

## S. Lundin Links, Lower Largo and Upper Largo

Two green and blue networks were identified in the Lundin Links, Lower Largo and Upper Largo:

LLAGN01: Largo and Lundin Links Coast Green and Blue network

LLAGN02: Kiel Burn Green and Blue network

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



Green and blue networks in Lundin Links, Lower Largo and Upper Largo. © Crown copyright and database rights 2024. Ordnance Survey 100023385.

## LLAGN01: Largo and Lundin Links Coast Green and Blue network

Stretching from Lundin Links to Largo along the waterfront and coast, and including the greenspaces along a disused railway line route, the Largo and Lundin Links Coast Green and Blue network forms a scenic part of the strategically important Fife Coastal Path route.

### Key Features:

- Coastal edge forms part of the strategic Fife Coastal path route. There is a high tide alternate route along the edge of the golf course; east of Lower Largo the coastal path follows the old railway line as far as Dumbarnie Links Scottish Wildlife Trust Reserve (approx. 1 mile east). Within Lundin Links and Lower Largo the route is on-street.
- Includes the Largo Burn; a core path connects to Upper Largo from the coast along the burn. The Burn is in culvert through Upper Largo.
- An existing off-road cycleway connects to Leven along the A915.
- Includes small greenspaces along the route of a disused railway line through Lundin Links and Lower Largo – some are inaccessible, but do contribute to a habitat corridor through the settlement.
- The Shoreline Management Plan indicates that coastal erosion is predicted along the waterfront at Lower Largo – the policy unit indicates that coastal defences should be maintained; some are public, others are on private land. The more recent Dynamic Coast mapping confirms the potential for coastal erosion. West of Drummochy wildlife site some lower lying areas might experience coastal flooding and a 'salt lagoon' could form on part of Lundin Links Golf Course in the future. No active intervention is intended along this section of the coast. The Lundin Golf Course is an important buffer against the future impacts of long term coastal erosion
- The intertidal zone is of significant habitat value (SPA, RAMSAR and SSSI designations). Includes Drummochy wildlife site on the coastal edge of Lundin Links and areas of coastal grassland to the east of Lower Largo, along the disused railway line.
- Contributes positively to the high quality landscape setting of Lundin Links and Lower Largo, and to the wider Fife coastline.

### Opportunities for Enhancement:

- Potential route for East Neuk 50 cycle route to St. Andrews would follow the A917.
- Upgrade old railway line route east out of Lower Largo to multi-use standard.
- Look to strengthen connections and improve the riparian corridor along the Largo Burn where opportunities arise.

### 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 LLA 001(East of Durham Wynd) – priorities in developing this area should be to:
    - Enhance the setting of the existing core path route which runs north-south down Durham Wynd, along the western boundary of the site. Potential to incorporate the existing hedgerow and stone wall within the boundary treatment and to provide a new footpath and landscaping on the development side of the wall overlooked by development.
    - Protect and retain the existing mature trees along the ridge which defines the northern edge of the site, and incorporate as part of a high quality landscape edge to the development
    - Provide a high quality development edge fronting onto the playing fields and incorporating the existing mature trees along the southern edge of the site. Provide access from the site into the adjacent greenspace.
    - Establish a high quality development edge along the eastern boundary of the site.

## **LLAGN02: Kiel Burn Green and Blue network**

Following the course of the Kiel Burn as it flows south towards the Coast, the Kiel Burn forms an important Green and Blue network resource through Lundin Links and Lower Largo and north into the wider countryside, incorporating access to wider countryside assets.

### **Key Features:**

- Includes an extensive core path network, which connects in land and provides access to Pitcruvie Den and Largo Law wildlife sites.
- Includes the Kiel Burn, as it flows through Lundin Links and Lower Largo. The Hatton Burn forms a tributary.
- Lundin Links and Lower Largo have a good amount, quality and access to greenspace; the main assets include the Common in Lundin Links, and the Keil Burn greenspace.
- Includes Pitcruvie Den wildlife site, Kiel Den Woodland and other watercourse which are important assets, contributing to the wider woodland and riparian habitat networks – protect and enhance.
- Contributes to the setting of Lundin Links, Lower Largo and Upper Largo.
- Largo Law contains significant grassland habitat assets.

### **Opportunities for Enhancement:**

- Local aspiration to upgrade the roadside footway along the A915 between Lower Largo and Upper Largo to multi-use standard to provide a cycle route.
- In Lower Largo, look to strengthen access along the Keil Burn to the Coast where opportunity arises.
- In Upper Largo, consider the potential to provide a path connection to access the southern part of Pitcruvie Den, where opportunity arises.
- Improve the habitat and landscape value where opportunities arise. There might be opportunities to deliver enhancements through Lundin Ladies Golf Course.
- Potential route for East Neuk 50 cycle route to St. Andrews would follow the A917.
- CSGN Habitat Networks and Opportunity Areas mapping has identified primary opportunity areas for grassland enhancement to improve habitat connectivity on Largo Law.

### **Development Plan Priorities:**

- Protect existing Green and Blue network assets.