

M. Kinglassie

A green and blue network has been identified through and around Kinglassie extending from Westfield to Glenrothes:

KLSGN01: Westfield – Kinglassie Green and Blue Network

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



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Following the course of the Lochty Burn through Westfield and Kinglassie and including the associated greenspaces along the Burn, the Westfield – Kinglassie Green and Blue Network also provides opportunities to improve connections with Glenrothes and longer-term potential associated with the restoration of Westfield.

Key Features:

- Includes a core path network, which connects north into the Lomond Hills Regional Park and Glenrothes, and south west to Cardenden, which forms part of the Fife Pilgrim's route. A multi-use active travel connection along the B921 improves connectivity to Glenrothes.
- Includes part of the Lochty Burn as it flows from Westfield through Kinglassie; the Sauchie Burn forms a tributary. In Westfield the old workings are flooded and the level to the Lochty Burn is controlled by a syphon. There are some potential localised risks of flooding associated with the Lochty Burn, which could benefit from surface water management. There are some mine water issues along the Lochty Burn to the east of Kinglassie.
- Kinglassie has a below average quantity of greenspace. There are two main greenpace assets, one of which (Burnside) is located along the Lochty Burn and forms part of this network; its quality could be improved.
- Some contribution to habitat, with good potential to enhance. Westfield has a number of habitats which are largely undisturbed and the Lochty Burn provides good potential. There is a small area of ancient woodland, Parknook Plantation, to the south east of Westfield.
- Contribution to landscape setting is relatively poor at present, but there is good potential to enhance.

Opportunities for Enhancement:

- Proposed core path along the railway would connect to the core path network to the south of Glenrothes.
- Potential to provide connectivity to Glenrothes (Southfield) through delivery of a woodland access link along the Lochty Burn corridor (see Glenrothes Lochty Burn Green Network) in conjunction with remediation of Kinglassie bing.
- The quality of Burnside greenspace could be improved through investment. The Lochty Burn is in channel along the edge of the greenspace and could potentially become more of a feature through the space, with a route along parts of the Burn, where it is accessible – this would require more detailed consideration.
- Might be potential to deliver green network enhancements on the Westfield site as part of longer-term regeneration, including access. Restoration of the former open cast mine could include habitat creation and enhancement and access improvements including seating areas and path network which links to the core path east of Kinglassie. Landscaping has also been proposed as part of former open cast site at Westfield.
- Surrounding communities have aspirations for better access into Westfield.
- SEPA have identified a water body restoration opportunity along the Lochty Burn to the west of Westfield. Opportunity to connect Ballingry and Kinglassie to Glenrothes along the waterbody corridor – possibly linking up to Loch Leven and along the River Leven to create a long-distance active travel route in a loop serving and connecting villages and towns in the area. Further opportunity to undertake works in Kinglassie park although the river is constrained on one side by a road.
- Potential to create an active travel shared use path from Kinglassie to Kirkcaldy along the B922 or an alternative route.

Development Plan Priorities:

- Protect existing blue and green 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 KLS 001 (Laurence Park South) – priorities in developing this area should be to:
 - Create a high quality gateway to the village from the east, and establish a high quality landscape edge along the B922, which will provide an appropriate landscape setting for the development and should incorporate access provision. Incorporate the existing hedgerows along the B921 and B922, where possible.
 - Establish new greenspace as an integral part of a strong north-south green network through the site, incorporating access habitat and SUDS provision. Take suitable measures to protect the existing shelterbelt along the western boundary of the site, and connect to the greenspace along the Lochty Burn, south of the site.
2. LDP proposal LWD 009 (Westfield Green Business Park) – priorities in developing this area should be to:
 - Deliver green network enhancements on the Westfield site as part of future restoration.
 - Ensure access opportunities are identified and safeguarded to allow future routes into the site to be developed from surrounding settlements (Ballingry, Lochore, Cardenden and Kinglassie).