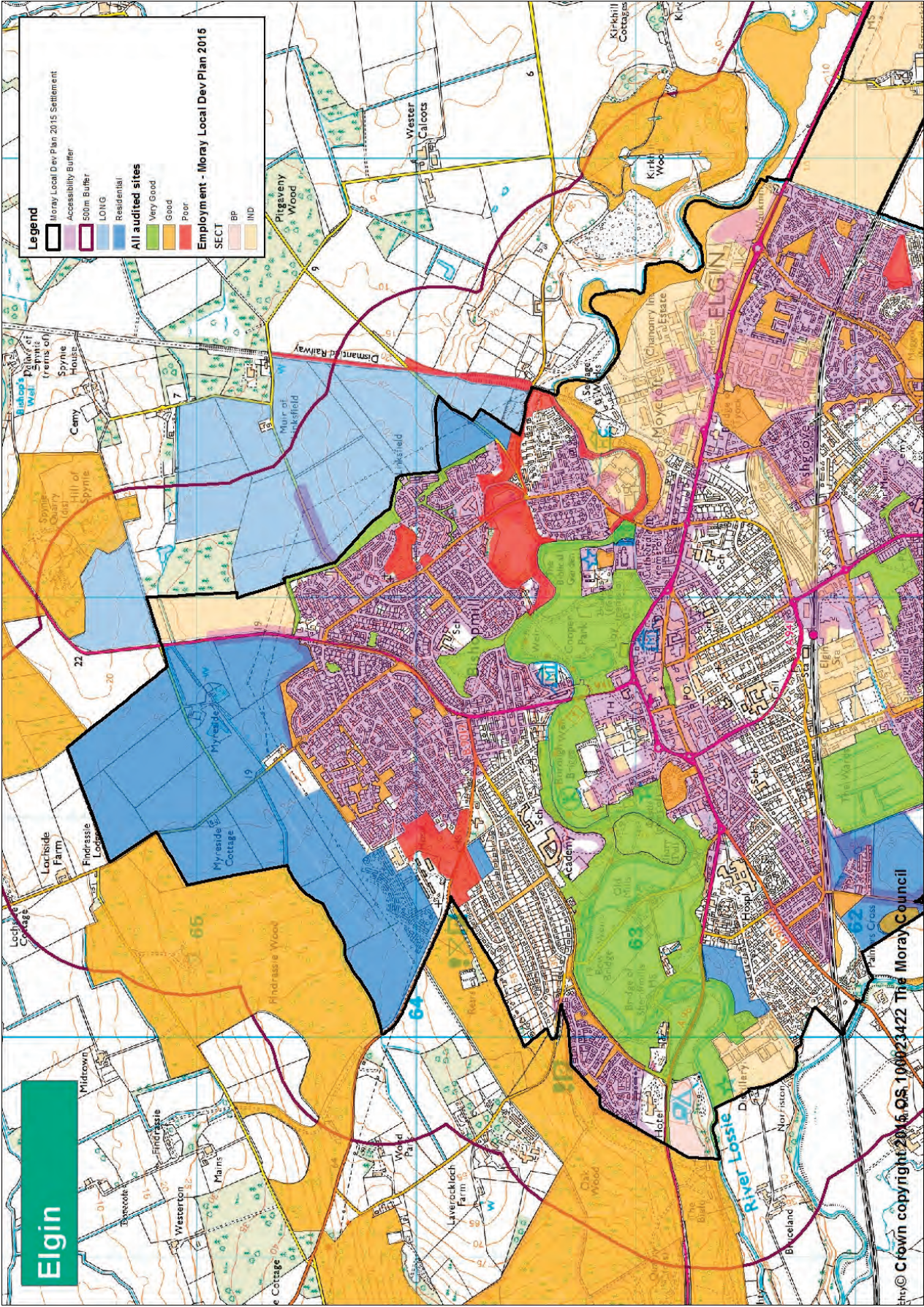


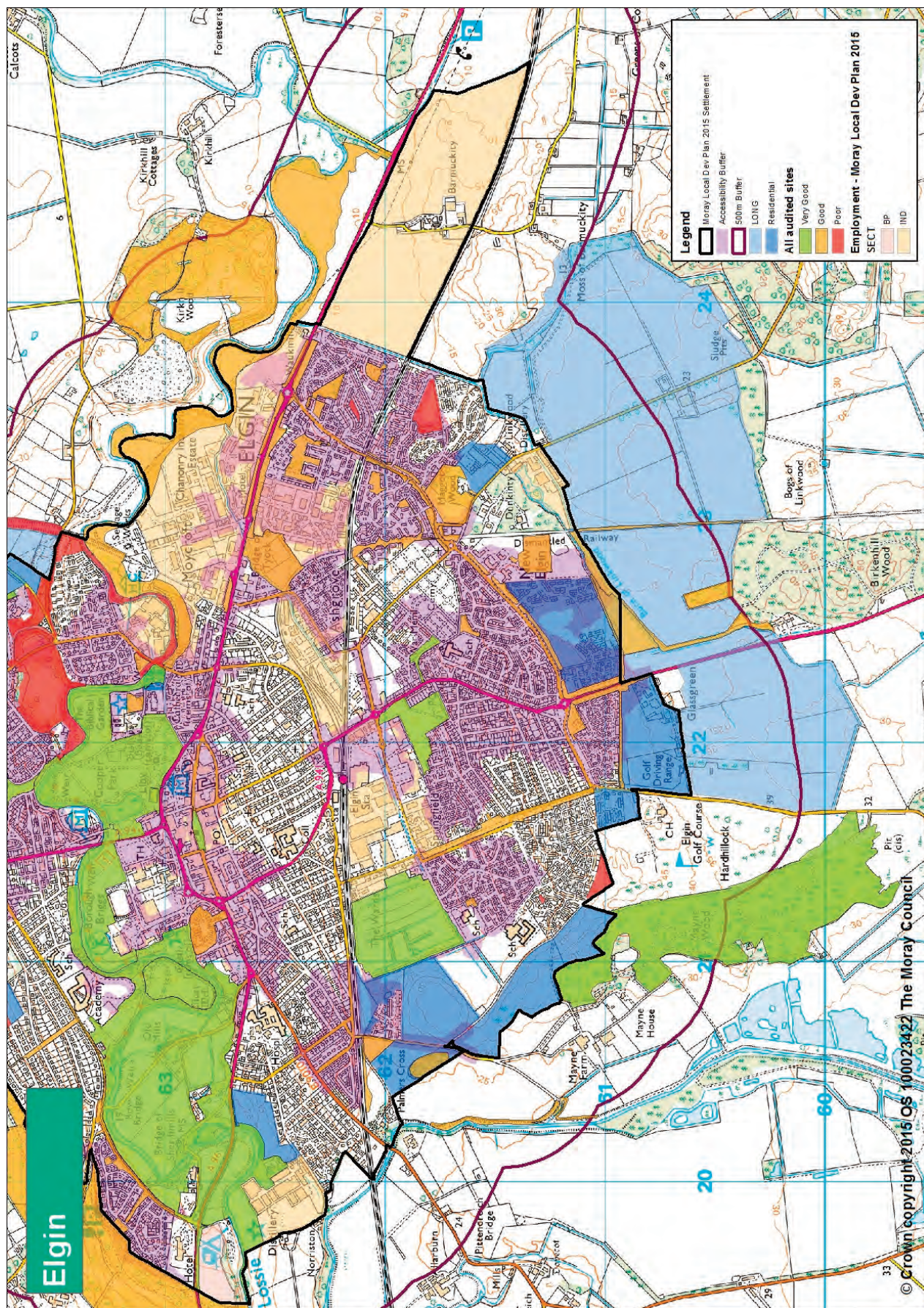
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Plan 4 Access Buffer for Good or Very Good Public Parks and Gardens, Playspace and Sports Areas (or sites with these functions)





3. Audited Sites Summary

The table below provides a summary of the audited sites in Elgin. It gives a brief description of their key qualities and features and if there is any scope for development within the site. The final column gives a recommendation in respect of the future status of the site within the next Local Development Plan

Audit Site Ref	Site Name	Ownership/ Responsible for Management	Audit Typology	Area (Ha)	Quality Score	Reasons for Poor	Park Hierarchy	Key qualities and features	Development Opportunities	ENV status/ recommendation
M/EL/OS/002	Greenwards Playspace	Moray Council	Playspace	0.15	Good		Pocket Park	Attractive playspace in good location adjacent to school with good access. May benefit from some planting.	Development - None	Existing ENV5 Sports Area. Designation to be retained.
M/EL/OS/003	Linkwood Playingfield	Moray Council	Sports Area	2.3	Good		Neighbourhood Park	Two pitches with pavilion. Good access to pitches and located close to a bus route. Small playspace to north of the site. Compliments neighbourhood facilities to the north and an important provision for the neighbourhood.	Development - None Only to enhance the use for sports e.g. improvement to pavilion.	Existing ENV5 Sports Area. Extend ENV to incorporate small playspace, parking and pavilion.
M/EL/OS/004	Glassgreen playspace	Private	Playspace	0.75	Good		Neighbourhood Park	Playspace with good range of play equipment. Variety of trees and shrubs soften built edge of development. Creates a gateway to development and prominent views to space from a key roundabout in Elgin. Provides pedestrian and cycle routes.	Development - None	Existing ENV4 Playspace for Children and Teenagers. Designation to be retained.
M/EL/OS/005	Glassgreen Amenity Path	Private	Green Corridor	1.3	Good		N/A	Green corridor of segregated pedestrian and cycle paths within green landscaped corridor. Planting of trees and shrubs will develop as it matures to form an attractive entrance to Elgin. Provides good connections to other open spaces and path networks.	Development - None	Existing ENV3 Amenity Greenspaces. Change to "Green Corridor" and extend to include path between developments to the west.
M/EL/OS/006	Bain/McMillan Avenue	Private	Public Parks	2	Poor	Majority of site lacks function and character.	Neighbourhood Park	Central large flat area of open space with playground to the north. Provides recreational opportunities within the centre of a relatively dense development. At present lacks any clear function and requires landscaping to be established.	Development - None Tree planting. Provision of benches. Opportunities to rationalise and improve the open space in conjunction with wider redevelopment proposals being considered as part of the review of the Local Development Plan Access - Surface path.	Existing ENV3 Amenity Greenspaces and ENV4 Playspace for Children and Teenagers.
M/EL/OS/007	Fairway Avenue	Moray Council	Amenity	1	Poor	Lack of clear function and long rough grass.	N/A	Open area of grass between housing and golf course. Core path through site which connects to countryside and other path networks. Site is on the edge of Elgin Golf Course and there are risks of stray golf balls.	Development - None	Existing ENV3 Amenity Greenspaces. Designation to be retained.
M/EL/OS/008	East Road	Shared	Amenity	4	Good		N/A	Landscaping at edge of trunk road on entrance to Elgin. Planting and trees soften visual impacts and make the route more attractive for pedestrians.	Development - None, including advertising.	Existing ENV3 Amenity Greenspaces. Change to Green Corridor.



M/EL/OS/009	Pinefield playing fields	Moray Council	Sports Area	4.8	Good		Neighbourhood Park	Open space around fenced playing fields. Backdrop/buffer to industrial uses and nearby housing. Pedestrian/cycle route between Ashgrove and Moycroft/Chanonry Industrial Estate. Playing Fields have Centenary Playing Field status through Fields in Trust.	Development -none, development for and to support allotment provision will however be supported. Opportunities to rationalise and improve the open space in conjunction with wider redevelopment proposals being considered as part of the review of the Local Development Plan.	Existing ENV5 Sports Area.
M/EL/OS/010	Lesmurdie House Gardens	Private	Natural/Semi	1.3	Poor	Access through private grounds poor. However, site has value due to landscaping and screening it provides to Lesmurdie House.	N/A	Attractive mix of mature trees which provide landscaping and screening to Lesmurdie House. Steeply sloping banking with informal paths. ENV also includes the grounds of Lesmurdie House including open lawn.	Development - None	Existing ENV6 Green Corridor/Natural/Semi Natural. Designation to be retained.
M/EL/OS/011	Maggot Wood	Private	Natural/Semi	3.7	Good		N/A	Prominent site which is a gateway to development areas to the south. Area of woodland covered by TPO and open meadow area. Used for informal recreation. Breaks up existing and planned development.	Development – Improve the open space to create a gateway to development in the south of Elgin and formalise recreational opportunities. This was to be provided as part of the Elgin South Masterplan (2000). The status of this and related planning conditions is being investigated.	Clarify ENV1 typology when investigations complete. Continue to protect with ENV status.
M/EL/OS/012	North east amenity land (Marleon Field, Chandlers Rise, Kyd Drive and Newfield)	Shared	Amenity	4.85	Very Good		Includes a Pocket Park	Landscaping buffer to north made up of tree and shrub planting. Enhances the edge of the settlement and the transition between town and country. Site includes green corridors with well lit pedestrian and cycle routes. These help to break up development and help make the development more permeable. Other functions include a small playspace and pitch.	Development – None. Further piecemeal erosion of the landscaping buffer to the north of development to extend garden ground should be avoided.	Existing ENV3 Amenity Greenspaces. Designation to be retained.
M/EL/OS/013	The Wards Wildlife Site	Moray Council	Natural/Semi	15.8	Very Good			Wetland area with good path network. Unique and distinct open space within Elgin.	Development – None.	Existing ENV6 Green Corridor/Natural/Semi Natural. Designation to be retained.
M/EL/OS/014	Doocot Park	Moray Council	Public Parks	4.5	Very Good		Neighbourhood Park	Public park with avenue planting along lit pedestrian/cycle routes. Good playspace. Doocot within centre of park adds distinctive character. Pitches with pavilion to south of site. Well used focal point in New Elgin.	Development – None.	Existing ENV3 Amenity Greenspaces and ENV1 Public Parks and Gardens. Combine and extend ENV to the west and designated as Public Parks and Gardens.



M/EL/OS/016	Waulkmill Grove amenity	Moray Council	Amenity	0.25	Good			Densely planted mature trees. Pine trees are part of distinctive character of area.	Development - None.	Existing ENV3 Amenity Greenspaces. Designation to be retained.
M/EL/OS/017	Waulkmill play space	Private	Natural/Semi	0.89	Good		Pocket Park	Densely planted mature trees. Pine trees are part of distinctive character of area. Playspace and core path within woodland. Greenspace breaks up development.	Development - None.	Existing ENV6 Green Corridor/Natural/Semi Natural.
M/EL/OS/018	Woodland to the south and east of Spynie Hospital	Shared Private/Moray Council	Natural/Semi	7.7	Poor	Quality of paths is poor being rough and uneven. Entrances are not clearly defined and can appear hidden. No signage.		Woodland setting to Spynie Hospital. Connects through with other woodland and greenspaces and therefore forms part of the woodland setting/backdrop to this part of Elgin.	Development - None. Access - Improve quality of paths to make these usable by more people. Enhance entrance points to make path more inviting and provide signage.	Existing ENV6 Green Corridor/Natural/Semi Natural. Extend designation to north east to incorporate existing paths.
M/EL/OS/020	Sandy Road	Moray Council	Green Corridor	2.8	Good			Green corridor providing segregated pedestrian and cycle routes between Birnie and Edgar Road. Attractive tree and shrub planting enhances routes and softens built edge.	Development - None.	Existing ENV3 Amenity Greenspaces. Change to Green Corridor.
M/EL/OS/021	Marleon/Lesmurdie Wood	Moray Council	Natural/Semi	2.65	Poor	Lacks formal paths and entrances. Unwelcoming appearance.		Mixed woodland. Breaks up development and provides visual amenity by providing backdrop to housing.	Development - None. Access - Formalise paths within woodland and provide clearer entrance points.	Existing ENV6 Green Corridor/Natural/Semi Natural. Designation to be retained.
M/EL/OS/022	Kingsmill Playspace	Moray Council	Playspace	0.3	Good		Pocket Park	Playspace with good accessibility and close to relatively dense neighbourhood. Stone wall adds character and ties the site into surrounding area.	Development - None.	Existing ENV6 Green Corridor/Natural/Semi Natural. Extract playspace from more general ENV and create individual ENV for this function.
M/EL/OS/025	Biblical Garden	Moray Council	Public Parks	0.56	Good			Attractive public garden with seasonal flower displays. Enclosed within walls and adjacent to Cathedral. A distinctive well maintained unique attraction in Elgin.	Development - None.	ENV9 Other Functional Green space. Change to Public Parks and Gardens.
M/EL/OS/026	Lesmurdie Wood	Shared Moray Council /Others	Natural/Semi	1.5	Poor	Steeply sided "hole". Access difficult due to slope, informal paths only. Litter and empty bottles		Woodland on steep sloping banking. Links to other open spaces.	Development - None. Improvements to the function of this space are difficult to achieve due to the steep sides.	Existing ENV6 Green Corridor/Natural/Semi Natural. Designation to be retained.
M/EL/OS/027	Cooper Park	Moray Council	Public Parks	26.4	Very Good		Public Park	Formal public park in the centre of Elgin. Performs a variety of functions including play, football and cricket pitches, tennis courts, boating pond, and cycle path. Used to host outdoor public events. An important non-vehicular route to the town centre. Key views to Cathedral.	Development - Only extension to existing buildings within the park.	Existing ENV1 Public Parks and Gardens. Designation to be retained.



M/EL/OS/028	Deanshaugh	Moray Council	Sports Area	Site under development at time of inspection. Paths around rough and some unmade.	Poor	8.6	Sports Area	Open area stretching to river edge. Path network along riverside to Lesmurdie and Kingsmill's. Being developed as pitches. Playing Fields have Queen Elizabeth II status through Fields in Trust.	Development – Only development to enhance or ancillary to use as a sports area will be considered acceptable. Access – Improve surface of paths around site and make path provision to pitches when complete.	Existing ENV1 Public Parks and Gardens. Designation to be retained, consider changing to Sport Area if pitches established.
M/EL/OS/031	School Walk Dyke Walk	Moray Council	Playspace	Good	0.39	Playspace	Pocket Park	Playspace.	Development – None.	Existing ENV4 Playspace for Children and Teenagers. Designation to be retained.
M/EL/OS/033	Seafield	Moray Council	Amenity	Very Good	3.37	Amenity		Large open area which provides amenity to relatively dense housing. Well lit paths connecting to path networks which lead to Cooper Park and into town centre. Open views across site.	Development – None.	Existing ENV6 Green Corridor/Natural/Semi Natural. Change to Amenity land.
M/EL/OS/036	Spynie Brae/Covesea Rise	Private	Amenity	Good	3.5	Amenity	Includes a Pocket Park (off Findrassie Court)	Landscaped areas between housing comprising mix of grass and trees, incorporating playspace and paths.	Development – None.	Existing ENV4 Playspace for Children and Teenagers. Expand ENV and change to Amenity land.
M/EL/OS/037	Nelson Square	MOD	Playspace	Very Good	0.21	Playspace	Pocket Park	Playspace in built up area.	Development – None.	Existing ENV4 Playspace for Children and Teenagers. Designation to be retained.
M/EL/OS/039	Milnfield Ave Amenity	Moray Council	Amenity	Very Good	0.6	Amenity		Landscaped areas comprising mix of mature trees and grass. Provides setting to war memorial. Green connection to cemetery. Attractive route for core path.	Development – None.	Existing ENV3 Amenity Greenspaces. Designation to be retained.
M/EL/OS/040	Ladyhill	Moray Council	Public Parks	Good	2.22	Public Parks		Key landscape and historic feature, including Gordon Monument and ruins of castle. Hard landscaped entrance on A96 with flower beds. Key viewpoint over Elgin.	Development – None.	Existing ENV7 Civic Space. Designation to be retained.
M/EL/OS/041	Mayne Park / Bilbohall Playspace	Moray Council	Playspace	Good	0.94	Playspace	Neighbourhood Park	Enclosed greenspace with open views. Play equipment.	Development – None	Existing ENV6 Green Corridor/Natural/Semi Natural
M/EL/OS/042	Palmer's Cross	Private	Green Corridor	Good	0.5	Green Corridor		Mature trees which add character and biodiversity to area. Covered by TPO. Attractive backdrop to adjacent playspace and screens railway.	Development – None.	Existing ENV10 Regeneration Proposals
M/EL/OS/043	Calcotts Crescent Playspace	Private	Playspace	Good	0.058	Playspace	Pocket Park	Enclosed playspace.	Development – None.	Existing ENV4 Playspace for Children and Teenagers
M/EL/OS/044	McBeath Avenue Playspace	Private	Playspace	Good	0.5	Playspace	Pocket Park	Playspace surrounded by grass in centre of development.	Development – None.	Existing ENV4 Playspace for Children and Teenagers
M/EL/OS/045	Reynolds Crescent Playspace	MOD	Playspace	Poor	0.22	Playspace	Pocket Park	Enclosed playspace to the rear of housing. narrow access and damaged	Development – None. Provision of new play equipment would enhance quality.	Existing ENV4 Playspace for Children and Teenagers



M/EL/OS/046	Thornhill Road	Private	Green Corridor	2.1	Good		play equipment.		Green corridor providing segregated pedestrian and cycle routes along Thornhill Road. Attractive tree and shrub planting enhances routes and softens built edge, particularly important given the back fences fronting onto the road.	Development – None.	Existing ENV3 Amenity Greenspaces
M/EL/OS/047	Hardhilllock Playspace	Moray Council	Playspace	0.06	Poor		To the rear of housing, narrow access points. Play equipment was of poor standard at the time of inspection and has since been removed.	Pocket Park	Enclosed open space to the rear of housing.	Development – None.	Existing ENV4 Playspace for Children and Teenagers. Consider changing to amenity as play equipment removed.
M/EL/OS/048	Myreside Circle	MOD	Amenity	1.3	Good				Landscaping buffer to north of development made up of tree and shrub planting. Enhances the edge of the settlement and the transition between town and country. Provides green corridor for Core Path from A941 Lossiemouth Road to Coveasea Road.	Development – None.	Existing ENV6 Green Corridor/Natural/Semi Natural
M/EL/OS/049	Esmonde Gardens Airplay	MOD	Playspace	0.2	Very Good			Pocket Park	Central playspace surrounded and overlooked by housing with unique play equipment which reflects the identity of the area.	Development – None.	Existing ENV4 Playspace for Children and Teenagers
M/EL/OS/050	Ferrier Terrace Playspace	Moray Council	Playspace	0.25	Good			Pocket Park	Playspace. Open views across Elgin to countryside.	Development – None.	Existing ENV4 Playspace for Children and Teenagers
M/EL/OS/051	Morrison Playingfields	Trust	Sports Area	4.9	Very Good			Sports Area	Sports area, including rugby pitches, running track and pavilion. Central location to Elgin surrounded by mature trees and riverside.	Development – None.	Existing ENV5 Sports Area
M/EL/OS/052	Fraser Avenue	Moray Council	Green Corridor	0.7	Good				Grass road verges which break up development and set housing back from the road.	Development – None.	Existing ENV3 Amenity Greenspaces
M/EL/OS/053	McIntosh Drive Playspace	Moray Council	Playspace	0.23	Good			Pocket Park	Playspace and open space provision. Provides access to neighbouring woodland.	Development – None.	Existing ENV4 Playspace for Children and Teenagers
M/EL/OS/054	Pinefield Amenity	Moray Council	Amenity	1.78	Good				Large area of open space with some mature trees. Playspace in north east corner. Provides recreational opportunities for surrounding development and breaks up built area.	Development – None. Opportunities to rationalise and improve the open space in conjunction with wider redevelopment proposals being considered as part of the review of the Local Development Plan	Existing ENV3 Amenity Greenspaces



M/EL/OS/055	Reiket Lane	Shared Private/ Moray Council	Green Corridor	1.53	Good				Green corridor providing segregated pedestrian and cycle routes along Reiket Lane. Attractive tree and shrub planting enhances routes and softens built edge, particularly important given the back fences fronting onto the road.	Development – None.	Existing ENV3 Amenity Greenspaces
M/EL/OS/056	Manitoba	Moray Council	Amenity	0.63	Good				Playspace and open space provision. Provides recreational opportunities and breaks up built development.	Development – None.	Existing ENV4 Playspace for Children and Teenagers
M/EL/OS/057	Reiket Lane/Ashgrove Cycle path	Moray Council	Green Corridor	1.16	Good				Green corridor providing a dedicated pedestrian and cycle routes to Ashgrove. Attractive tree and shrub planting enhances route and softens built edge. Breaks up built development.	Development – None.	Existing ENV6 Green Corridor/Natural/Semi Natural
M/EL/OS/059	Lossiemouth Road	Moray Council	Green Corridor	1.5	Good				Green corridor providing segregated pedestrian and cycle routes along Lossiemouth Road. Attractive tree a planting enhances routes and softens built edge. Attractive gateway to Elgin.	Development – None.	Existing ENV3 Amenity Greenspaces
M/EL/OS/060	Borough Briggs	Moray Council	Green Corridor	9.31	Very Good				Attractive river side setting with cycle path along flood alleviation bund. Important connection to other green spaces. Part of this site is temporarily used by circuses and travelling shows. During these times the site provides associate short term housing	Development – None.	Existing ENV6 Green Corridor/Natural/Semi Natural
M/EL/OS/061	Sherriff/Old Mills	Mixed ownership	Green Corridor	67	Very Good				Central green corridor in Elgin made up of woodland, agricultural land, and path network. Part of core greenspace which connects through the centre of Elgin. Contributes to the character an amenity of central Elgin. Provides biodiversity.	Development – opportunities restricted to brownfield sites and within the curtilage of existing buildings only.	Existing ENV6 Green Corridor/Natural/Semi Natural
M/EL/OS/062	Lesmurdie Playspace	Moray Council	Playspace	0.27	Poor			Pocket Park	Playspace close to relatively dense development.	Development – Opportunities to rationalise and improve the open space in conjunction with wider redevelopment proposals being considered as part of the review of the Local Development Plan. Access – Provide path to playspace.	Existing ENV4 Playspace for Children and Teenagers
M/EL/OS/063	River Lossie/Lesmurdie Green Corridor	Moray Council	Green Corridor	5	Poor			Graffiti on play equipment which was also dirty in parts. No path to play equipment and up slope. Remote from housing. Unwelcoming appearance due to graffiti and fly tipping, particularly southern edge of Lesmurdie. Overgrown river banks. Not well	River and riverside corridor and landscaped banking around the edge of Lesmurdie. Contains development and creates biodiversity along river side.	Development – Opportunities to rationalise and improve the open space in conjunction with wider redevelopment proposals being considered as part of the review of the Local Development Plan.	Existing ENV6 Green Corridor/Natural/Semi Natural



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M/EL/OS/074	Former Railway Lesmurdie	TBC	Green Corridor	3.5	Poor	Access restricted and overgrown.		Former railway to Lossiemouth. Landscape feature. Currently overgrown and pretty much inaccessible could be redeveloped as part of development of LONG 1 to connect to existing pathway at Pitgavay Farm which connects to Lossiemouth.	Access – potential for path to be created which joins route from Pitgavay to Lossiemouth.	No
M/EL/OS/075	Mayne Wood	Private	Natural/Semi	46.75	Very Good			Attractive woodland which provides a backdrop to the golf course and contains edge of settlement. Good quality paths through woodland for walking and cycling.	Development – None.	Yes, well used for walking etc. Important backdrop and to character of the area.
M/EL/OS/076	River Lossie South West of Elgin	Private	Green Corridor	1.8	Good			Riverside banking with track alongside. Overgrown and no obvious routes.		No. Could be considered in masterplan for nearby development sites.
M/EL/OS/077	Birkenhill	Private	Natural/Semi	1.6	Good			Woodland which connects to larger woodlands to the south of Elgin. Within LONG 2 Elgin South designation. Will break up development and create a link to the wider woodlands.	Development- Development proposals must be in line with the Elgin South Masterplan.	Yes, shown as woodland within Elgin South masterplan.
M/EL/OS/078	Linkwood Burn	Private	Green Corridor	3	Good			Green corridor which includes the Linkwood Burn and informal paths. Landscape feature. Contributes to biodiversity. Within LONG 2 Elgin South designation. Will form core part of open space.	Development- Development proposals must be in line with the Elgin South Masterplan.	Yes, shown as part of open space within Elgin South masterplan.
M/EL/OS/079	Linkwood Path	Private	Green Corridor	0.5	Good			Corridor with path linking to countryside and other path networks. Contains some planting at edge of housing.	Development – None. Access – Enhanced linkages to Elgin South Masterplan area.	Yes, key link to other spaces/paths.
M/EL/OS/080	Old Railway Elgin South	Private	Green Corridor	0.84	Good			Former railway with core path. Mature trees and shrubs on embankment. Key link to countryside and other path networks. Within LONG 2 Elgin south designation.	Development- Development proposals must be in line with the Elgin South Masterplan. Access – Cycle path provision in line with Elgin South Masterplan.	Yes, shown as key active travel route within Elgin South masterplan.
M/EL/OS/081	Quarrelwood/Oakwood	Moray Council / Forestry Commission	Natural/Semi	239	Good			Large woodland on the edge of Elgin with waymarked routes. Setting and attractive edge to Elgin. Backdrop to housing. Part of woodland character in the area. Part of the site is designated as a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) and noted as being one of very few remaining ancient and semi-natural woodlands in lowland Moray.	Development – None.	Part, corridor around edge, linking to Quarrelwood.
M/EL/OS/083	Kirkhill Wood	Private	Natural/Semi	29	Good			Private/commercial woodland which creates an attractive edge and setting for Elgin.		No, sufficient policy protection in terms of Policy E10 Countryside Around Towns and Policy E4 Trees and Development.



M/EL/OS/084	Morrison Road	Moray Council	Green Corridor	2.5	Good				Green corridor providing segregated pedestrian and cycle routes along Morrison Road and through development to woodland. Attractive tree a planting enhances routes and softens built edge. Attractive gateway to Elgin/development.	None	Yes to be consistent with other similar sites.
M/EL/OS/085	Linkwood wetland	Private	Natural/Semi	3.4	Good				Rough wetland area with informal paths through. Contributes to biodiversity and setting of southern edge of Elgin	Development- Development proposals must be in line with the Elgin South Masterplan.	Yes, area that is undeveloped within Elgin South masterplan.

