

## T. Newburgh

3 green and blue networks are identified in the Newburgh:

NEBGN01: Newburgh Coast Green and Blue network

NEBGN02: Newburgh Hills and Clatchard Craig Quarry Green and Blue network

NEBGN03: Den Burn and Eastern Approach Green and Blue network

NEBGN04: Heritage Orchards Green and Blue network

A short description summarising their key features, functions and opportunities is provided on the following pages.



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## NEBGN01: Newburgh Coast Green and blue network

Stretching along the banks of the Firth of Tay, the Newburgh Coast Green and blue network defines the northern edge of the settlement and contributes to its coastal landscape setting, with views towards the Carse of Gowrie and the Braes beyond.

### Key Features:

- Part of the Fife Coastal Path route.
- The Public Park and West Shore are high quality assets – potential for interpretation. Slipways provide access to the water.
- The Shoreline Management Plan indicates that improvements or new coastal defences might be required in the longer term. There is also potential scope for managed realignment, which could create more intertidal habitat in the longer-term.
- Includes part of the Den Burn, where it meets the coast, and part of the Gillies Burn where it flows towards the coast.
- The coast is heavily designated for its habitat importance; sites include the Firth of Tay Special Protection Area (SPA). The area is noted as having some good populations of quite rare species.
- There is a woodland habitat network to the west, some of which is on the Ancient Woodland Inventory.

### Opportunities for Enhancement:

- Possible area suitable for managed retreat in the area around the waste water treatment works – but would need more detailed scoping. Potential to improve biodiversity value through any future managed realignment projects.
- There is an aspiration to create a coastal active travel/core path route to the west of Newburgh into Perth and Kinross through Abernethy; it was noted that disturbance of the Special Protection Area would need to be avoided and that any route would need to connect into a route within Perth and Kinross.

### Development Plan Priorities:

- Protect existing green and blue network assets.
  - The green and blue network priorities below relate to proposals in Fifeplan (2017) these will be reviewed at the Proposed Plan stage of Fife's LDP2.
1. LDP proposal NEB 004 (Newburgh Rail Halt) – priorities in developing this area should be to:
    - Deliver a high quality development edge onto the A913 and the Public Park to reflect the location of the site as an important gateway site to Newburgh.
    - Provide a high quality landscape edge along the railway line.

## NEBGN02: Newburgh Hills and Clatchard Craig Quarry Green and blue network

The rising, wooded slopes of the Newburgh Hills and Clatchard Quarry Green and blue network provide the southern landscape setting to Newburgh, with potential to enhance in relation to the future restoration of the Quarry.

### Key Features:

- An existing core path provides access to Clatchard Craig Quarry and beyond to Grange of Lindores; however part of the path through the quarry requires improvement.
- Another core path links to Lochmill Loch and Pitmeddan, which has a network of off-road routes which are used recreationally for cycling.
- The rising, wooded slopes of Ormiston Hill and Newburgh Common contribute significantly to the landscape setting for Newburgh.
- There is an existing woodland habitat network.
- Clatchard Craig Quarry is likely to drain to the Den Burn.

### **Opportunities for Enhancement:**

- Green and blue network creation is proposed as part of the approved restoration of Clatchard Quarry (app ref 20/02432/FULL).
- Establishing a recreational access connection to the Den Burn Green and blue network when the Clatchard Craig Quarry is restored would greatly improve the wider recreational network for Newburgh and Burnside, creating a number of round routes of different lengths.

### **Development Plan Priorities:**

- Protect existing green and blue network assets.
  - The green and blue network priorities below relate to proposals in Fifeplan (2017) these will be reviewed at the Proposed Plan stage of Fife's LDP2.
1. LDP proposal NEB 001 (South of Cupar Road) – priorities in developing this area should be to:
    - Deliver a multi-functional green and blue network which runs east-west through the site and successfully incorporates landscape and habitat enhancement, access and high quality SUDS provision, fronted and overlooked by a good development edge.
    - Ensure there is scope to connect the green and blue network to the existing cemetery and to the restored Clatchard Craig Quarry path network in the future, via the existing railway underpass.
    - A cemetery extension will be required in the future – consider the development of a cemetery park, where the site could offer additional recreational greenspace, habitat and landscape value, given the green and blue network's important landscape setting role. Depending on the location of the cemetery extension investigate potential to establish a north-south connection through the future cemetery site to link to the underpass and provide access to the Clatchard Craig Quarry path network, when it is restored, and to link to the Den Burn Green and blue network.
    - Establish a high quality development frontage on to A913, through an appropriate boundary solution and new tree planting which reflects the wider rural character of the approach to Newburgh from the east as a key entrance to the village
  2. LDP proposal NEB 002 (Land north of Cupar Road) – priorities in developing this area should be to:
    - Establish a high quality development frontage on to A913, through an appropriate boundary solution and new tree planting which reflects the wider rural character of the approach to Newburgh from the east as a key entrance to the village.
    - Create strong landscape edge along the eastern boundary of the site to provide a setting for the development and Newburgh, and to prevent future coalescence with Burnside.

### **NEBGN03: Den Burn and Eastern Approach Green and blue network**

With a strong rural character, the Den Burn and Eastern Approach Green and blue network is significant in shaping and defining the approach to Burnside and Newburgh along the A914, contributing significantly the landscape setting of both settlements.

### **Key Features:**

- Existing core path network and the Fife Coastal Path runs through the area.
- On-road cycle route to Auchtermuchty and NCN777 which connects east to Wormit.
- Includes the Den Burn, which is fed by the Pitcairnie/Bow Burn, and Lindores Loch and provides good riparian habitat; protect and enhance the habitat and landscape value where possible. There is a sluice at Craig Mill, which might indicate the existence of an underground pipe, but this is unclear. There have been water quality issues with Lindores Loch in the past.
- Other habitat assets include woodland and tree belts in the Den of Lindores and on Park Hill and Lindores Hill.
- Important in shaping and defining the character of the approach to Newburgh from the east, and in avoiding coalescence between Newburgh and Burnside – protect and strengthen.

**Opportunities for Enhancement:**

- Potential to provide a recreational access connection to the Hills and Clachard Quarry Green and blue network when the quarry is restored.
- Seek opportunities to enhance the habitat and landscape value of the Den Burn corridor.

**Development Plan Priorities:**

- Protect existing green and blue network assets.

**NEBGN04: Heritage Orchards Green and blue network**

There are a number orchards in Newburgh which are of heritage and biodiversity value.