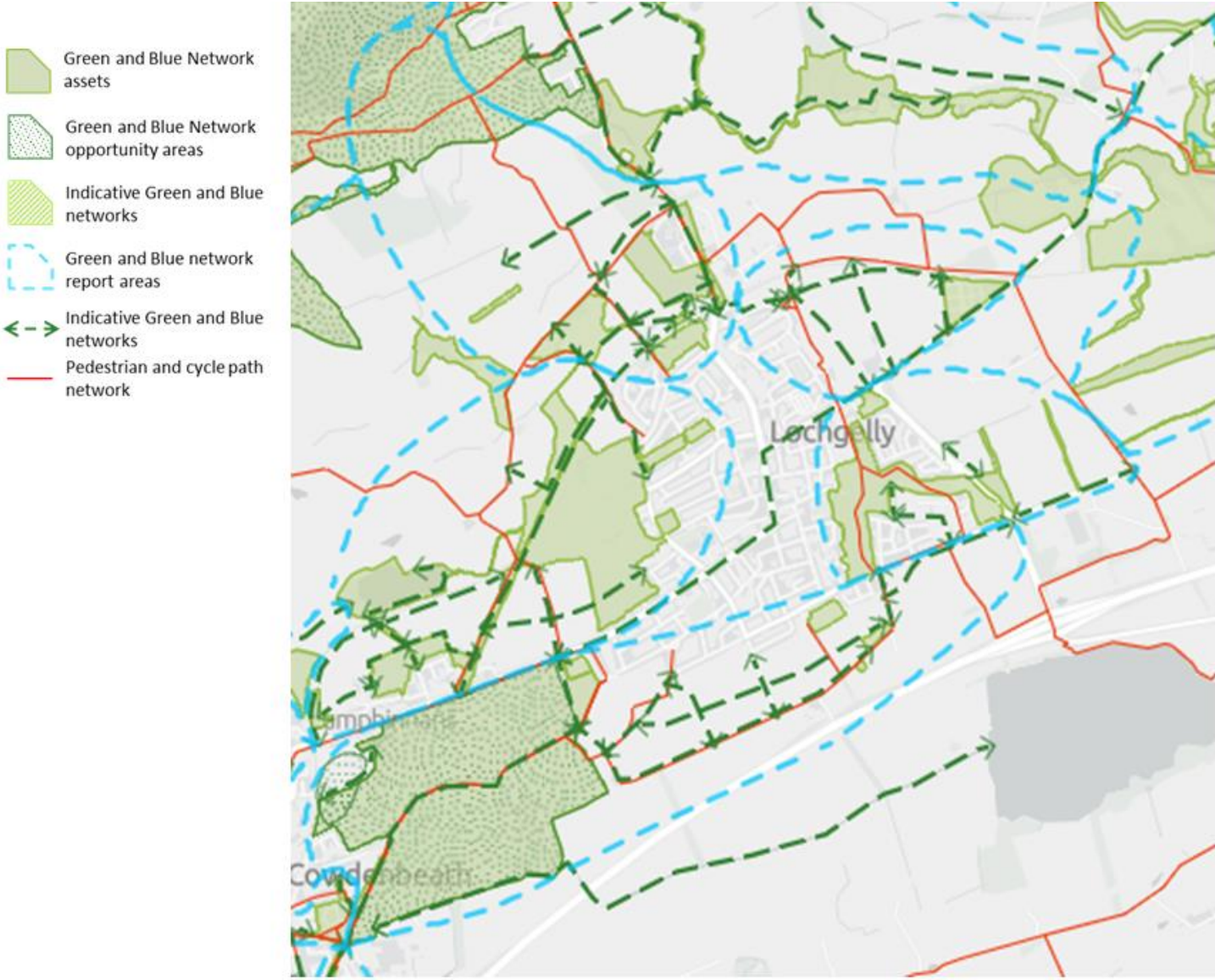


Q. Lochgelly

6 green and blue networks were identified in Lochgelly:

- LGYGN01: Town Park Hub Green and Blue network
- LGYGN02: Western Radial Hub Green and Blue network
- LGYGN03: Loch Ore Links Green and Blue network
- LGYGN04: North Eastern SDA Green and Blue network
- LGYGN05: Southern Loop Green and Blue network

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



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LGYN01: Town Park Hub Green and Blue network

Centring on the Public Park, the Town Park Hub Green and blue network serves the eastern portion of Lochgelly, and provides important north-south connectivity.

Key Features:

- Existing active travel network, which links to the North Eastern Strategic Development Area (LGYGN04), albeit via an 'on-street' connection and to the Southern Loop Green and blue network (LGYGN06).
- Key greenspace assets include the Public Park and the allotments to north. Investment is required to enhance greenspace quality, although there has been some investment recently at the Public Park. There are core path links through these greenspaces linking the north east of Lochgelly to the south and The Avenue Industrial Estate.
- Large greenspace assets provide a drainage function.
- Important to landscape setting, but potential to significantly improve.
- Limited habitat assets currently, some woodland assets to the east of the Public Park. There is significant potential to enhance the habitat provision.
- Deliver an active travel connection to the town centre.

Opportunities for Enhancement:

- Investment required to enhance greenspace quality and multi-functionality of the Public Park.
- Contribution to landscape setting, quality of place, and habitat value could be greatly enhanced.

Development Site 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 LGY 003 (The Avenue) - priorities in developing the site should be to:
 - Establish new high quality greenspace as an integrated part of the wider green and blue network, and combine green space functions with active travel, habitat and SUDS provision;
 - Establish a high quality landscape edge along the west boundary of the site and explore opportunities to incorporate sustainable urban drainage and habitat provision.
 - Provide good connections to the Public Park and consider the appropriateness of an off-site contribution to enhance the quality of the park.
 2. LDP proposal LGY 006 (Lochgelly Industrial Park) - priorities in developing the site should be to:
 - Establish a high quality multi-functional, landscape edge to the site.
 3. LDP proposal LGY 007 (Lochgelly East SDA) - priorities in developing the site should be to:
 - Establish a high quality off-road active travel connection east-west along the south boundary as a key missing link in the off-road cycle route between Dunfermline to Kirkcaldy.
 - Provide a high quality landscape edge to the site incorporating SUDS and habitat provision.

LGYN02: Western Radial Hub Green and Blue network

Green and blue network hub serving the west of Lochgelly, encompassing green assets including Lochgelly golf course, Swan Pond and Lumphinnans north.

Key Features:

- Existing, but limited active travel network. Provides an important connection from Lumphinnans to the Loch Ore Links Green and blue network (LGYN03) and Lochgelly High School.
- Significant barriers to connectivity include the railway line and Lochgelly golf course. Railway underpasses are therefore important and need to be protected.
- Greenspace assets include Lochgelly golf course (albeit not publicly accessible), McGregor Park, and the playing fields at Violet Park and allotments north of Lumphinnans Road in Lochgelly, and the playing fields at Hope Street in Lumphinnans. Greenspace quality is generally poor and investment is required.
- Large greenspace assets provide an important local flooding and drainage function, possibly with some opportunity to improve through investment.
- Other key assets include Swan Pond, which is a functional drainage system and an important wetland habitat asset. Other habitat assets are limited, but significant potential to enhance.
- Contributes to landscape setting and significant in preventing coalescence of Lochgelly and Lumphinnans.

Opportunities for Enhancement:

- Investment is required to enhance greenspace quality and multi-functionality.
- Consider the opportunity to develop improved active travel functionality including links to: Lochgelly and enhanced 'on-street' connectivity to the town centre and Lochgelly West Primary School (through signage and 'green street' interventions for example); to the Southern Loop Green and blue network (LGYN05).
- Potential to deliver multi-use connection from Lochgelly North SDA to Lumphinnans along the edge of the railway as a key link to Lochore Meadows and Lochgelly High School.
- Opportunity to deliver an active travel route round Swan Pond (community aspiration), which is owned by Fife Council and to establish connectivity to Cowdenbeath's 'Beath Cemetery to Swan Pond Green and blue network' (see Cowdenbeath for details).
- Potential to enhance landscape setting and habitat value offered by Lochgelly golf course (for example by strengthening shelterbelts) – would require more detailed scoping, working in partnership with the golf course.

Development Site 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 LGY 007 (Lochgelly West SDA) - priorities in developing the site should be to:

- Retain the north-south active travel route through the site and enhance the setting and look to integrate it with greenspace provision, sustainable urban drainage design, habitat and landscape.
 - Establish high quality pedestrian and cycle connections: west to the proposed new Sports Hub north of Lumphinnans and Swan Pond, and east towards Lochgelly.
2. LDP proposal LGY 004 (West Cartmore) - priorities in developing the site should be to:
 - Retain the north-south active travel route through the site and enhance the setting and look to integrate it with greenspace provision, sustainable urban drainage design, habitat and landscape.
 - Create a link to McGregor Park.
 - Develop a high quality landscape and habitat edge with the railway line.
 3. LDP proposal LPH 002 (Sycamore Crescent) - priorities in developing the site should be to:
 - Establish a high quality, multi-functional green and blue network connection east-west to link to Cowdenbeath; to the playing fields and proposed new Sports Hub to the east; and to Swan Pond.
 - Invest in the existing playing fields to enhance their greenspace quality and multi-functional value.
 - Develop a high quality landscape and habitat edge with the railway line.
 - Develop a high quality development edge facing onto the playing fields.
 4. LDP proposal LPH 003 (Land to the north of Lumphinnans) - priorities in developing the site should be to:
 - Develop a high quality landscape and habitat edge with the railway line incorporating access.
 - Provide a north-south active travel route through the site linking to the railway underpass and Swans Pond to the north.
 - Develop a high quality development edge facing onto the playing fields.

LGYN03: Loch Ore Links Green and Blue network

Significant area for the establishment of a green and blue network which provides important connectivity north-south between Lochgelly, Lochgelly High School and more widely to the strategically significant asset of Lochore Meadows.

Key Features:

- Provides key active travel connections to Lochore Meadows Country Park and to Lochgelly High School.
- Greenspace assets include the playing fields at Launcherhead Park and the playing fields at Lochgelly High School. Spaces currently offer limited multi-functional value.
- Other key assets include Lochgelly rail station and a small (unnamed) watercourse, which provides a flooding and drainage and some habitat value, albeit it is part culverted under Lochgelly High School playing fields.
- Wider habitat assets include woodland, grassland and wetland located to the north west of Easter Cartmore and Lochore Meadows to the north.
- Includes the Fife Cycle Park facility.

Opportunities for Enhancement:

- Improve active travel connection to Lochgelly High School to fulfil school's aspiration to be able to cycle to Lochore Meadows as a learning destination.
- Investment required to enhance the quality and multi-functional value of the playing fields at Launcherhead Park.
- Potential opportunity to de-culvert the watercourse under the school playing fields and to develop as a riparian habitat corridor – would require more detailed scoping.
- Strengthen connectivity to Lochgelly rail station.
- Improve active travel routes north-south by providing better connections to Lochore and Ballingry and Lochgelly High School. There is also scope to provide a cycleway within the road corridor along the B920.

Development Site 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 LGY 007 (Lochgelly North SDA) - Priorities in developing the site should be to:
 - Develop a new high quality landscape edge along the lane to Easter Cartmore, which incorporates the existing north-south active travel route to Lochore Meadows Country Park and enhances its setting.
 - Establish a high quality landscape edge along the western and northern boundary of the site which provides an appropriate setting for the development and provides good access to the wider countryside, reflecting the site's location within the Lomond Hills Regional Park.
 - Develop a new high quality development edge along the east boundary of the site.
 - Establish new high quality greenspace as an integral part of the wider green and blue network, and combine greenspace functions with active travel, habitat, sustainable urban drainage and landscape provision.
 - The unnamed watercourse should form an integral part of the green and blue network through the Strategic Development Area.
 - Develop a high quality landscape and habitat edge along the railway line and establish a pedestrian and cycle link to the core path at the far west of the site to provide access to the proposed leisure facilities at Lumphinnans and the path network around Swan Pond.
 - Establish good active travel links to Lochgelly rail station and to Lochgelly High School as key destinations.

LGYN04: North Eastern SDA Green and Blue network

Key area for the establishment of a high quality green and blue network as a key mechanism in helping to integrate the development of the Lochgelly North East Strategic Development Area (proposal LGY 09) with its wider setting and existing adjacent communities.

Key Features:

- Significant area for the establishment of an integrated and connected green and blue network as part of the development of the Lochgelly North East Strategic Development Area.

- Existing north-south active travel route, connects to the Town Park Hub Green and blue network (LGYGN01), albeit via an 'on-street' connection to the south; and north to the wider countryside across the railway line.
- No existing greenspace assets – but a need to improve greenspace quality and increase quantity in this area.
- Significant potential to enhance contribution to landscape setting and habitat and biodiversity.

Opportunities for Enhancement:

- Establish good active travel connectivity to Lochgelly rail station and to Lochgelly High School as key destinations, through 'green street' interventions.

Development Site 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.
2. LDP proposal LGY 007 (Lochgelly North East SDA) - Priorities in developing the site should be to:
- Retain the existing north-south active travel route through the site, enhance its setting and integrate with greenspace, sustainable urban drainage, habitat and landscape provision. Establish good links to the adjacent community, in order to help address existing greenspace deficit.
 - Establish active travel links to Lochgelly rail station and to Lochgelly High School.
 - Deliver a cycleway connection along the B981 road corridor to the south to link to Lochgelly town centre and east to Cardenden.
 - Develop a new high quality settlement edge along the southern and eastern boundaries of the site to reflect its location as key entry point to Lochgelly from the east.
 - Develop a high quality landscape and habitat edge along the northern boundary with the railway line and a landscaped edge to the cemetery.

LGYGN05: Southern Loop Green and Blue network

Strategically important area for the establishment of a high quality green and blue network as a key mechanism in helping to integrate the development of Lochgelly South Strategic Development Area (LDP proposal LGY 007) with its wider setting and existing adjacent communities.

Key Features:

- Significant area for the establishment of an integrated and connected green and blue network as part of the development of the Lochgelly South Strategic Development Area.
- Existing active travel network. Links to Town Park Hub Green and blue network (LGYGN01) and to the Western Radial Links Green and blue network (LGYGN02), and part of the strategically significant Dunfermline to Kirkcaldy cycleway, albeit there is a gap in the off road cycle network at Lochgelly. Connects to Cowdenbeath's 'Hill of Beath to Lochgelly Green and blue network' (see Cowdenbeath for details).
- Greenspace assets include Dora Golf Course (which has an active travel route through it) and Arthur Park.

- Significant to the landscape setting of Lochgelly. Existing landscape features provide some habitat value and make an important contribution to landscape character and include wetlands at Loch Gelly to the south. The CSGN Habitat Networks and Opportunity Areas mapping has identified a secondary opportunity area for woodland enhancement to improve habitat connectivity to the west of Dora Golf Course.

Opportunities for Enhancement:

- Potential to enhance landscape setting and habitat value offered by Dora golf course – would require more detailed scoping, working in partnership with the golf course.
- Enhance the setting of the existing Dunfermline-Kirkcaldy cycleway and deliver enhanced connectivity between this strategic route and the rest of Lochgelly;
- River Basin Management Plan 3 identifies that the downstream section of the Den Burn has potential for a river restoration project which could connect Cowdenbeath with the recreation potential at Loch Gelly.

Development Site 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.
2. LDP proposal LGY 007 (Lochgelly South SDA) - Priorities in developing the site should be to:
 - Consider the site's landscape character and capitalise on existing landscape greenspace assets in forming a development strategy for the area.
 - Provide high quality landscape with pedestrian and cycle links:
 - To connect to the Town Park Hub Green and blue network (LGYGN01);
 - To link to the Western Radial Links Green and blue network (LGYGN02)
 - To provide good links into adjacent communities;
 - To the south connecting to the existing Dunfermline-Kirkcaldy cycleway and to the wider countryside
 - Establish a high quality off-road active travel connection east-west along the Avenue, as a key missing link in the off-road cycle route between Dunfermline to Kirkcaldy.
 - Establish new high quality greenspace as an integral part of the wider green and blue network, and combine greenspace functions with active travel, habitat, sustainable urban drainage and landscape provision.
 - Develop a new high quality landscape edge to the settlement along the southern boundary of the site, which incorporates active travel provision as part of a Lochgelly south round route.
 2. LDP proposal LPH 001 (Lochgelly Road) - Priorities in developing the site should be to:
 - Develop a new high quality landscape edge with the existing green and blue network, along the southern boundary of the site.