

Open Space Strategy

Draft

Action Plan

for

Leith Neighbourhood Partnership Area

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Introduction

This is a draft action plan which accompanies the draft Edinburgh Open Space Strategy. It has been prepared for public consultation from 26 March to 21 May 2010. It should be read alongside the draft strategy, which can be viewed at Council libraries or at www.edinburgh.gov.uk/openspacestrategy.

This action plan includes:

- maps showing which areas fall within open space standards proposed in the draft strategy
- actions to improve open space provision in terms of those standards
- other actions which would help meet open space needs
- other open space issues relating to this Neighbourhood Partnership area, including those raised during public consultation in 2009.

The Council is interested in your views on the standards proposed in the draft strategy, the actions proposed here, and the other issues identified in the last section. **A public workshop will be held on 22 April 2010 at Leith Library, 28 Ferry Road from 6.30pm until 8pm.**

All comments should be received by **21 May 2010** using the following contact details:

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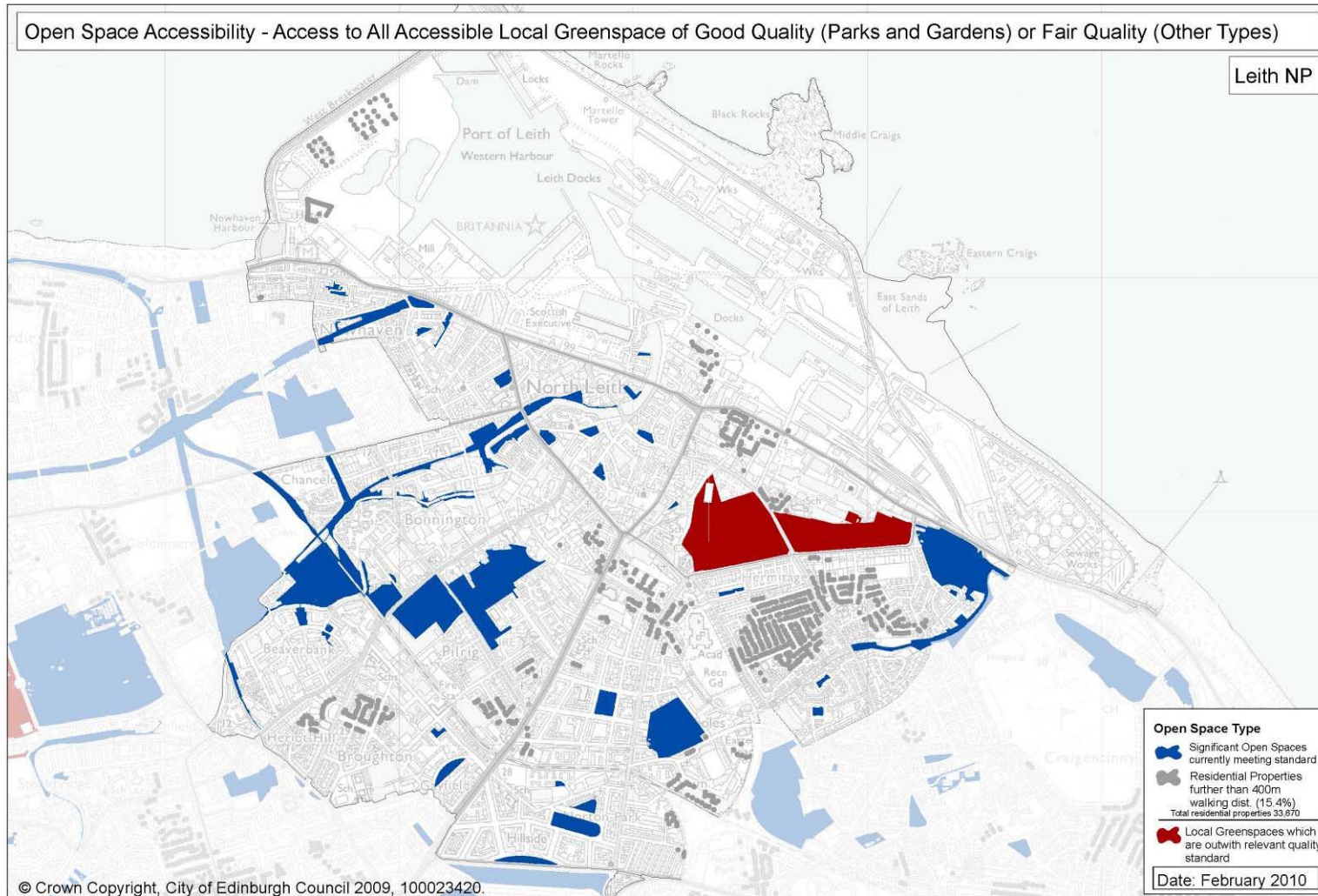
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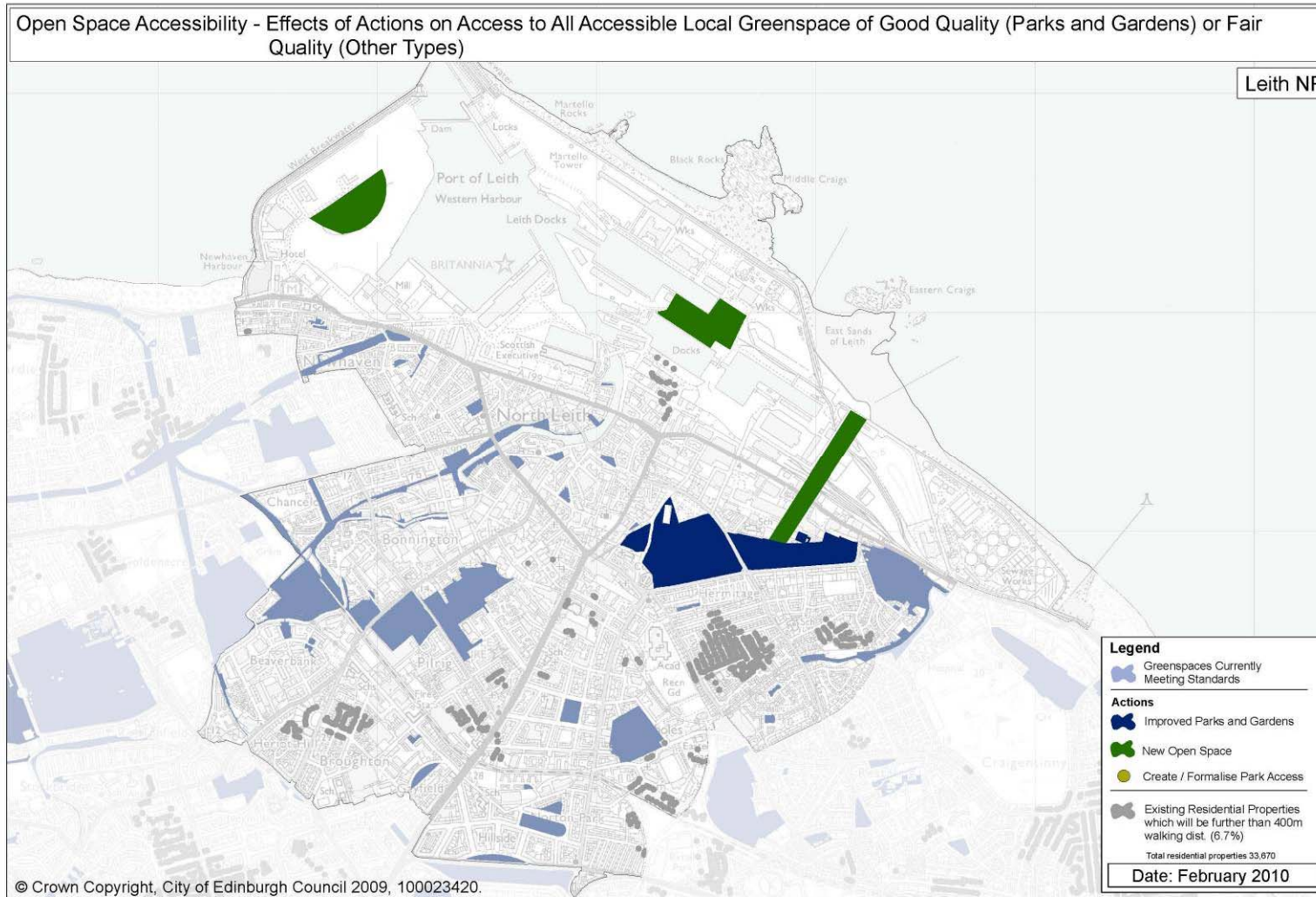
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If you require further information or further copies of the action plan or strategy please contact Lindsay using the details above. Please let us know if you wish to attend the workshop.

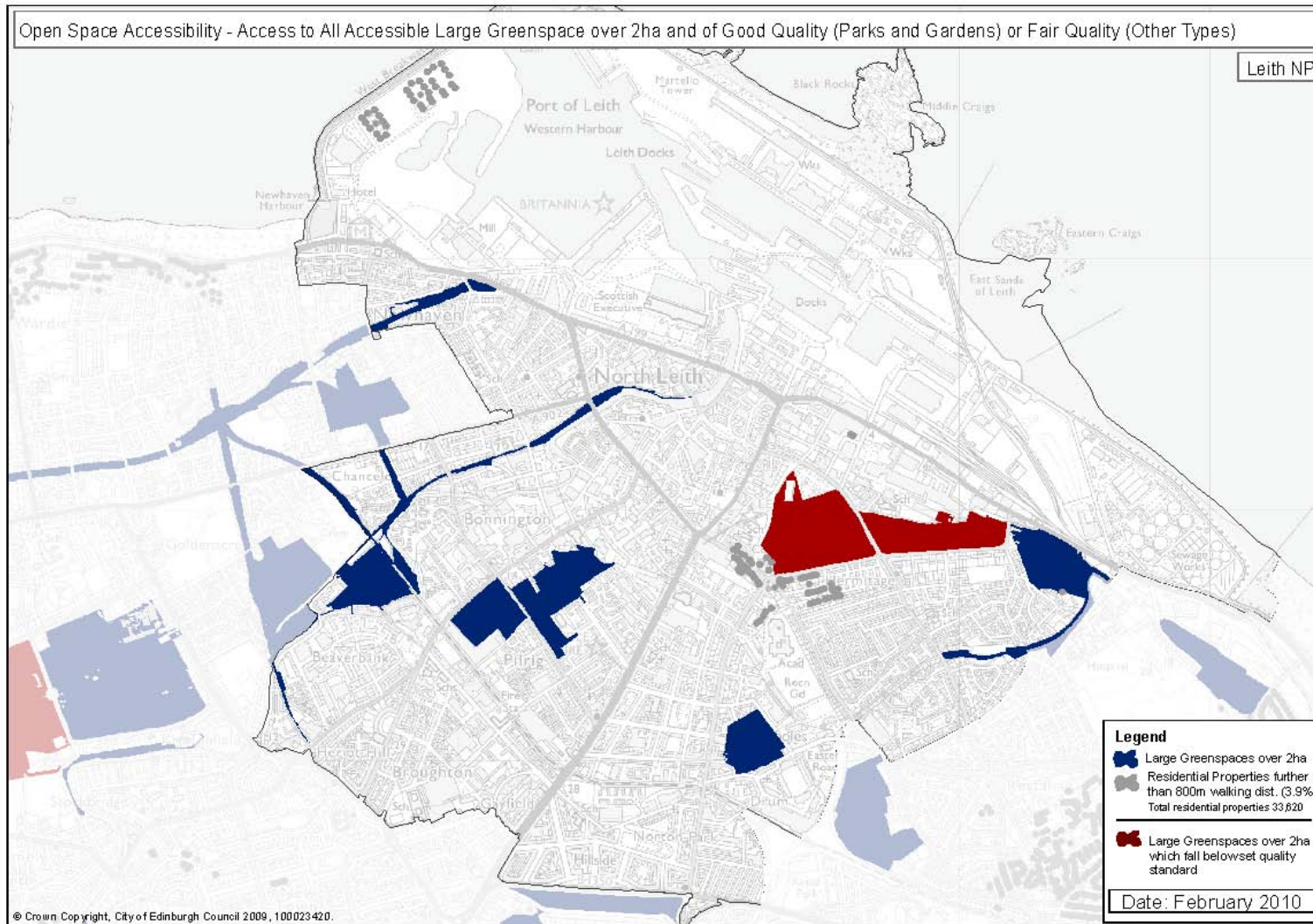
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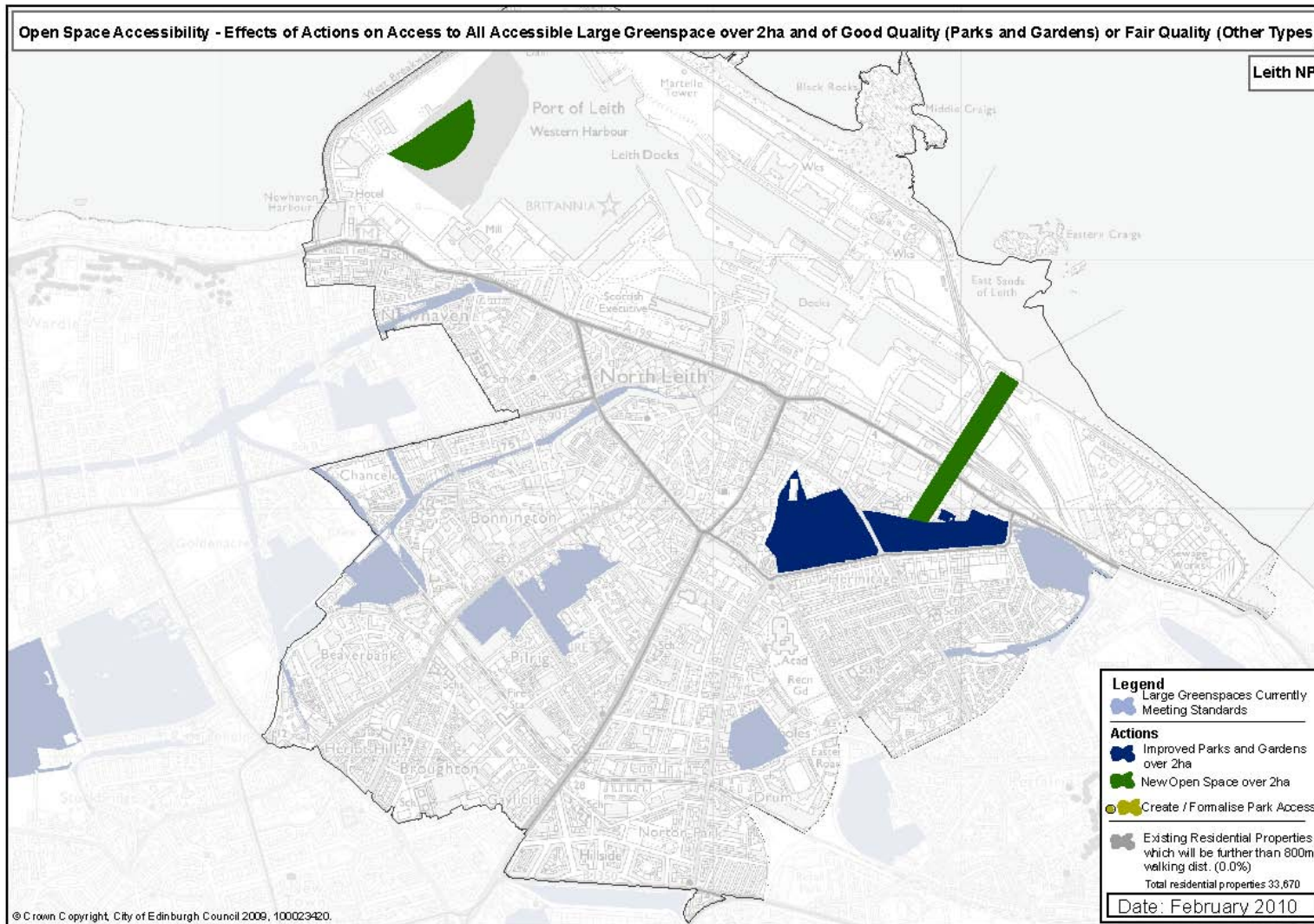
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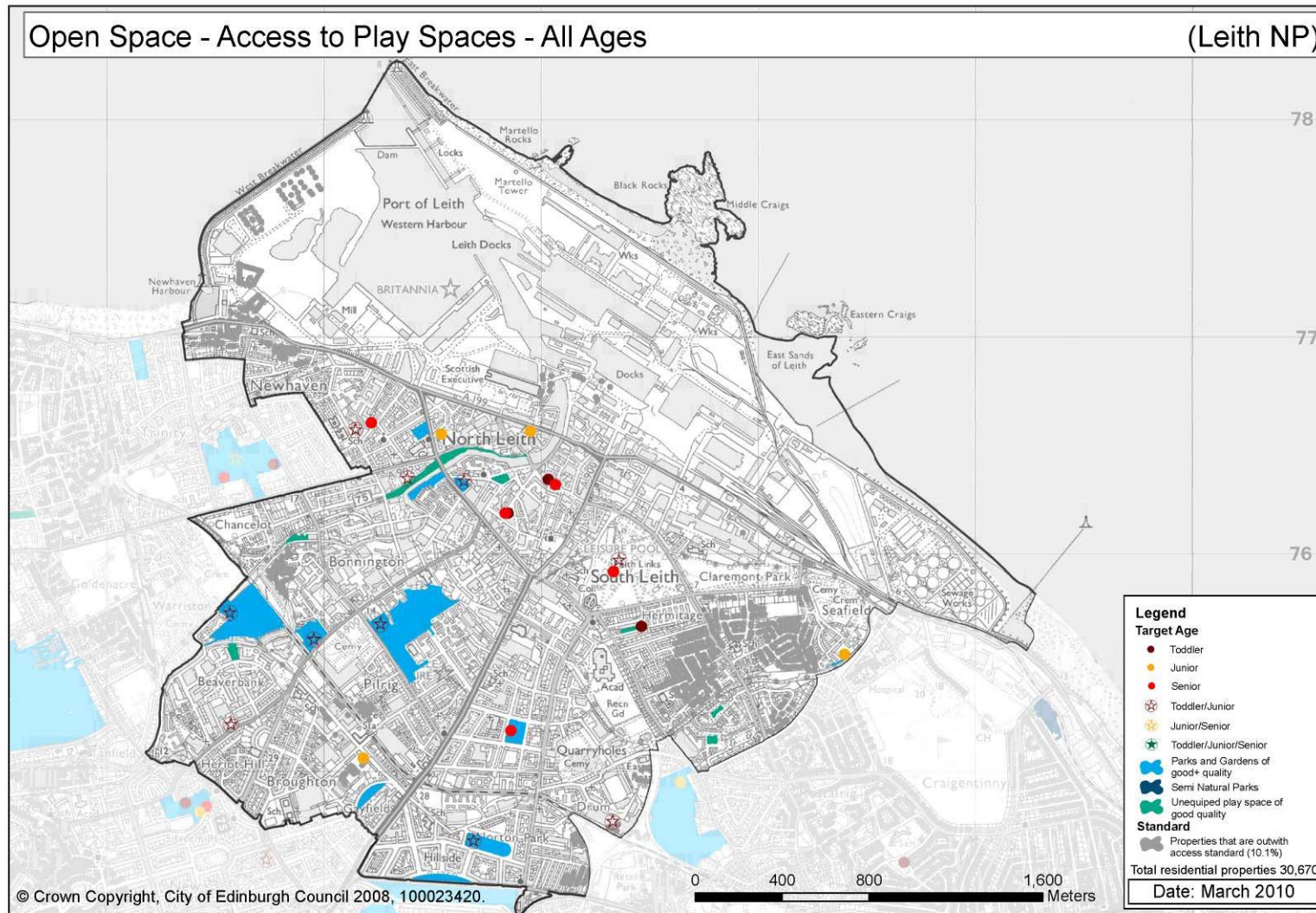
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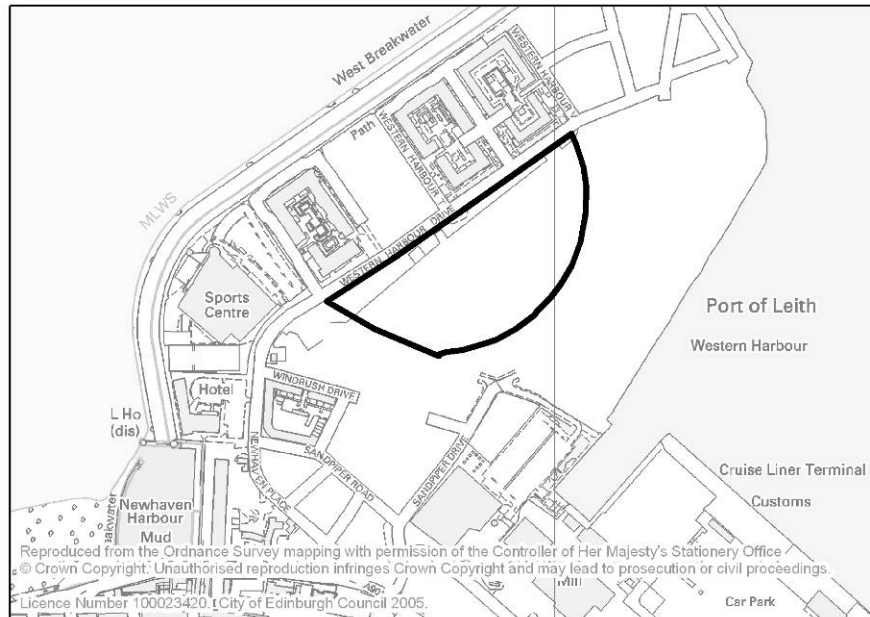


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STRATEGIC ACTIONS

Leith Western Harbour Central Park



Area: 5.2 Ha

Description:

Open space proposal (OSR 2) identified in Edinburgh City Local Plan. The approved proposals for Western Harbour include a new park which will provide the facilities of a large neighbourhood park including formal and informal recreational facilities for all ages.

Timescale: The delivery of the park is proposed to be carried out in four phases. Phase 1 will ensure the implementation of

the northern section of the site where play areas will be located. Phase 2 and 3 will develop the eastern section and Phase 4 will complete the western section of the park.

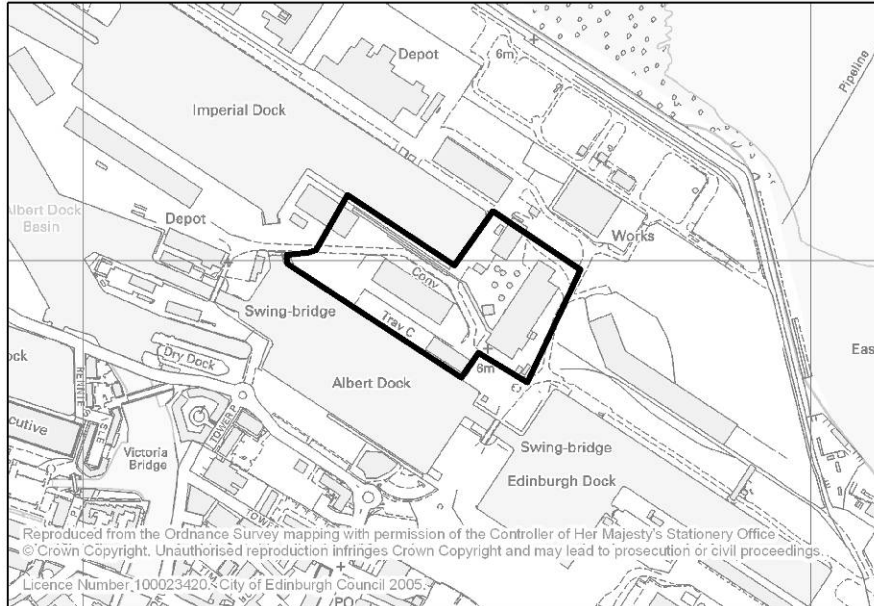
Lead: Developer

Funding Source & Cost

To be developed as part of wider Western Harbour Development

STRATEGIC ACTIONS

Leith Docks Central Park



Area: 5.3 Ha

Description:

Open space proposal (OSR 3) identified in Edinburgh City Local Plan. The open space network proposed for Leith Docks includes a major new central park, proposed to be sited between two areas of water.

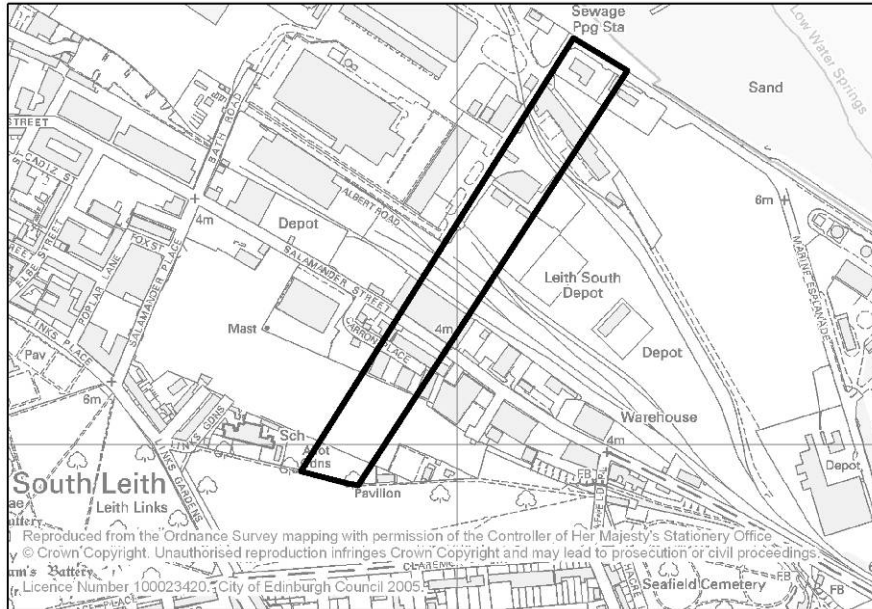
Timescale: Unknown

Lead: Developer

Funding Source & Cost: Developer funded

STRATEGIC ACTIONS

Leith Links Seaward Extension



Area: 5.65Ha

Description:

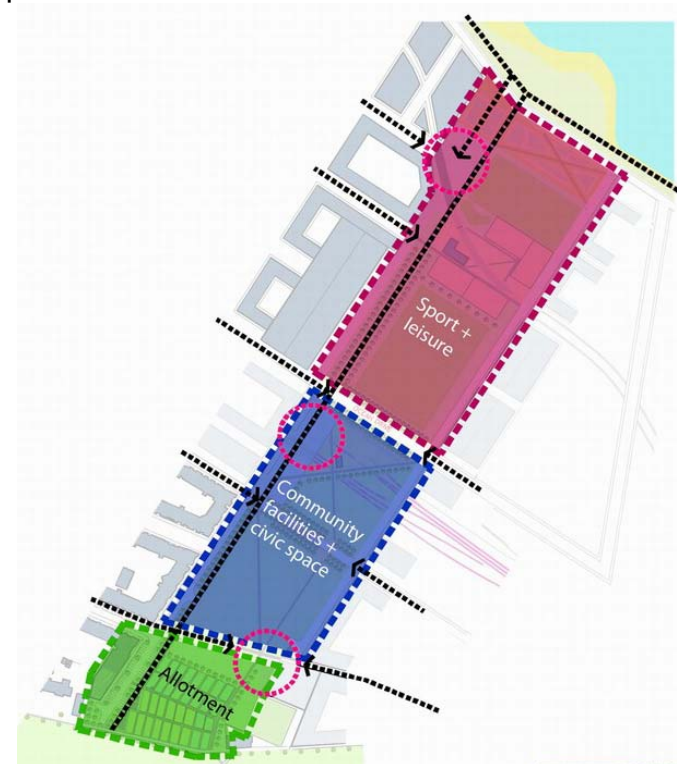
Open space proposal (OSR 7) identified in Edinburgh City Local Plan. The proposal would connect Leith Links to the sea and proposed Edinburgh promenade. Sports pitches, allotments and other open space uses would be laid out in a landscaped strip. A landscape design study has been prepared for this area.

Timescale: Unknown

Lead: Developer

Funding Source & Cost

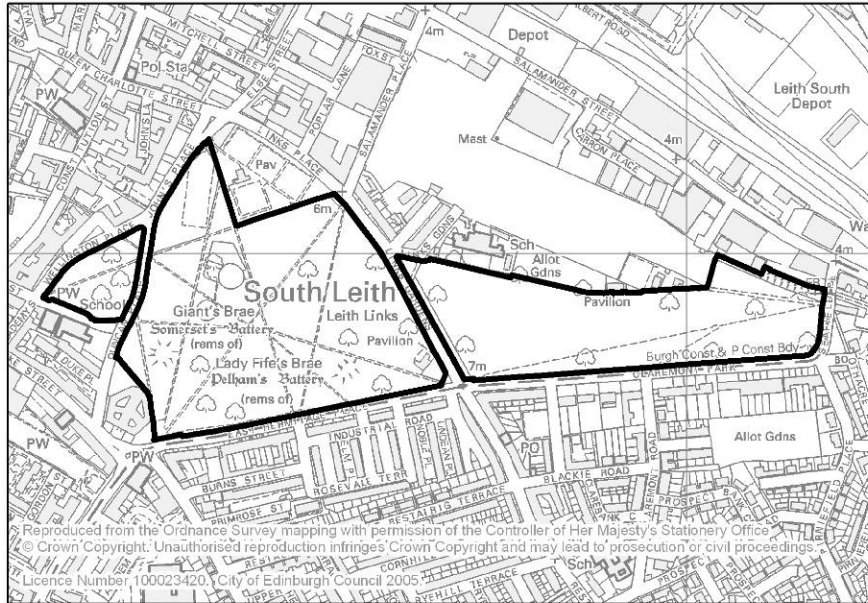
To be developed as part of wider Leith Waterfront development



Leith Links Seaward Extension Strategic Vision.

STRATEGIC ACTIONS

Leith Links



Area: 18.78Ha

Description: Raise Park Quality Assessment grade from fair to good.

Park Improvement Plans are currently being developed for all Council owned parks. These examine previous PQA grades and set out recommended improvements on a range of issues prioritising them into short, medium or long term timescales.

Other corporate improvements in relation to pesticide use, information provision, signage installation and grounds maintenance are also being worked on.

Timescales: 2010 – 2020

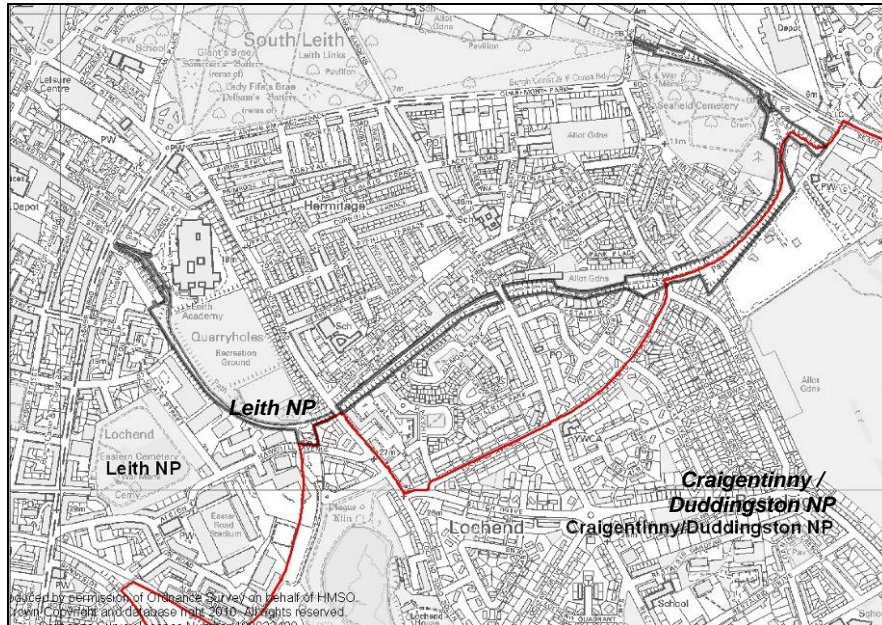
Lead: SfC

Funding Source & Cost

The finalised strategy and action plans will identify the potential cost and funding sources for individual actions. Identified Council actions can only proceed at a rate at which resources will allow.

STRATEGIC ACTIONS

Disused Railway Network between Lochend Road and Seafield Road



Area: 1.9Ha

Description: The site is designated as a Local Nature Conservation Site. The proposed action is to improve the quality of the green corridor for recreation and habitat value. There is potential for a cycle link to the east.

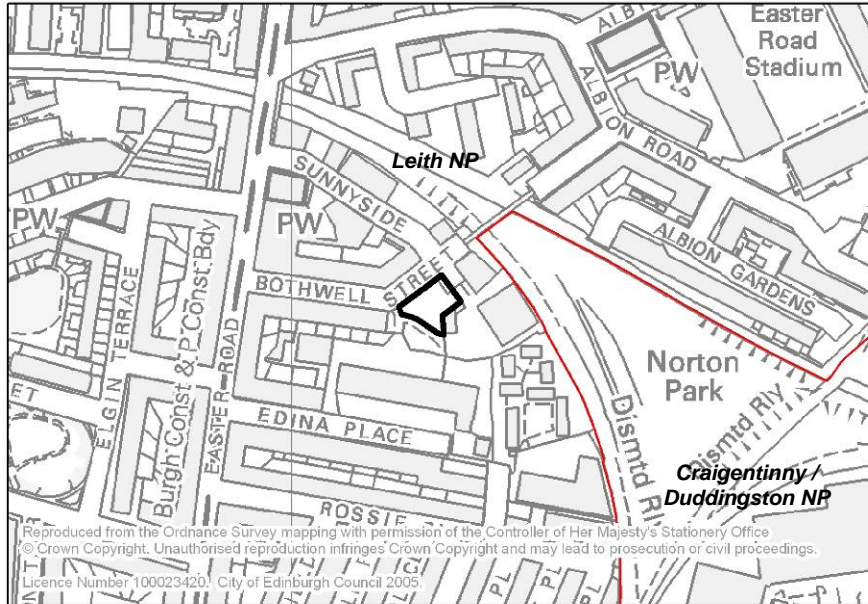
Timescale: Unknown

Lead: CEC SfC/City Development

Funding Source & Cost: To be determined

STRATEGIC ACTIONS

Bothwell Street



Area: 0.08Ha

Description:

Site has been assessed to be of low quality. Enhancing its quality is a priority action as it will contribute to the Local Greenspace Standard by addressing a local deficiency.

The site is a small amenity space contributing to setting, views and residential outlook, situated off pedestrian link between Bothwell Terrace and Albion Street.

Timescale: Unknown

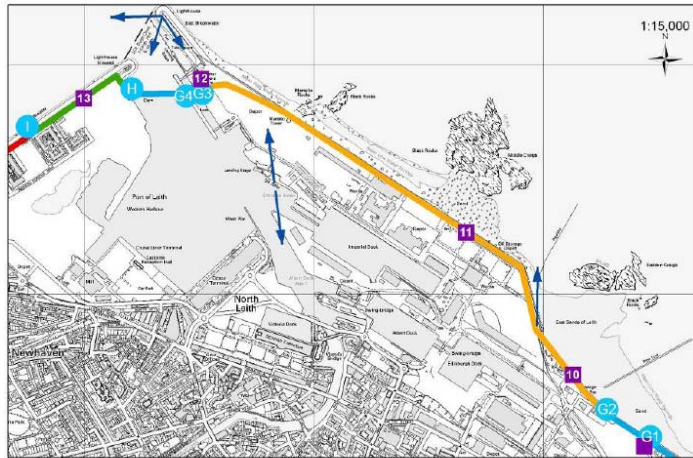
Lead: SfC

Funding Source & Cost: To be determined

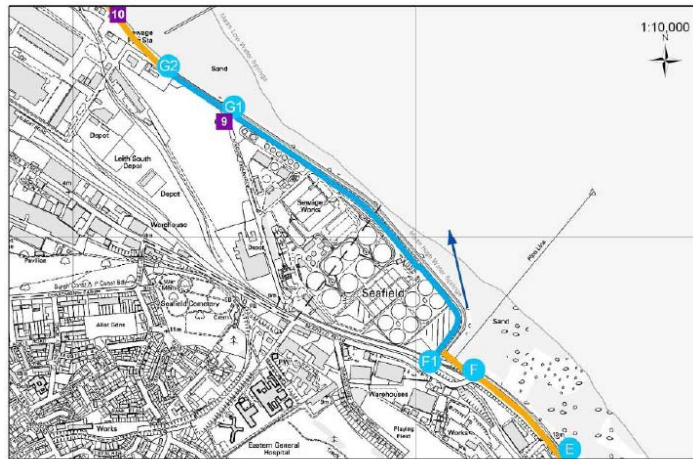
GREEN NETWORK ACTIONS

Edinburgh Promenade

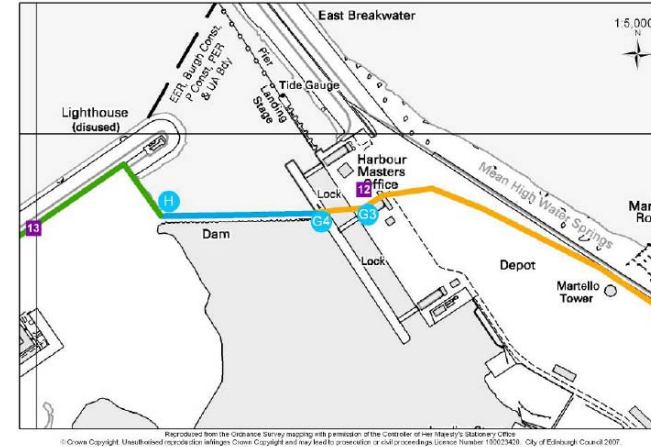
Section F1-G2 Seafield and Marine Drive



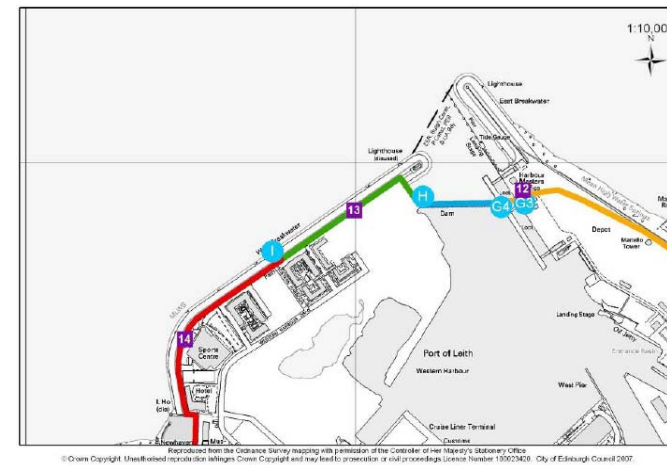
Section G2-G4 Leith Docks



Section G4-H Western Harbour Dam



Section H-11 Western Breakwater



GREEN NETWORK ACTIONS

Edinburgh Promenade continued:

Description:

The promenade will form a continuous walkway/cycleway extending for almost 17km from Joppa in the east to Cramond in the west.

The Promenade will link communities along the coast with each other and with adjoining communities providing a safe and attractive corridor for pedestrians and cyclists. Along the route a number of nodes will be developed that will act as destination points offering opportunities for recreation and entertainment facilities. The route of the promenade has been safeguarded and a design code has been adopted by the Council to support its development.

Within Leith NP area part of the promenade has been constructed within Western Harbour however the remainder of the promenade will require to be constructed.

Timescale: The promenade will be developed in phases over a long timeframe. It is estimated that the sections within Leith NP will be complete by 2038.

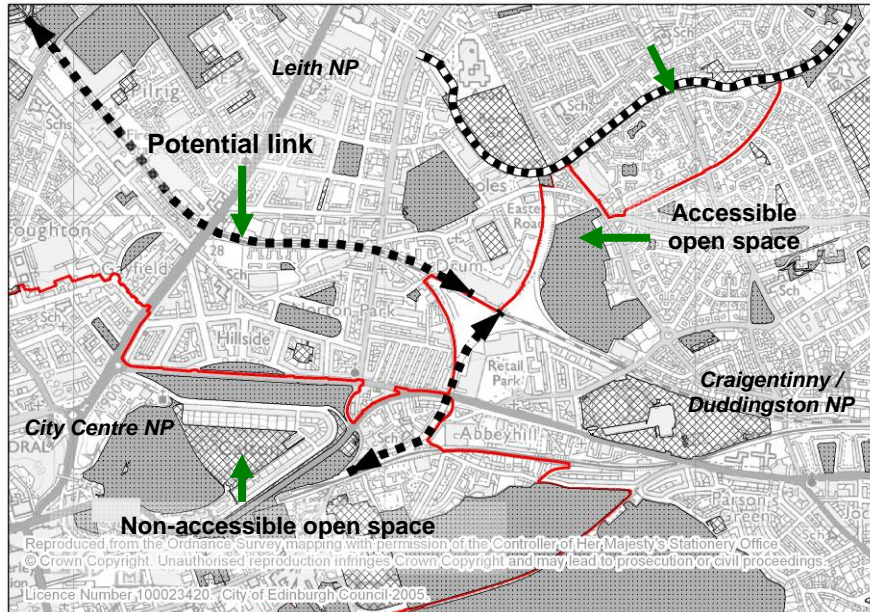
Lead: CEC/ Developer

Funding Source & Cost

Within development sites funding will be the responsibility of developers. Public funding for those sections in public ownership will require to be identified.

GREEN NETWORK ACTIONS

Powderhall and/or Abbeyhill Railway



Lead: CEC/developer

Funding Source & Cost:

Within development sites, funding would be the responsibility of developers. Public funding for those sections in public ownership will require to be identified.

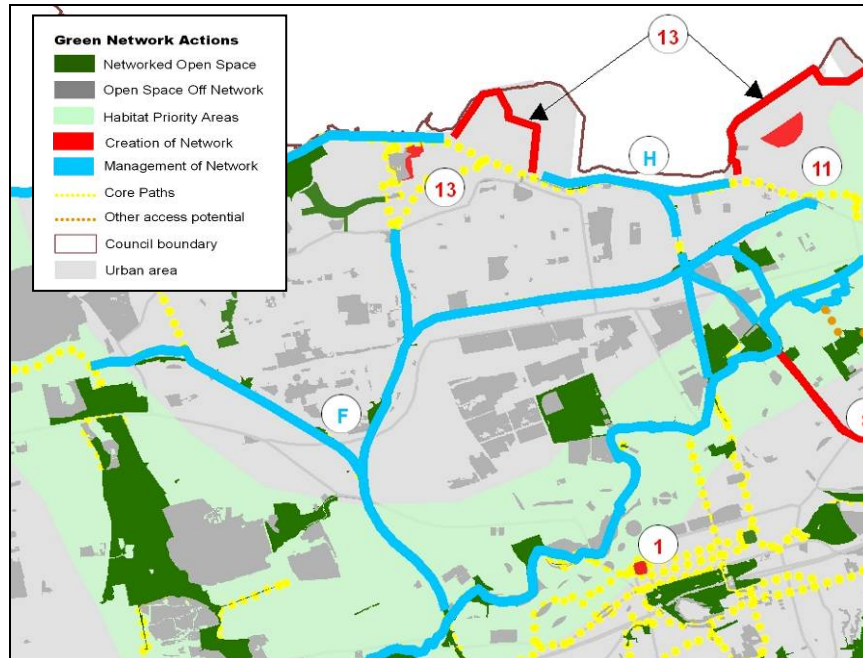
Description:

New green corridors linking to Lochend Park and the Water of Leith from Abbeyhill/Meadowbank, subject to future requirements for the Powderhall and/or Abbeyhill loop railway lines. Identified as a transport safeguard in the Edinburgh City Local Plan. Green corridor to the west of Abbeyhill to be delivered through the Lochend Butterfly Project.

Timescale: Subject to agreement with Network Rail.

GREEN NETWORK ACTIONS

North Edinburgh Paths



Source: extract from Map 3, Draft Open Space Strategy

Description

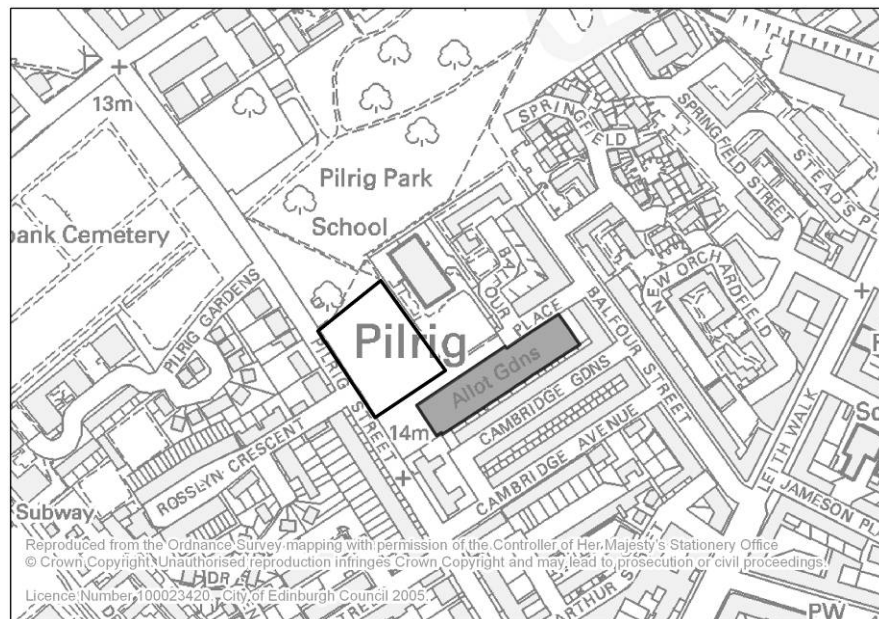
This is a network of paths with several branches, all of which follow disused railway lines. The Roseburn to West Granton Road corridor is planned to be used for the tram project. This section is to be upgraded subject to dualling with Tram line 1B. This would provide pedestrian and cycle access alongside the tramway.

Timescales: unknown

Lead: CEC Services for Communities/CEC Transport

Funding source and cost: to be determined

Pilrig Park Allotment Extension



Area: 0.6 ha

Estimated Capacity: 30 plots

Description: One of the initial sites identified for potential use as allotments. The area is currently an accessible part of Pilrig Park and this would be an extension to the existing allotments.

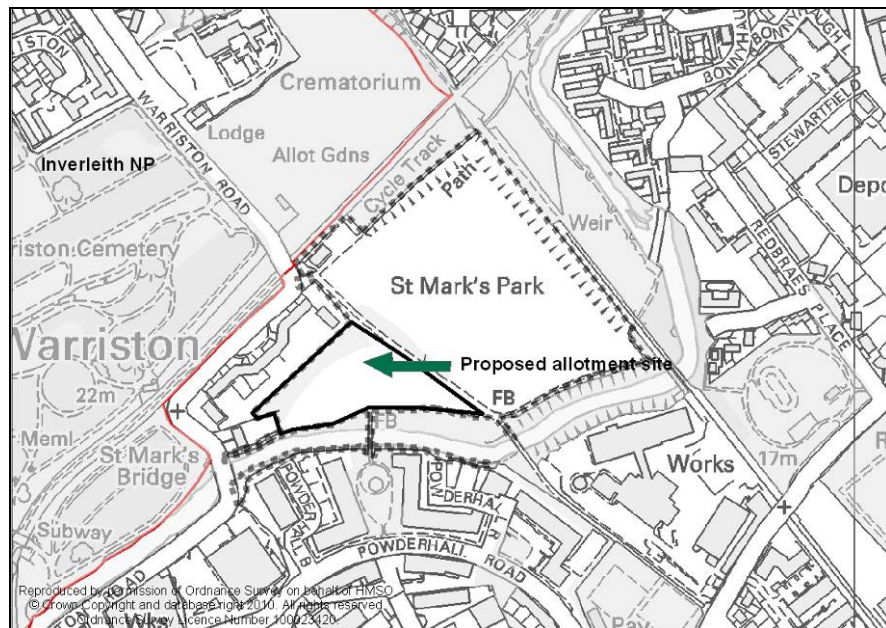
Timescales: The most appropriate allotment sites will be included in the 5 year Allotment Site Development Programme to be prepared in late 2010.

Lead: SfC

Funding Source & Cost: The Allotment Site Development Programme will identify provisional costs.

If allotments are an appropriate use for the site, a detailed design will be consulted on with the local community as and when funding is available.

St Marks Park



Area: 0.85Ha

Estimated capacity: 45

Description: Proposed allotment site.

Timescales: The most appropriate allotment sites will be included in the 5 year Allotment Site Development Programme to be prepared in late 2010.

Lead: SfC

Funding Source & Cost: The Allotment Site Development Programme will identify provisional costs.

If allotments are an appropriate use for the site, a detailed design will be consulted on with the local community as and when funding is available.