

## The 3.3% figure for PHS...

In 2009 Edinburgh Council undertook an audit of open space. A key property when assessing open space is if it is accessible, or not. However accessible open space still includes many non-park areas; e.g.: residential amenity, green corridors, semi-natural parks & green space, cemeteries and civic space. Portobello Beach is **not** classified as open space of any sort (**not included at all**).

For the analysis only open space areas classified as either:

- Accessible **public parks & gardens** or **playing fields**; or
- **Common Good** land (i.e. Portobello Golf course)

Were included. This amounts to 74 ha (compared to 214 ha total open space and 95 ha accessible open space).<sup>1</sup> The specific parks which make up the 74 ha are listed to the right.

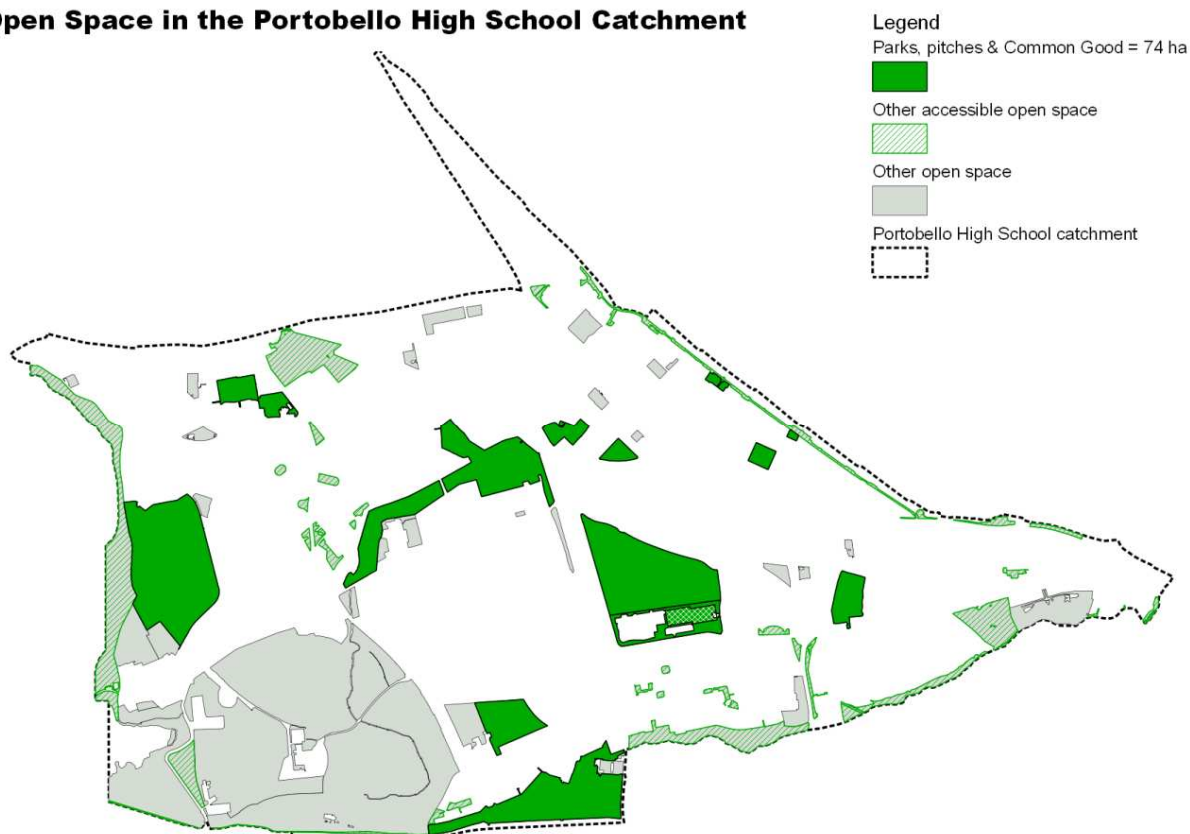
The area which will be used by the new school (including building, parking and landscaping within the boundary fence) was calculated as 2.5 ha. **2.5 ha is 3.3% of 74 ha**. The new all-weather pitches will occupy 1.4 ha, but these will be accessible to the community when not otherwise in use.

Area	Size (ha)
Meadowfield Park	17.8
Portobello Golf Course	14.1
Figgate Burn Park	12.6
Jewel Park	11.5
Portobello Park	6.1
Bingham Park	3.9
Joppa Quarry	2.4
Baronscourt Park	1.7
Rosefield Park	1.3
Northfield & Willowbrae	1.1
Community Centre (pitches)	
Brighton Park	0.9
Abercorn Park	0.8
Straiton Place	0.3
Portobello Community Garden	0.1

## Golf Course

Portobello Golf Course is included in the 74 ha figure; however it is not classified as accessible in the open space audit. However it clearly has accessible areas on the periphery. These will be further enhanced by the path upgrades as part of the new school. The Common Good nature of the land is of more importance than the current use as a golf course. If it were to close tomorrow it would not be developed as housing, it would be maintained as an open space.

## Open Space in the Portobello High School Catchment



<sup>1</sup> It could be argued that semi-natural parks (fringes of Holyrood Park on Arthur's Seat) should be included; this would result in a figure < 3.3%