



Aberdeen

River Don Corridor

Aims

Develop and promote new methods for assessing and managing open spaces along the River Don corridor, for the benefit of the local economy, environment and communities. The aim was to bring people and organisations together with information, tools and techniques to develop a more collective approach to the planning and management of open spaces along the River Don corridor.



Study tour to the River Don corridor



Consultation on the spatial plan

How was this achieved?

- Forming a project stakeholder group to oversee and direct the project.
- Developing an accessible Geographical Information System (GIS) tool to assist with spatial planning of open space.
- Conducting a participative programme of community engagement activities using GIS to improve local decision making.
- Producing a spatial plan, in collaboration with the local community, to guide development and direct improvements to open space. The River Don Corridor Framework has been approved as Council Guidance to support Aberdeen's Local Development Plan
- Accessing funding and working with communities to implement several improvements to open spaces in line with the spatial plan.

About Aberdeen

Population

City of Aberdeen: 220,420

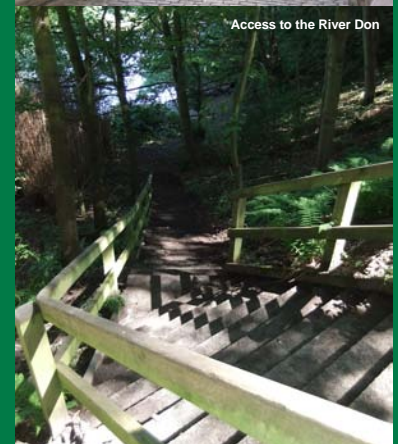
Background

Aberdeen is a compact coastal city of approximately 189 sq kilometres. It is flanked by 2 major waterways which cut through the city to the sea. The River Dee in the south of the city is a Special Area of Conservation and through a Catchment Management Approach, is a good example of collaborative working to improve the urban fringes influence by the Dee. The area is well used for recreation and famed for its beauty & royal connections.

The River Don to the north of the city cuts through areas of industry and some city regeneration areas. There are several places of historic significance along the river and designated areas for nature but access is in need of improvement



Historic routes



Access to the River Don