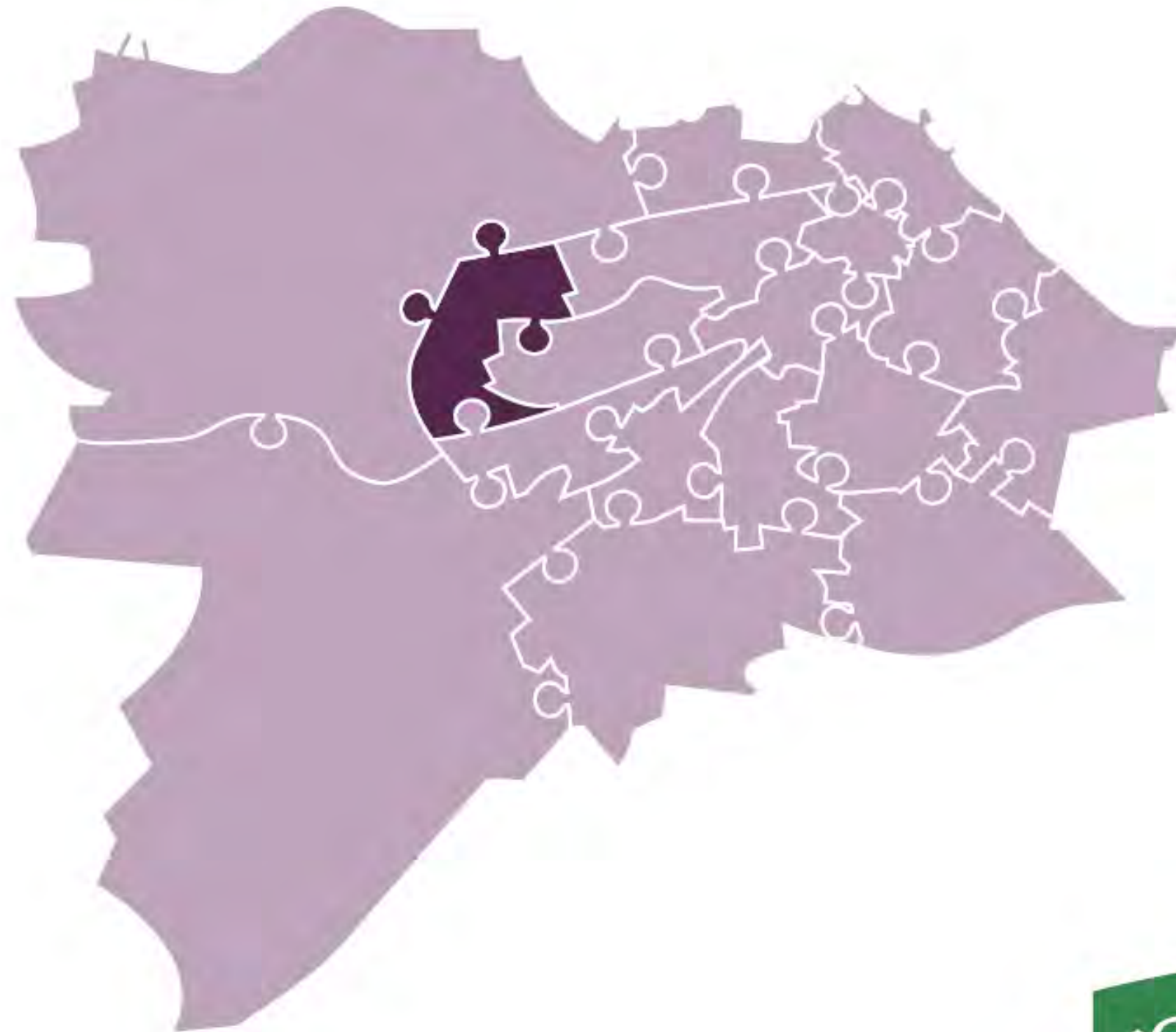


Evidence Report Place Profile

Ward 3 Drum Brae / Gyle



Introduction

Place Profiles have been created for each of the 17 Electoral Wards within the City of Edinburgh Council area.

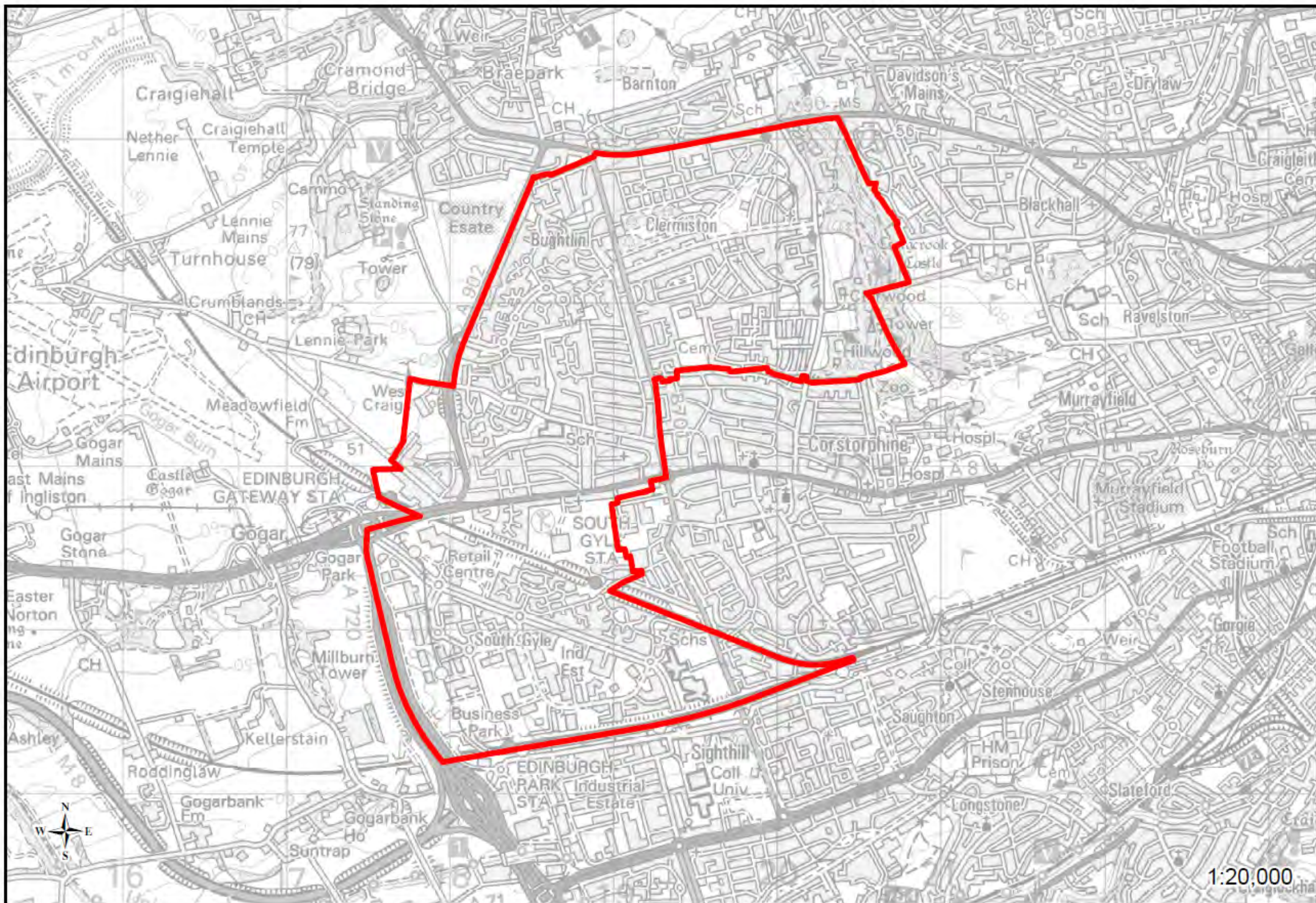
In line with NPF4 and related guidance, new Local Development Plans in Scotland need to be place-based, people-centred and delivery-focussed.

These Place Profiles display information on the people, infrastructure and key features of each ward and identify areas of focus for the Proposed Plan.

They provide spatial focus for the Evidence Report where they require a place-based analysis.

They are a tool for engagement, pulling together our spatial and statistical understanding into one place for quick access. This will assist communities looking to prepare Local Place Plans, and in turn the Place Profiles can be updated to include relevant work from Local Place Plans.

Demographic information is from the 2022 Census of Scotland and the Public Health Scotland Public Health Observatory (ScotPHO) Profiles.



Place

Headlines

This is a summary of key issues raised through analysis and engagement in this ward. Full details are shown in the appendix.

Strengths	Challenges
- Access to healthcare services is considered good - People consider there to be a good mix of housing tenures. The housing is of good quality and suits the needs of the community - The provision of shops and services in the ward is good, providing a variety of uses and sizes - Commercial centres are found within the ward at The Gyle and a town centre at Corstorphine. Local centres are found in the east and west of the ward at Bughtlin and Drum Brae. There are also commercial units at Parkgrove on Queensferry Road. - Connectivity of travel routes is considered good with room for improvement. Access to public transport is very good along the east-west Glasgow Road corridor and around Edinburgh Park and the Gyle in the south of the ward. Edinburgh Gateway train station and tram stop sit just outside the ward to the west - Active travel routes are to be found primarily in the south of the ward - There are opportunities for volunteering within the ward - Residents feel the ward is well maintained and clean - Open spaces are well dispersed throughout the ward providing access to recreation and nature and the condition of outdoor spaces and facilities is generally considered acceptable - Access to cultural and community spaces is good and spaces are valued	- There is a perceived shortage of NHS surgeries - Employment opportunities are limited in number and diversity - There is poor access to public transport in South Gyle, East Craigs and Clerwood and general provision of public transport is poor at nighttime - Heavy traffic and congestion to and from the airport raises air quality concerns - The level of parking in the ward is not considered suitable for current vehicle levels - Children and young people highlight safety concerns within the ward regarding walking, cycling or wheeling which prevents some from partaking - Growing spaces are lacking in the southern part of the ward and general awareness of allotments and growing spaces is poor - Play equipment in open spaces is primarily focused towards young children, not all ages - There are not enough publicly accessible sports facilities as many are privately owned
Implications	
- Explore opportunities to provide more affordable and social housing - Explore support for independent businesses and the Edinburgh Park and South Gyle Strategic Business Centres could be developed - Active travel options could be further developed to improve connectivity and safety - Public transport could be improved to provide a more frequent, direct and comprehensive service - Explore improvements to the condition of public realm - Explore the introduction and expansion of growing spaces throughout the ward - The quality of open spaces could be improved with more facilities and better maintenance, including exploring options to provide greater numbers of publicly accessible and/or affordable sports and recreation facilities catering to all ages. Clermiston Park has been particularly identified by the community as needing improvement.	

Background

Drum Brae/Gyle ward is a collection of low-density and mid-density mixed-character communities. Glasgow Road runs through the ward. To the south of the road, industrial/commercial uses dominate.

Historically, this ward was a rural area dotted with farm steadings. Residential development started in the 1930s as the city expanded to the west.

To the north of Glasgow Road, the communities are:

- **West Craigs**
- **North Gyle**
- **East Craigs**
- **Craigmount**
- **Bughtlin**
- **Drumbrae**
- **Barntongate**
- **Parkgrove**
- **Clermiston**
- **Clerwood.**

To the south of Glasgow Road, the communities are:

- **Gogarloch**
- **South Gyle**
- **Forrester Park.**

There are two local shopping centres at Drum Brae and East Craigs and a large commercial centre at Gyle. The east of the ward is close to Corstorphine Town Centre in the adjacent ward. There are also relatively new commercial units at Parkgrove on Queensferry Road which is not a designated centre.

The ward is bounded by major roads: Queensferry Road (A90), Maybury Road, City Bypass (A720). Glasgow Road (A8) divides the ward and is a major transport route. The ward is also in proximity to the Gyle Roundabout and Hermiston Gait Roundabout.

The railway line forms the southern boundary with South Gyle Station within the ward. The tram runs through the south of the ward with stops at Edinburgh Park Station, Edinburgh Park Central and Gyle Centre. Whilst outside the ward boundary, Edinburgh Gateway train station and tram stop to the west also serve the area.

There are a series of parks in the area, with Corstorphine Hill forming the eastern edge. In the south, Gyle Park is the main public open space with sports pitches at Forrester High and St Augustine's RC High.

Located to the south of Glasgow Road, there is a strong retail, office, leisure, hotel, industrial and commercial focus including the South Gyle business area and Edinburgh Park.

The West Craigs Industrial Estate and the former packaging factory sit next to West Craigs.

Place Mapping

- Mapping of key amenities are shown below, which are linked to amenities detailed in the **Local Living topic paper** which can contribute to Living Well Locally.
- Distribution of cultural facilities and community-run spaces is also shown. This is based upon available information at the time of mapping and may not include all existing spaces but is used to show an overall pattern.

Place Mapping

Ward 3 - Drum Brae / Gyle

Legend

Other CEC Wards

Shops Outwith Centres

Supermarkets

Post Offices

Cafes

Public Toilets

Water Refill Locations

Leisure / Sports Centres

Swimming Pools

Bowling Greens

Tennis Courts

Golf Courses

Centres

Commercial Centres

Town Centres

Local Centres

Schools

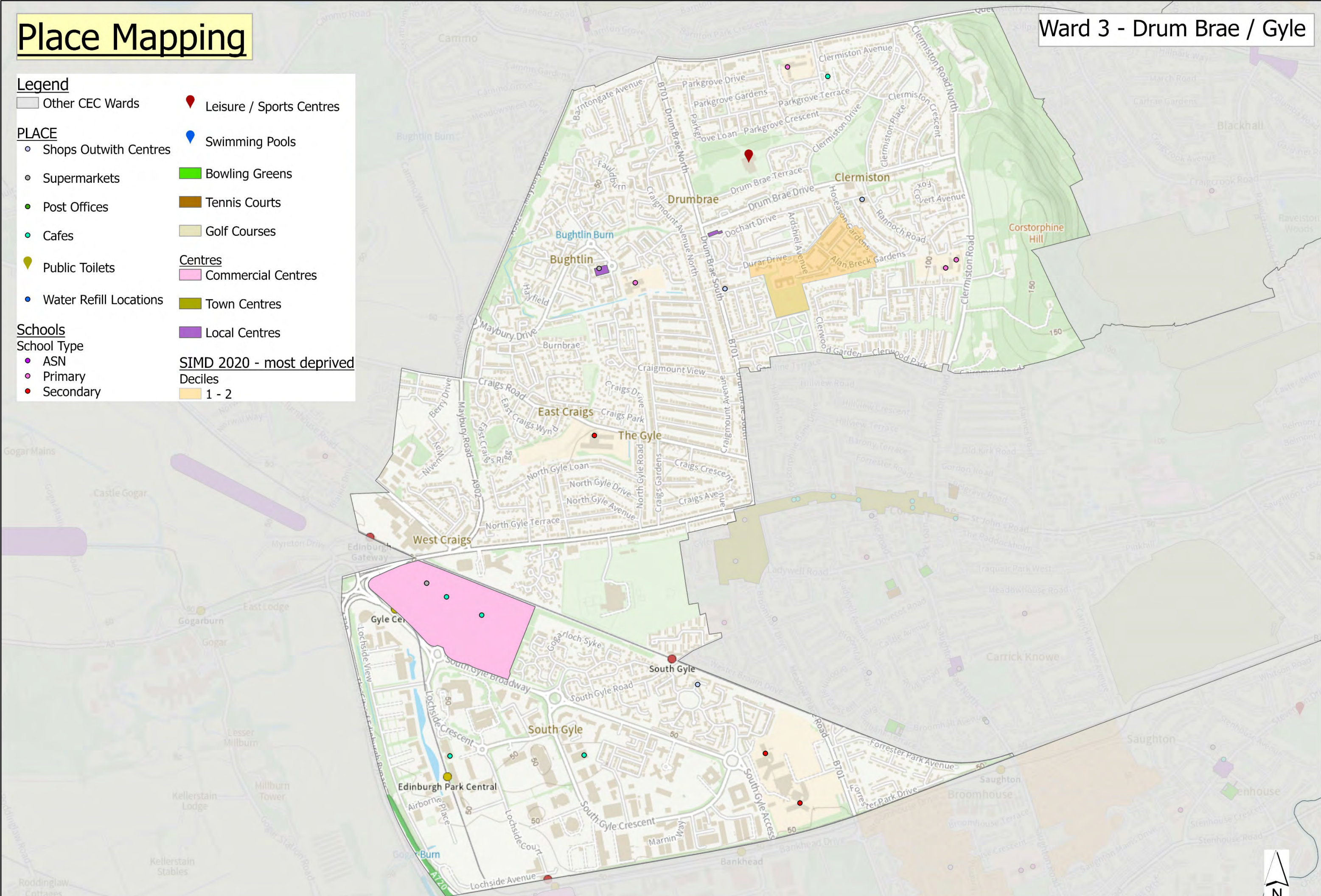
School Type

- ASN
- Primary
- Secondary

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Culture and Community Infrastructure

Ward 3 - Drum Brae / Gyle

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Other CEC Wards

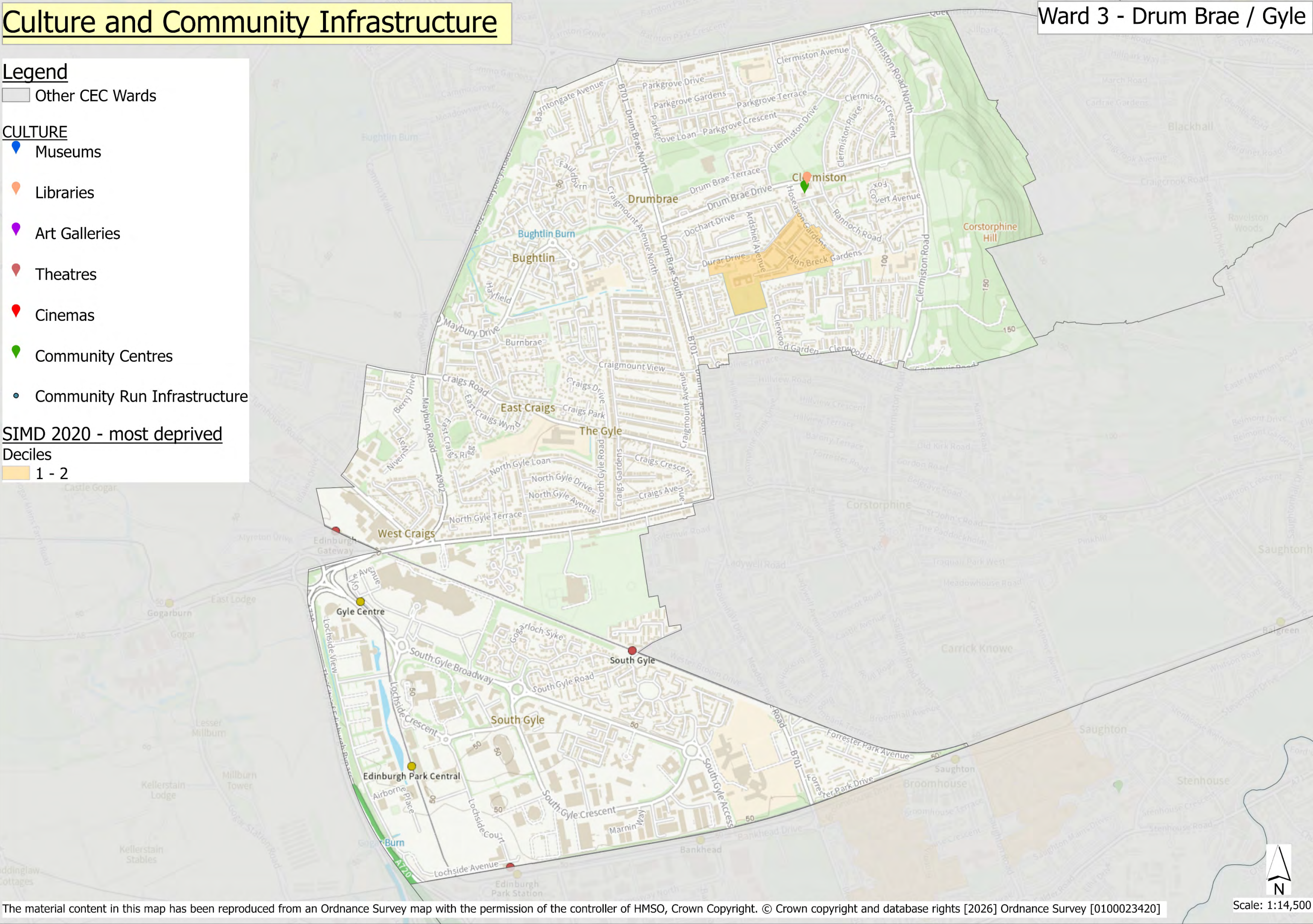
CULTURE

- Museums
- Libraries
- Art Galleries
- Theatres
- Cinemas
- Community Centres
- Community Run Infrastructure

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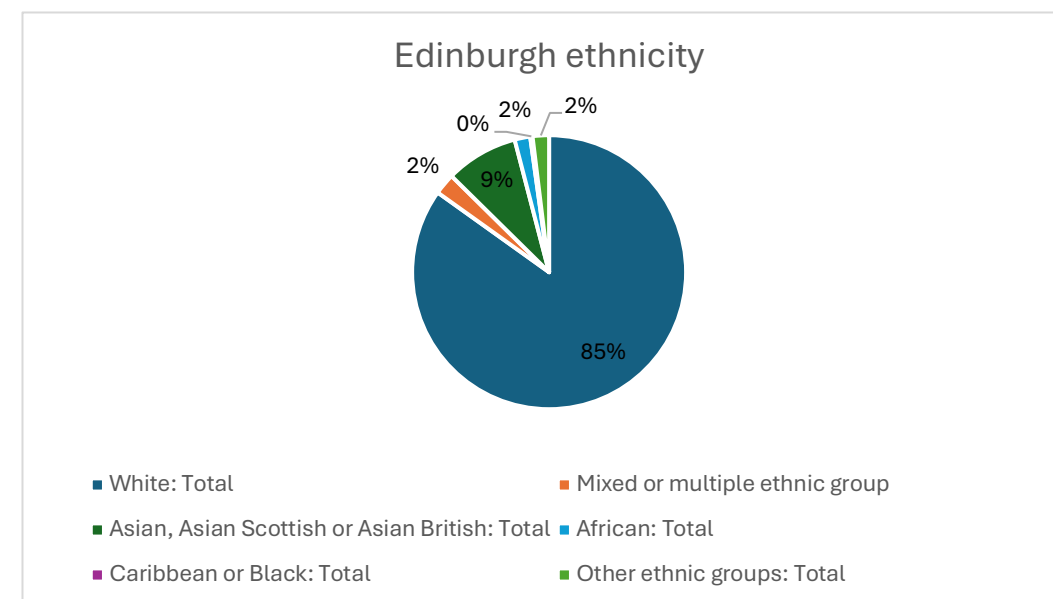
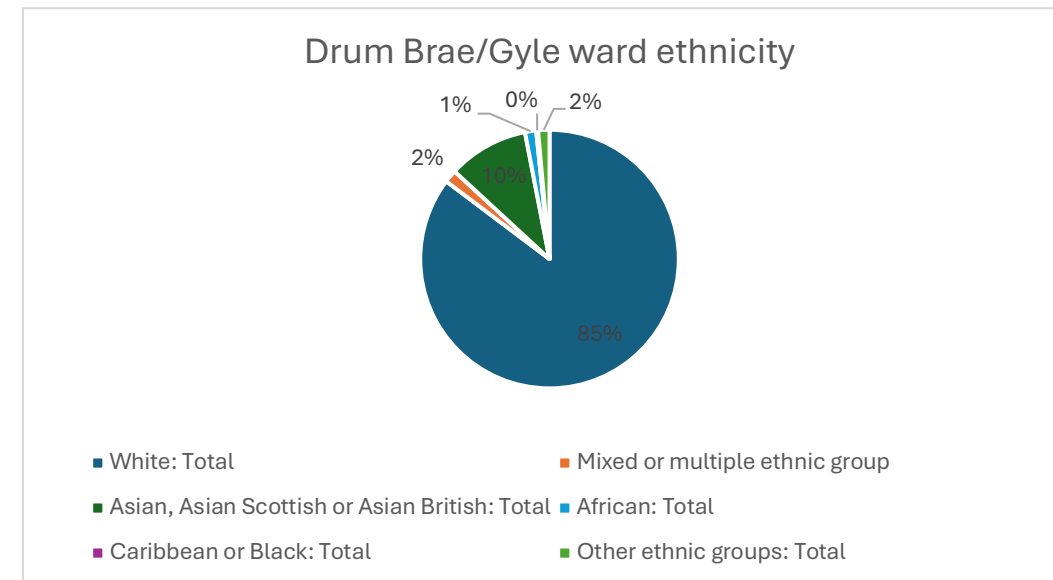
- Place mapping shows that amenities are spread out across this ward with some concentrated close to local centres at Drumbrae and Bughtlin. Generally, amenities and housing are less concentrated in centres aligning with lower population density and public transport access, although the southeast of the ward is close to Corstorphine Town Centre.
- Cultural facilities and community run facilities are uncommon in this ward in general.
- Opinions on the provision of shops and services in the area is mixed with almost equal percentages considering provisions to be good or very good to bad or very bad. There is also support for more independent food shops/restaurants.
- Opinion is almost equally divided as to the over provision of some services, with dentists, charity shops, vape shops, beauty and hair salons frequently occurring according to some.
- Spaces to meet are considered accessible and valuable, but more recreational community spaces would be welcomed that cater to all ages.
- People feel there should be more public benches and greenspaces.
- Children and young people say that there are a few activities, community clubs and groups for young people in their area. Cost is a factor that prevents children and young people going to activities, clubs and groups.

People

Demographics

- The population of Drum Brae/Gyle is 23,638 which is **4.6%** of the Edinburgh total of 514,543.
- This population is housed in 10,808 households, which is **4.5%** of the Edinburgh total of 238,944 households.
- The following sites located within the ward boundary are allocated within the adopted City Plan 2030:
 - OPP60 Turnhouse Road – 200 homes.
 - H59 Land at Turnhouse Road (SAICA) – 1,000 homes.
 - HSG19 Maybury East – 2,085 homes.
 - Del 4 Edinburgh Park/South Gyle – 1,737 homes.
 - City Plan 2030 allocates a total 5,022 which would be a **46.5%** increase in households, compared to a projected 40,288 or **16.9%** increase for Edinburgh as a whole as set out in City Plan 2030.
 - This ward is projected to grow much faster than Edinburgh as a whole with this growth focussed on Maybury and South Gyle.
- The age breakdown of the ward is listed below:
 - The population aged 0-15 is 4,290 which is **18.1%** of the ward population compared to **14.58%** for the Edinburgh total.
 - The population aged 16-64 is 15,032 which is **63.6%** of the ward population compared to **69.5%** for the Edinburgh total.
 - The population aged 65+ is 4,318 which is **18.3%** of the ward population compared to **15.93%** for the Edinburgh total.

- The ethnicity breakdown of the ward is listed below:
 - The percentage of the population recorded as white is **86%** compared to **85%** for Edinburgh as a whole.
 - For the population recorded as not white, the largest groups represented are:
 - Indian, Indian Scottish or Indian British (932)
 - Chinese, Chinese Scottish or Chinese British (457)
 - Pakistani, Pakistani Scottish or Pakistani British (440)



Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD)

- SIMD mapping is shown below and shows this as a mixed ward with some areas within the least 20% deprived in Scotland, concentrated in parts of East Craigs, Corstorphine and Craigmount, contrasting with areas within the 20% most deprived in Scotland, concentrated in parts of Drum Brae and Clermiston.

Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation

Ward 3 - Drum Brae / Gyle

Legend

Other CEC Wards

Housing and Opportunity Proposals (H1-96)

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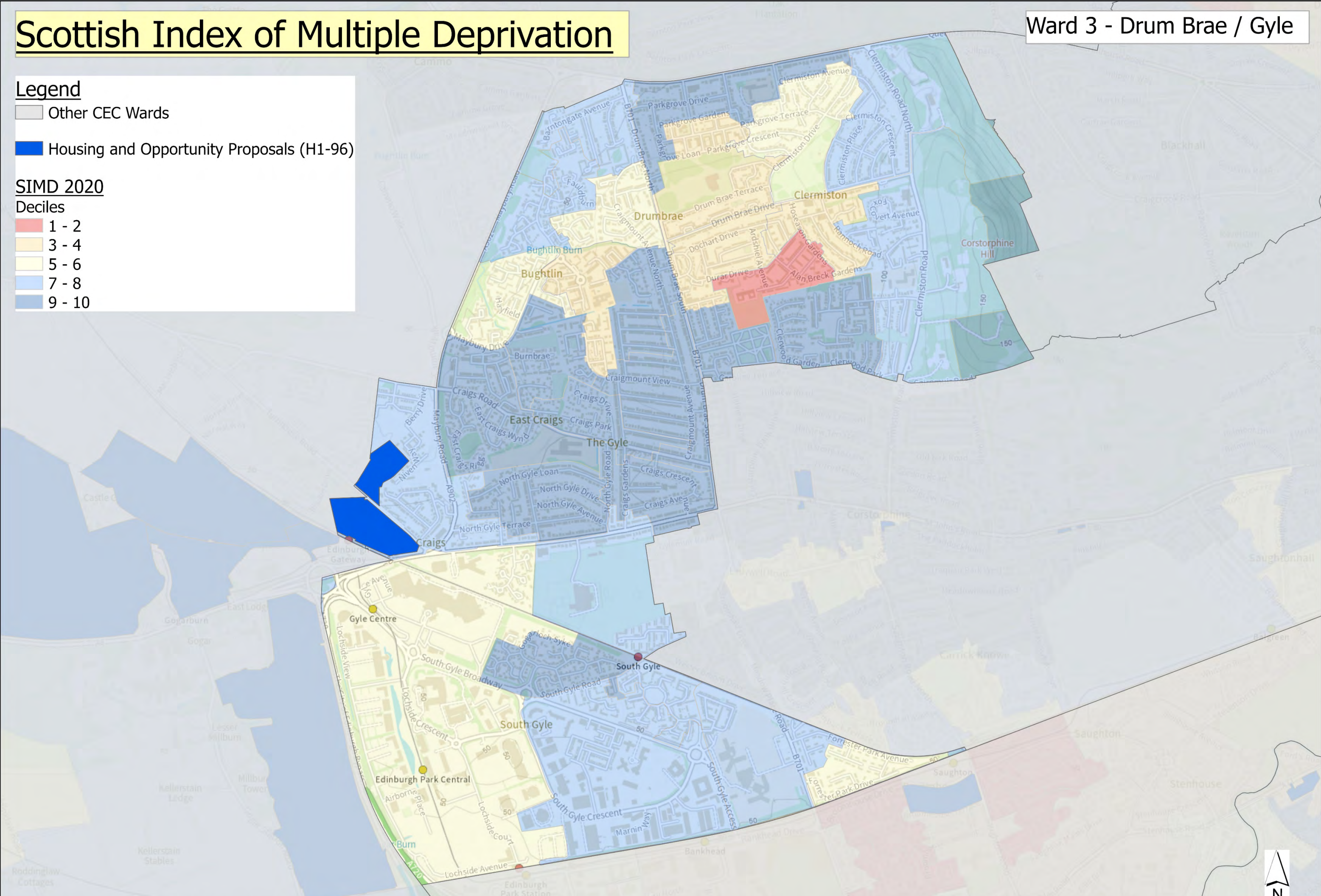
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Considerations

- The population is expected to grow much faster than the Edinburgh average, with this growth concentrated in the west, close to the wider West Edinburgh framework area and South Gyle.
- The working age population is lower than the Edinburgh average, but the child age and older populations are higher than the Edinburgh average.
- Population groups reflect a similar level of diversity based upon Edinburgh as a whole.
- Some areas of the ward are identified as being within the most 20% deprived in Scotland, concentrated in the Drum Brae and Clermiston areas. This contrasts with areas of the ward including parts of East Craigs, Corstorphine and Craigmount which sit within the 20% least deprived in Scotland, indicating a contrast between locations built as post war public housing developments and more affluent private housing.

Health

Demographics

- **19.4%** of the ward population reported having a long-term illness or disease, compared to **18.1%** of the Edinburgh total.
- **9.2%** of the ward population reported having a long-term mental health condition, compared to **11.9%** of the Edinburgh total.
- **83.2%** of the ward population considered themselves to be in good or very good health, compared to **83.7%** of the Edinburgh population.
- The total number of dental registrations in this ward is **13,226**, greater than the ward population of **23,638**. Dental practices do not have fixed boundaries, indicating that people may travel outwith this ward for dental care.
- This ward has a ratio of **1 pharmacy per 6,208 people** based on mid-2024 estimates compared to **1 pharmacy per 5,006.4 people** for Edinburgh as a whole.
- It is estimated based on A&E attendances that **18.5%** of the ward have accessed A&E services in 2025, compared to **17.59%** for Edinburgh as a whole.
- For pregnant people in this ward who had a BMI reading taken between 2020 and 2025, **30.57%** were overweight and **23.14%** were obese. For Edinburgh as a whole, **29.1%** were overweight and **18.76%** were obese.
- For all people who had a BMI reading taken in 2025, **33.26%** were overweight and **33.49%** were obese. For Edinburgh as a whole, **32.56%** were overweight and **30.12%** were obese.
- As these BMI statistics are biased towards either all pregnant people or people who are more likely to have a BMI taken for medical reasons they should be viewed for comparison only, not as an accurate reading of population health statistics.
- Life expectancy data is based upon intermediate zones, which do not match with ward boundaries. For Edinburgh as a whole, between 2022 and 2024 male life expectancy was **78.3 years** and female life expectancy was **82.2 years**. The life expectancy measured from 2019 to 2023 of the intermediate zones wholly or partially within this ward are as follows:
 - In Clermiston & Drumbrae – Male life expectancy was **76 years** and female life expectancy was **78.8 years**.
 - Corstorphine North – Male life expectancy was **83.9 years** and female life expectancy was **86.3 years**.
 - Corstorphine South – Male life expectancy was **79.9 years** and female life expectancy was **83.2 years**.
 - East Craigs North – Male life expectancy was **78.4 years** and female life expectancy was **80.7 years**.
 - East Craigs South – Male life expectancy was **83.4 years** and female life expectancy was **86.1 years**.
 - Ratho, Ingliston & Gogar – Male life expectancy was **80.6 years** and female life expectancy was **84.1 years**.

- South Gyle – Male life expectancy was **83.9 years** and female life expectancy was **86.9 years**.

Uses likely to affect health and wellbeing and food access

- Town and local centres with identified clusters of unhealthy uses are set out in the **Health and Wellbeing topic paper** and **City, Town, Local and Commercial Centres topic paper**.
- There are no town and local centres with identified clusters of unhealthy uses within this ward.
- The Priority Places for Food Index identifies neighbourhoods that are most vulnerable to increases in the cost of living and which have a lack of accessibility to cheap, healthy, and sustainable sources of food making them a Priority Place for Food as set out in the **Health and Wellbeing topic paper**.
- According to this index, there are no data zones within this ward falling within the top 20% priority areas lacking access.
- Hot food takeaways are relatively spread out with some small concentration in the Gyle Centre.

Hot Food Takeaways

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Other CEC Wards

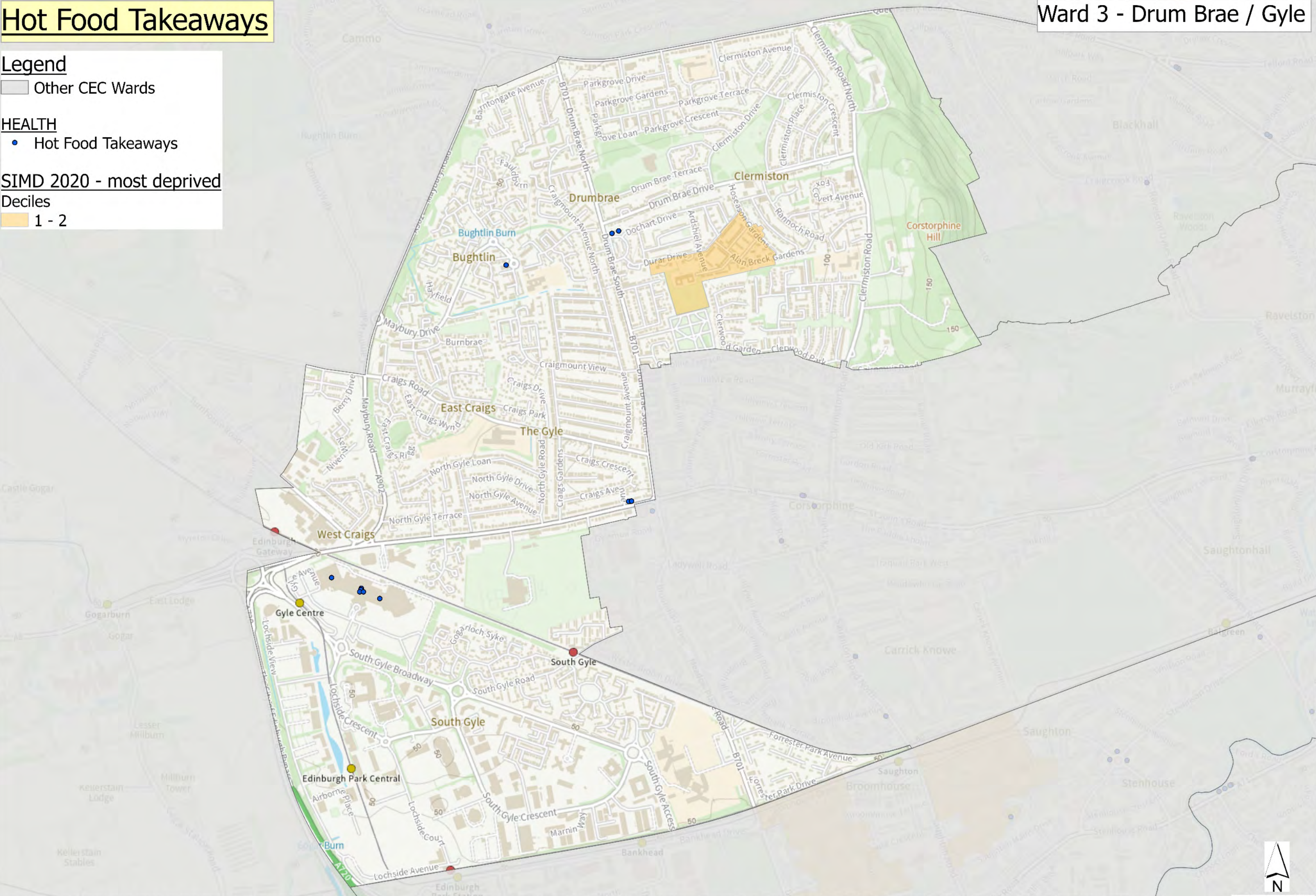
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- Hot Food Takeaways

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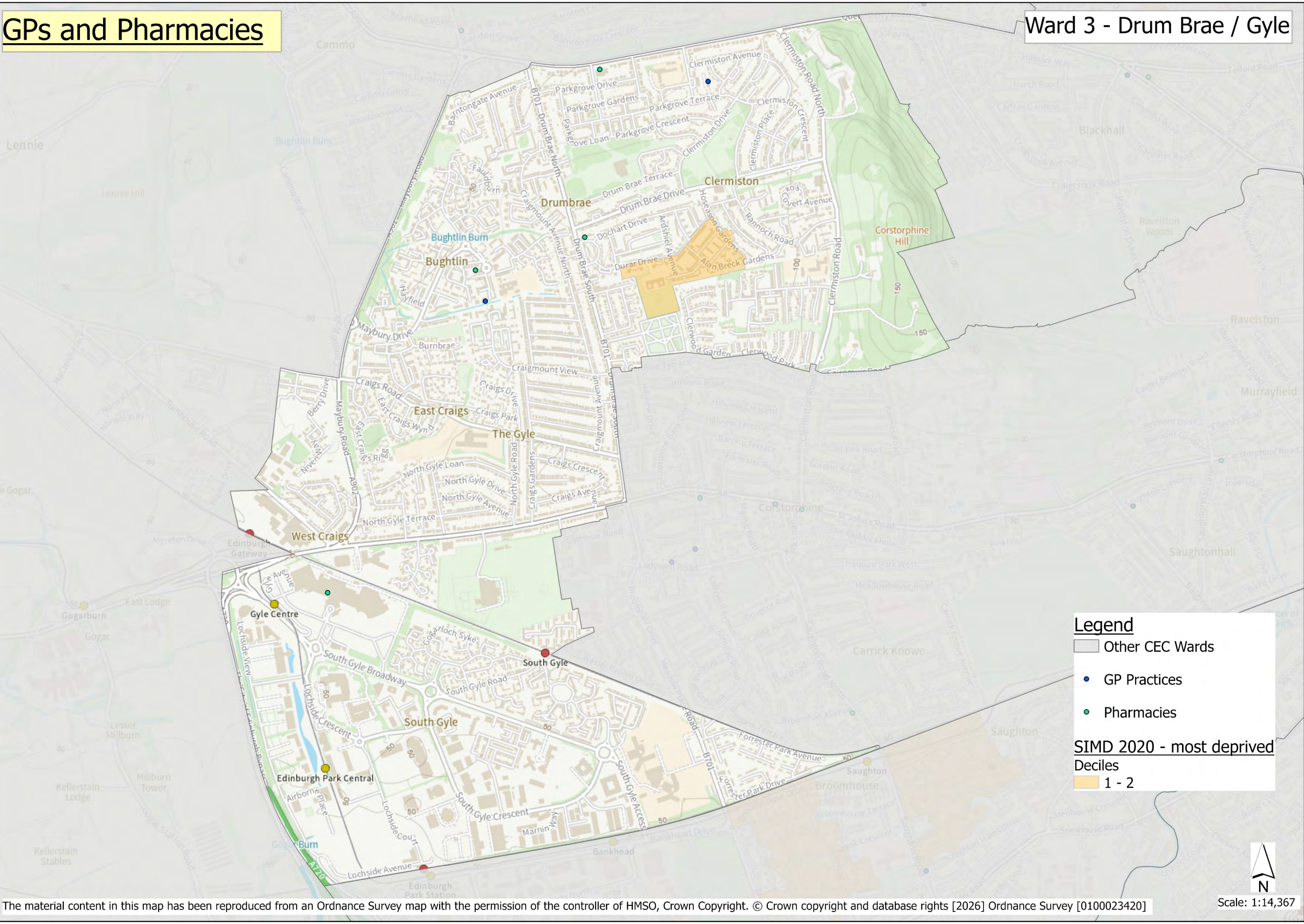
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Ward 3 - Drum Brae / Gyle



GP Practices and Pharmacies

Ward 3 - Drum Brae / Gyle



Considerations

- The percentage of people who report being in good or very good health is in line with the Edinburgh average, with more people having a long-term illness/disease than the Edinburgh average.
- The percentage of people who report having a long-term mental health condition is lower than the Edinburgh average.
- The location of health facilities are largely within residential areas and closer to areas of higher deprivation in the north of the ward. Facilities are also located adjacent to the ward in the historic centre of Corstorphine.
- People feel that GPs are considered accessible, but it can be challenging to book an appointment. There is not enough provision of NHS dental care and private practices are unaffordable.

Housing

Housing type and density

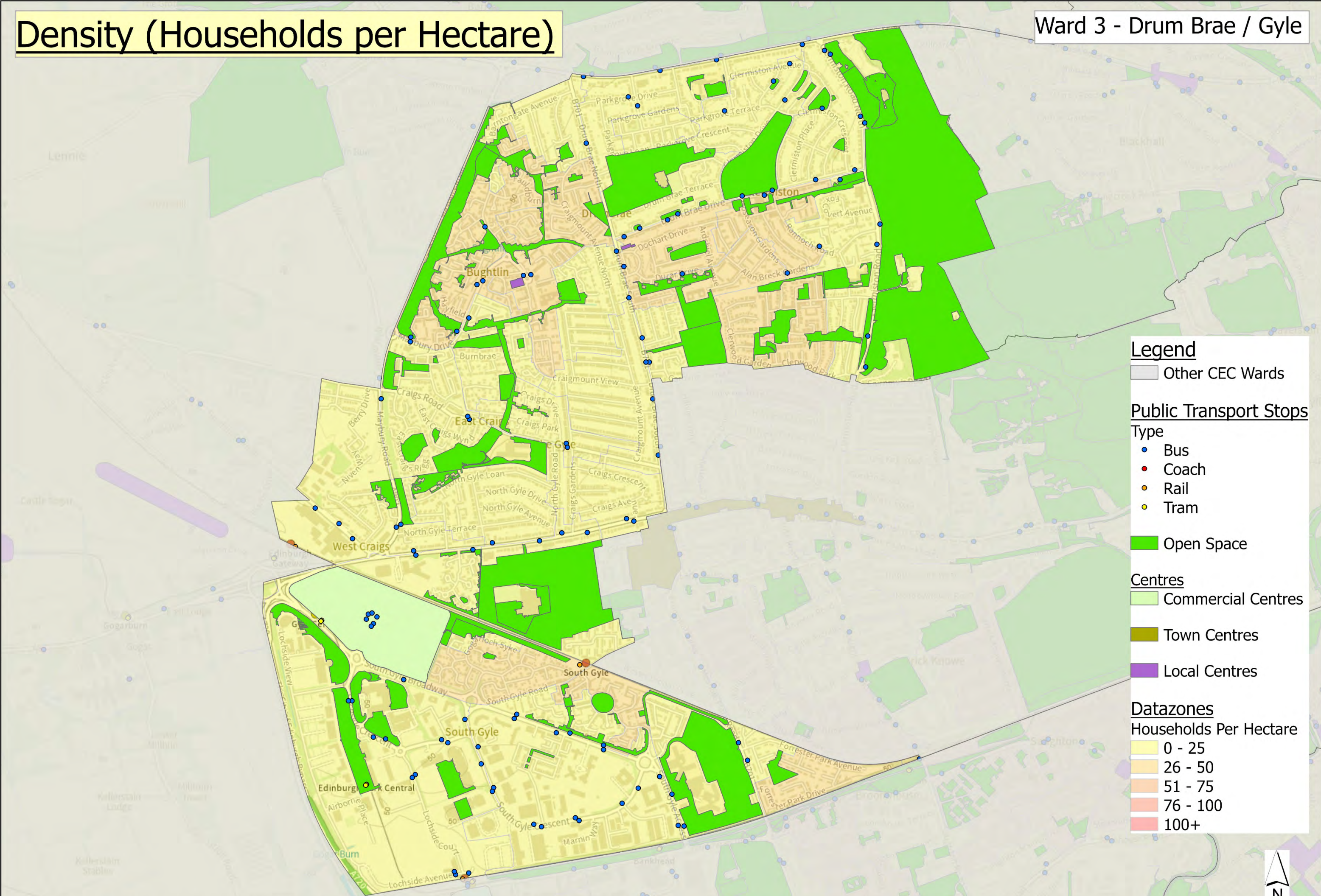
- 6,932 households live in houses, which is **64.1%** compared with **36.8%** of the Edinburgh total, while 3,876, which is **35.9%**, live in flats compared with **63.2%** of the Edinburgh total. Nil live in a caravan or another mobile/temporary structure.
- Although the level of flatted accommodation is lower on average than the Edinburgh total, mapping shows this to be concentrated in parts of Bughtlin, Drum Brae, Clermiston and parts of Forrester Park.
- Population density as measured by households per hectare is somewhat higher in the north of the ward in Bughtlin, Drum Brae, Clermiston and parts of Forrester Park.

Housing tenure and overcrowding

- The housing tenure breakdown of the ward is listed below:
 - **74.4%** households in the ward report their housing tenure as Owned, compared to **60.1%** for the Edinburgh total.
 - **12.1%** households in the ward report their housing tenure as Social Rented, compared to **15.7%** for the Edinburgh total.
 - **12.4%** households in the ward report their housing tenure as Private Rented, compared to **23.1%** for the Edinburgh total.
- The level of owner-occupation is greater than the Edinburgh average. Fewer households live in socially rented accommodation than the Edinburgh average. Mapping shows socially rented accommodation to be concentrated in parts of Bughtlin, Drum Brae and Clermiston.
- The level of overcrowding as measured by occupation of rooms per household is somewhat concentrated in parts of Drum Brae and Clermiston.

Density (Households per Hectare)

Ward 3 - Drum Brae / Gyle



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Other CEC Wards

Public Transport Stops

Type

- Bus
- Coach
- Rail
- Tram

Open Space

Centres

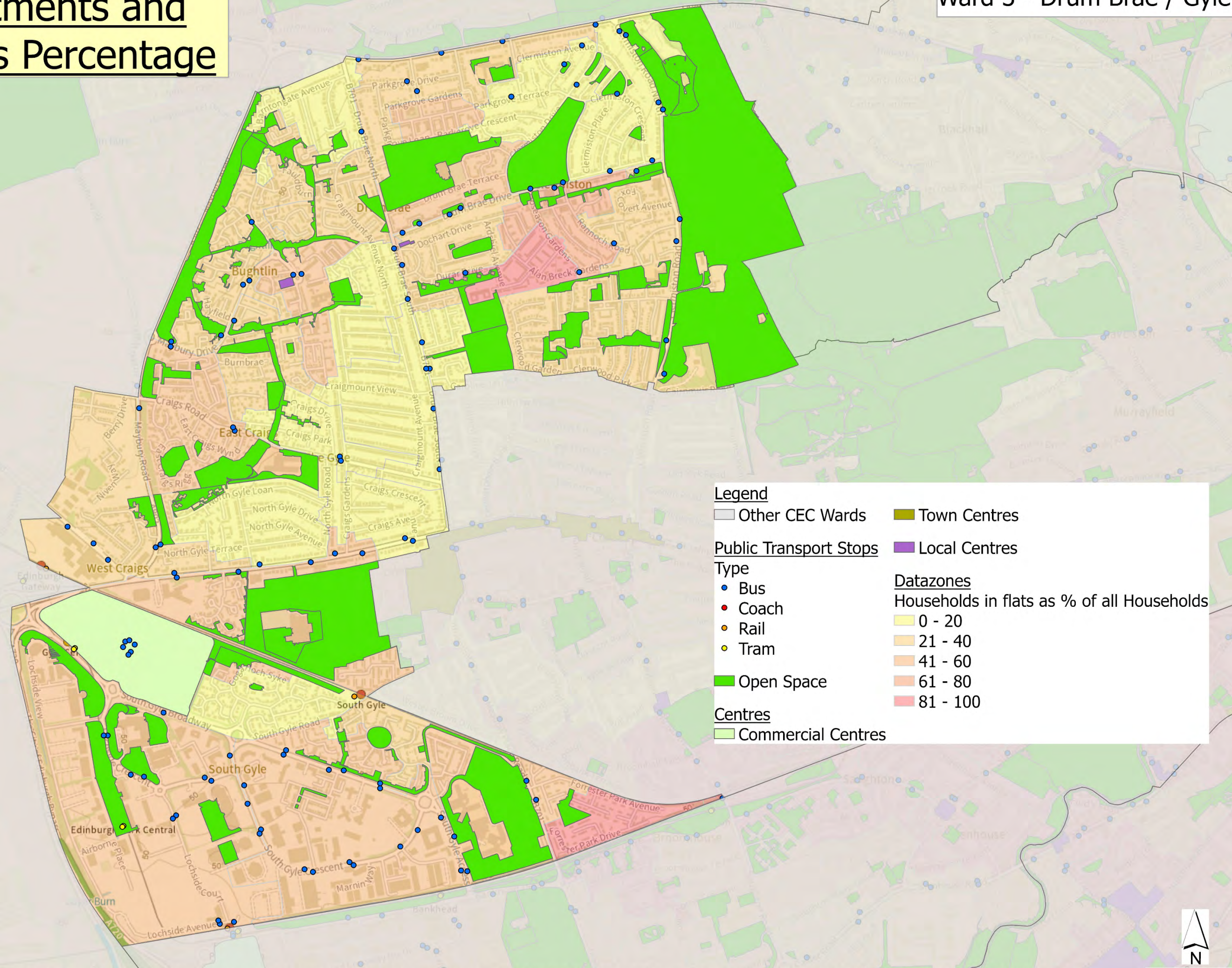
- Commercial Centres
- Town Centres
- Local Centres

Datazones

Households Per Hectare

- 0 - 25
- 26 - 50
- 51 - 75
- 76 - 100
- 100+

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Households in Social Accommodation Percentage

Ward 3 - Drum Brae / Gyle

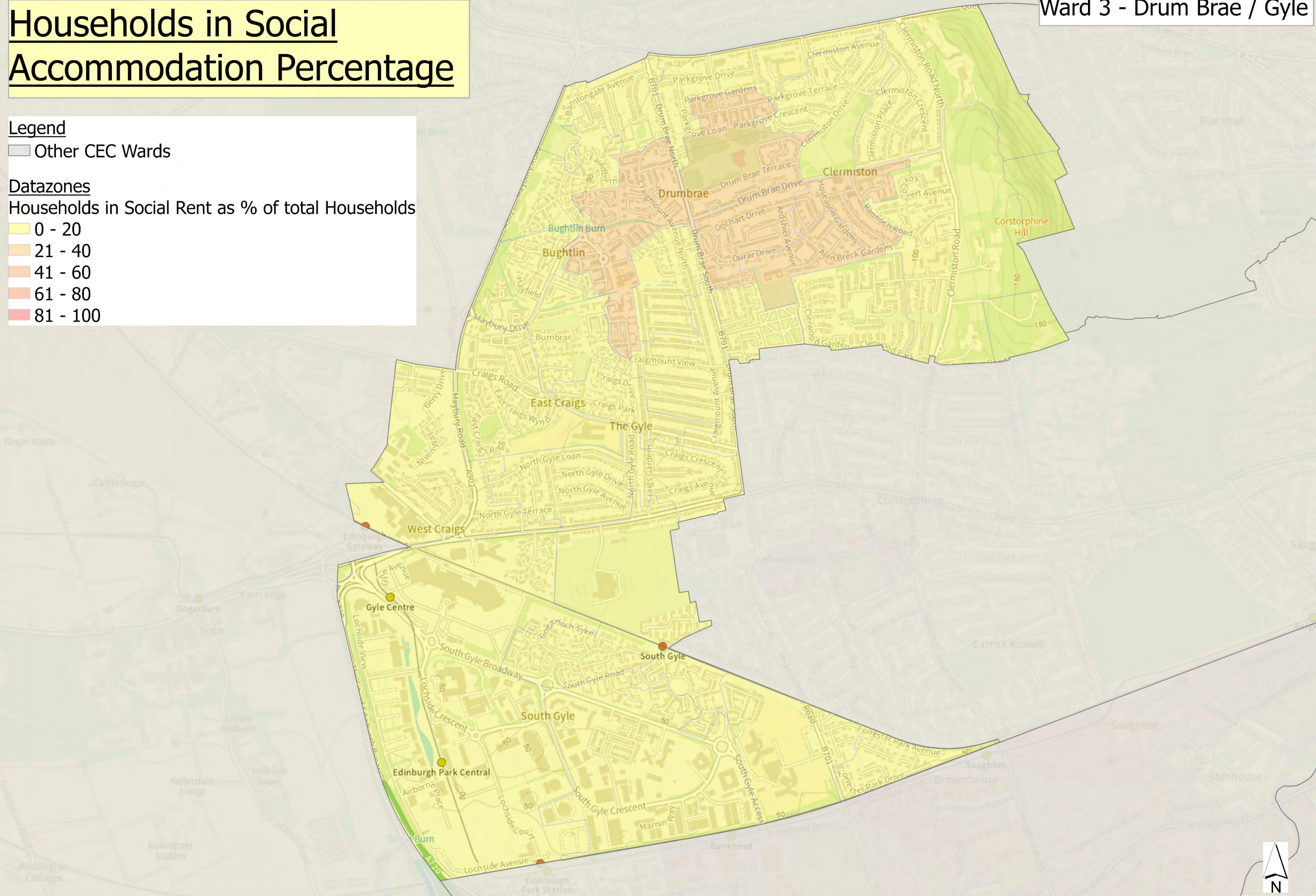
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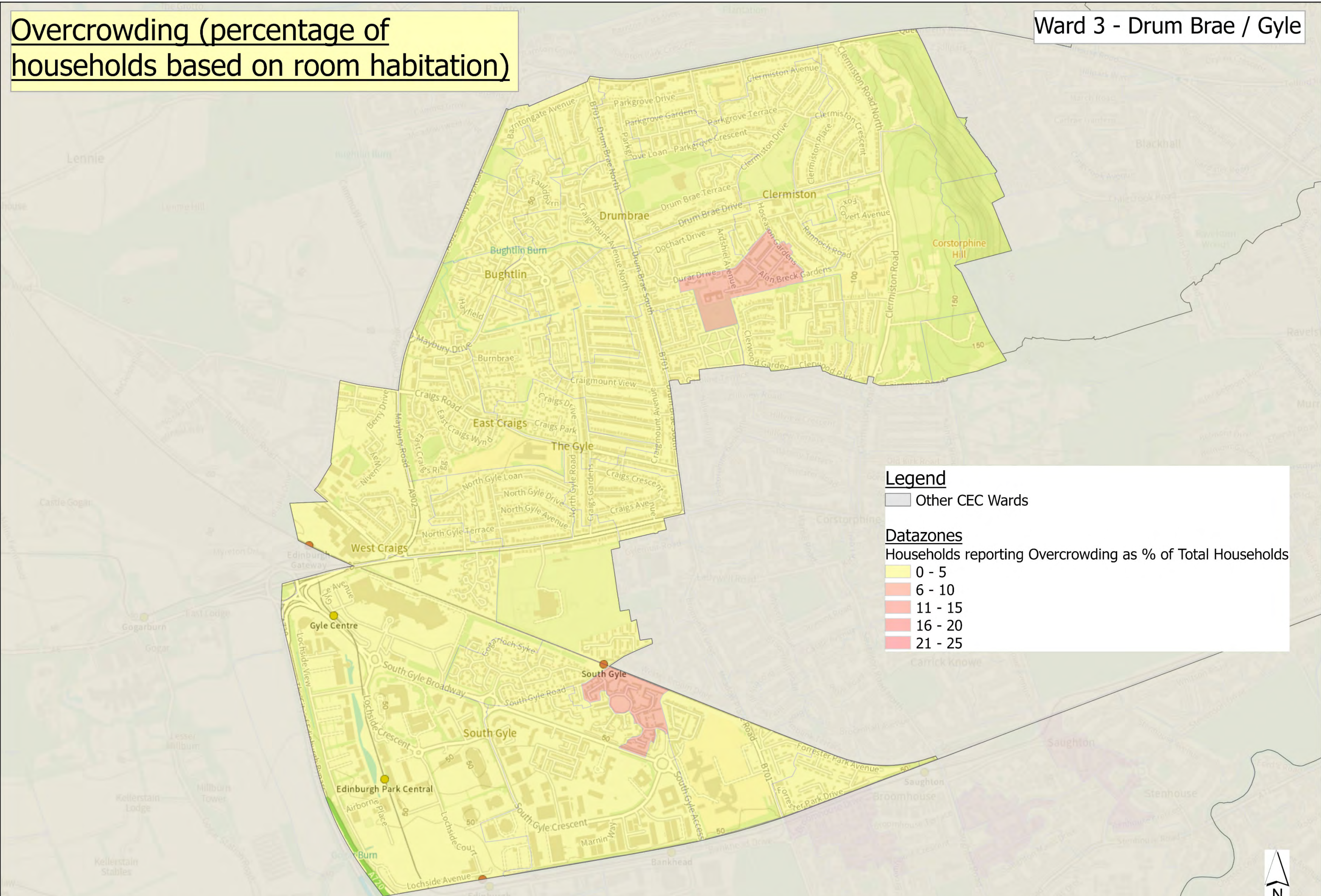
Households in Social Rent as % of total Households

- 0 - 20
- 21 - 40
- 41 - 60
- 61 - 80
- 81 - 100



Overcrowding (percentage of households based on room habitation)

Ward 3 - Drum Brae / Gyle



Considerations

- Flatted accommodation is concentrated in the denser areas of Bughtlin, Drum Brae and Clermiston and parts of Forrester Park which were built as post war public housing developments, with a higher concentration of houses outwith these areas.
- Social housing is concentrated in Drum Brae and Clermiston and these areas see more overcrowding.
- People think there is a good mix of affordable and good quality housing in the area but do acknowledge there could be greater provision of affordable housing. While many think housing is suitable for the population, the quality of some housing could be improved, by increasing insulation and reducing damp.
- Area cleanliness is generally felt to be of a good standard.
- Connectivity is thought to be good but the condition of paths and roads could be improved.
- City wide active travel connections (tram and cycling/wheeling) could be improved allowing for easier travel to larger commercial facilities.

Economy

Demographics

- The occupation breakdown of the ward is listed below:
 - **8.3%** of people aged 16 or over in employment in the ward report their occupation as Managers, Directors and Senior Officials, compared to **8.7%** for the Edinburgh total.
 - **26.1%** of people aged 16 or over in employment in the ward report their occupation as Professional Occupations, compared to **29.9%** for the Edinburgh total.
 - **15.9%** of people aged 16 or over in employment in the ward report their occupation as Associate Professional and Technical Occupations, compared to **15.7%** for the Edinburgh total.
 - **11.6%** of people aged 16 or over in employment in the ward report their occupation as Administrative and Secretarial Occupations, compared to **8.9%** for the Edinburgh total.
 - **8.3%** of people aged 16 or over in employment in the ward report their occupation as Skilled Trade Occupations, compared to **7.2%** for the Edinburgh total.
 - **7.7%** of people aged 16 or over in employment in the ward report their occupation as Caring, Leisure and Other Service Occupations, compared to **7.5%** for the Edinburgh total.
 - **8.2%** of people aged 16 or over in employment in the ward report their occupation as Sales and Customer Service Occupations, compared to **7.2%** for the Edinburgh total.
 - **1.6%** of people aged 16 or over in employment in the ward report their occupation as Process, Plant and Machine Operatives, compared to **4.3%** for the Edinburgh total.
 - **8.6%** of people aged 16 or over in employment in the ward report their occupation as Elementary Occupations, compared to **10.6%** for the Edinburgh total.
- The qualification breakdown of the ward is listed below:
 - **11.1%** of residents in the ward report their highest qualification level as No qualifications, compared to **9.7%** for the Edinburgh total.
 - **17.9%** of residents in the ward report their highest qualification level as Lower school qualifications, compared to **14.3%** for the Edinburgh total.
 - **12%** of residents in the ward report their highest qualification level as Upper school qualifications, compared to **4.4%** for the Edinburgh total.
 - **7.3%** of residents in the ward report their highest qualification level as Apprenticeship qualifications, compared to **4.4%** for the Edinburgh total.

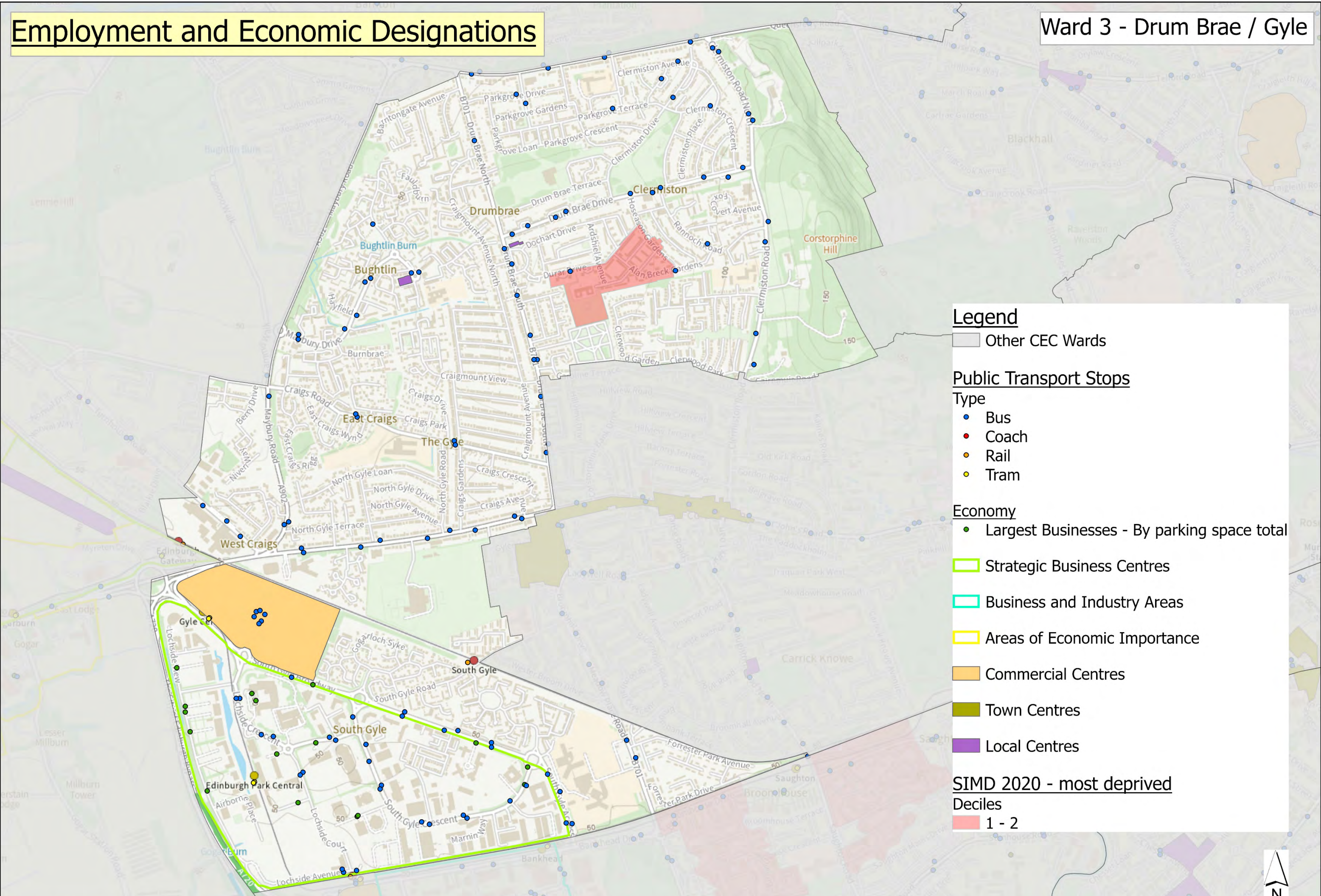
- **11%** of residents in the ward report their highest qualification level as Further Education and sub-degree Higher Education qualifications incl. HNC/HNDs, compared to **9.3%** for the Edinburgh total.
- **40.7%** of residents in the ward report their highest qualification level as Degree level qualifications or above, compared to **50%** for the Edinburgh total.

Employment designations and centres

- The mapping below shows areas designated for Strategic Business Centres, Business and Industry and Economic Importance, alongside the network of local, town, commercial and city centres and some known large employers mapped previously.

Employment and Economic Designations

Ward 3 - Drum Brae / Gyle



Considerations

- A designated Strategic Business Centre is located within this ward at Edinburgh Park and South Gyle. There are designated Areas of Economic Importance adjacent to the west of the ward at Edinburgh Airport, West Edinburgh and Gogarburn. A large commercial centre can be found at The Gyle Centre. Corstorphine Town Centre is of importance for amenities in western Edinburgh. Local centres are found in Bughtlin and Drum Brae but there is a lack of centres in the northern and southern areas of the ward.
- Key anchor employers and institutions in this ward include businesses within Edinburgh Park and South Gyle. Close to the west of the ward there is also Royal Bank of Scotland at Gogarburn and Edinburgh Airport which are major nearby anchor employers.
- People feel there are some groups for locals to volunteer at.
- More diversity in job opportunities as well as more employment opportunities overall is felt to be required.

Transport

Demographics

- The breakdown of the primary method of travel to work is listed below:
 - **39.2%** of the working population report mainly working from or at home, compared to **39%** of the Edinburgh total.
 - **33.3%** of the working population report driving a car or van, compared to **25.1%** of the Edinburgh total.
 - **16.7%** of the working population report travelling by public transport (bus, minibus, coach, train, underground, subway or tram), compared to **16.7%** of the Edinburgh total.
 - **2%** of the working population report travelling by bike, compared to **3.8%** of the Edinburgh total.
 - **5.3%** of the working population report travelling on foot, compared to **12%** of the Edinburgh total.
- **74.5%** of households in the ward have access to a car or van, compared to **62.3%** of the Edinburgh total.

Car and van access and driving to work

- The areas where households have lower access to cars or vans are concentrated in parts of Bughtlin, Drum Brae and Clermiston as well as Forrester Park in the south, aligning with population density and areas of higher deprivation.
- Use of cars for driving to work is broadly higher in the west of the ward which is further from the city centre and lower in population density, particularly focussed on East Craigs.

Public Transport

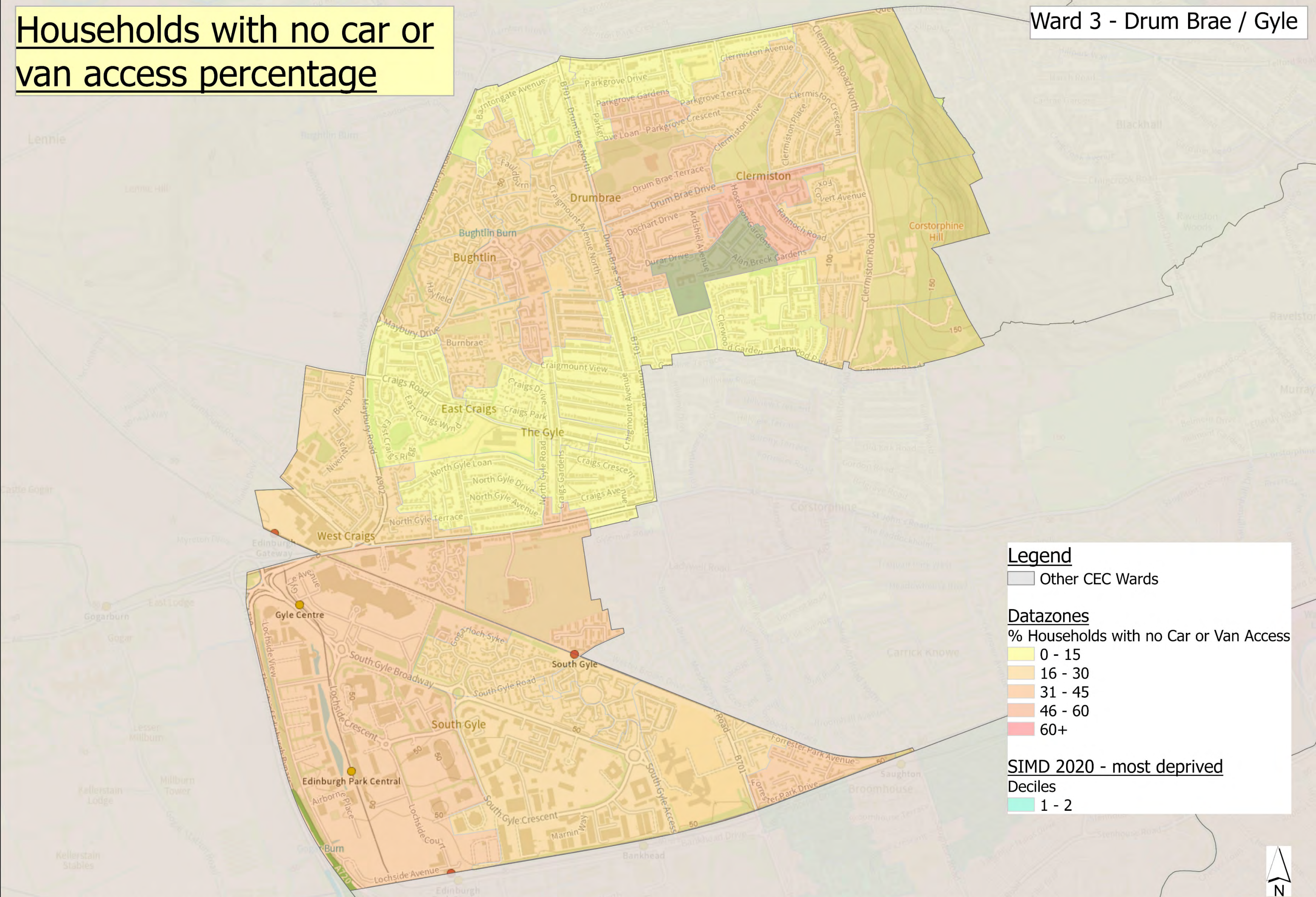
- Public Transport Accessibility Levels (PTAL) are calculated by the Council based on service patterns and stops and is mapped below from 1 (lowest level of accessibility) to 6 (the highest level). A rating of 3 or higher is considered to have a good level of access.
- Very good access is concentrated along the major Glasgow Road corridor leading into the city from the west. Good access can also be found to the south of this ward around Edinburgh Park and South Gyle where a number of bus services and the Edinburgh Tram line can be found and to the north close to Drum Brae and Clermiston.
- Poor access is concentrated in South Gyle, East Craigs and Clerwood.
- Improved orbital bus routes and connections are proposed passing through the ward around the north and west which has a lower level of accessibility. This will improve overall accessibility and provide connections across the city.

Active travel

- Key active travel paths are mainly located in the south of the ward. These include quiet roads and Spaces for People infrastructure, although this is not always fully protected or traffic-calmed.
- The City Mobility Plan has identified projects to reduce vehicle dominance, increase space for active travel and improve pedestrian access and sense of place in these areas. The three key projects include:
 - West Edinburgh Link leading from South Gyle across the ward to Colinton in the south.
 - Linking new and existing housing development in East Craigs along Maybury Road to Barnton in the north.
 - Improvements to the quiet road route from South Gyle to Balgreen in the east.

Households with no car or van access percentage

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Driving a car or van to work percentage

Ward 3 - Drum Brae / Gyle

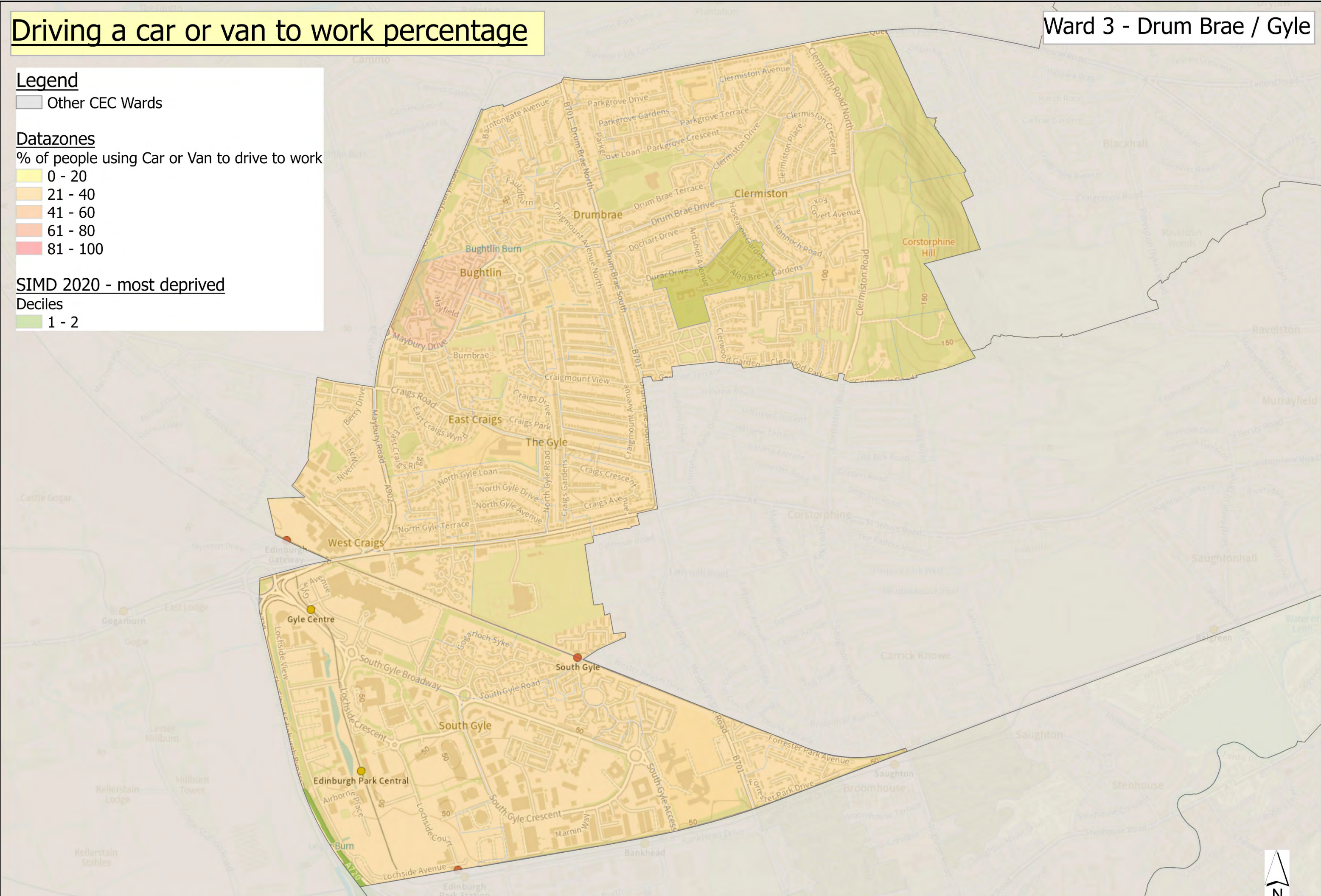
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Other CEC Wards

Datazones
% of people using Car or Van to drive to work

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41 - 60
61 - 80
81 - 100

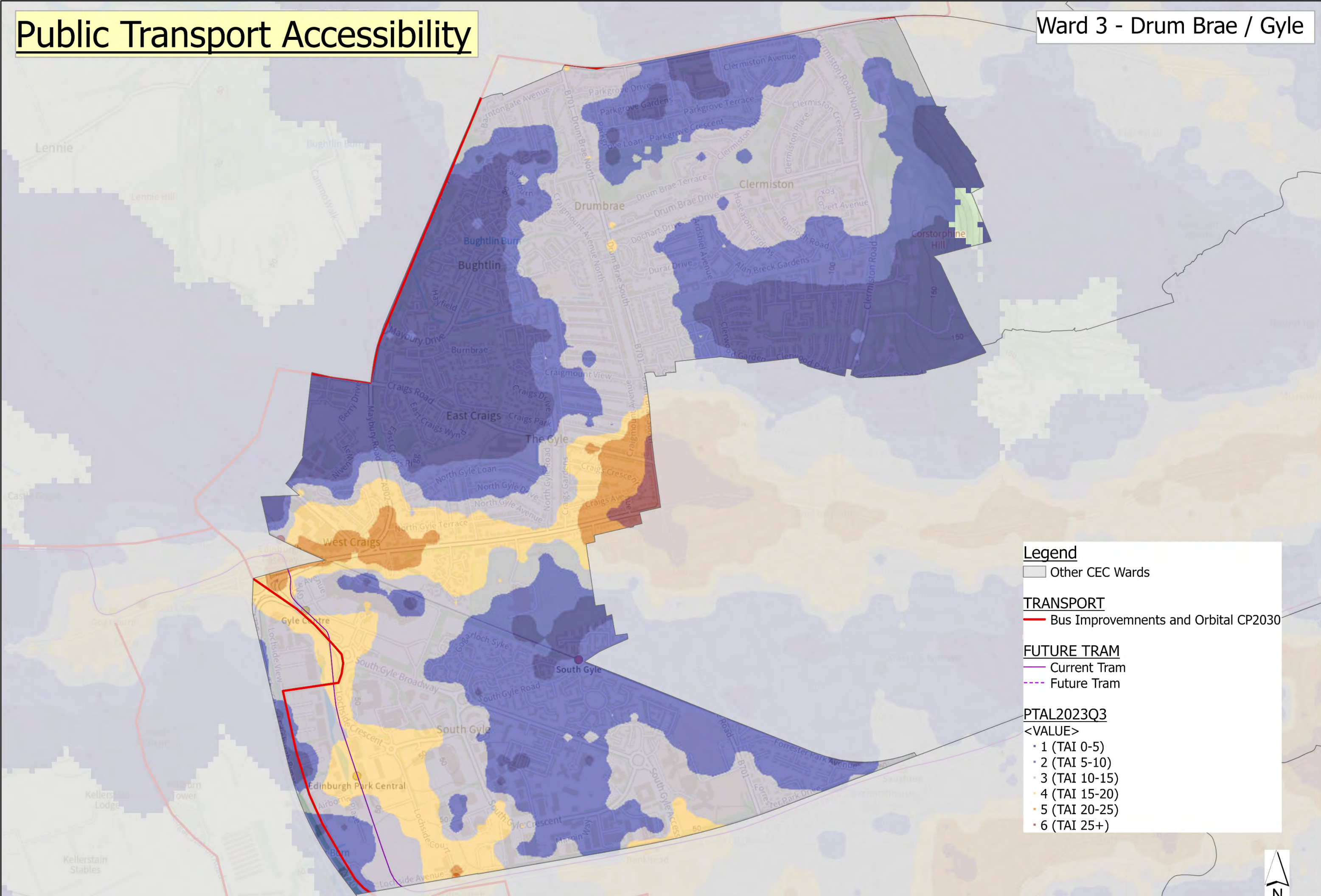
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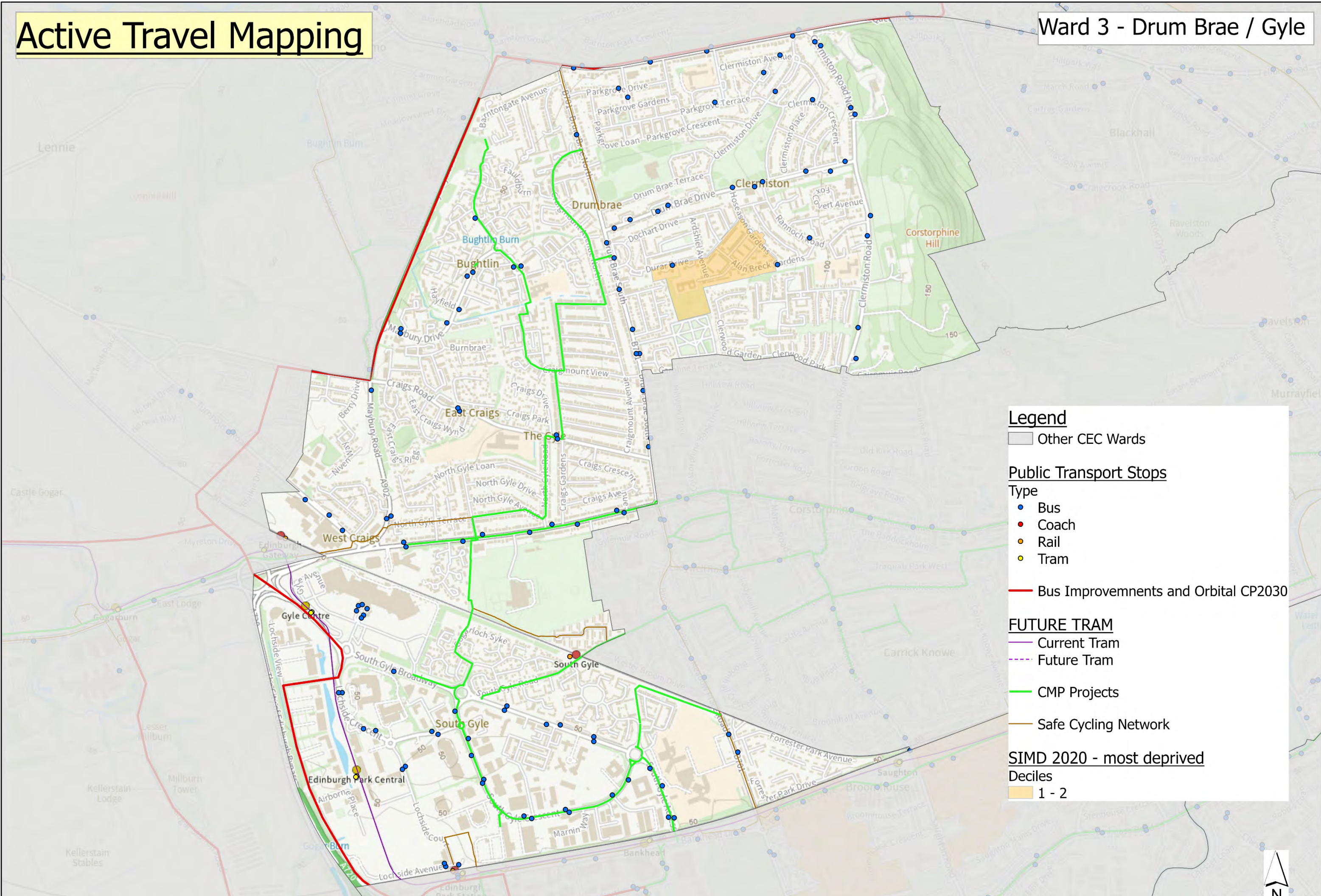
Public Transport Accessibility

Ward 3 - Drum Brae / Gyle



Active Travel Mapping

Ward 3 - Drum Brae / Gyle



Legend

Other CEC Wards

Public Transport Stops

Type

- Bus
- Coach
- Rail
- Tram

Bus Improvemnts and Orbital CP2030

FUTURE TRAM

- Current Tram
- Future Tram

CMP Projects

Safe Cycling Network

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Considerations

- A higher percentage of people in the ward drive compared to the Edinburgh average whilst walking, and cycling are lower than the Edinburgh average. Public transport use is generally the same as the Edinburgh average.
- Areas of lower access to a car or van broadly line up with areas of higher deprivation in Bughtlin, Drum Brae and Clermiston as well as Forrester Park.
- Public Transport accessibility is concentrated in the central part of the ward, along the Glasgow Road corridor. Good access can also be found in Drum Brae and Clermiston and to the south around Edinburgh Park and South Gyle.
- City Mobility Plan improvements are proposed to be brought forward primarily connecting South Gyle to Balgreen and to Colinton via the West Edinburgh Link, and from East Craigs to Barnton.
- Public Transport access and future City Mobility Plan improvements to orbital bus routes and connections aim to improve bus journey times and access across Edinburgh.
- Public transport is generally considered good in the daytime, but could be improved during the night. More frequent and direct services could be introduced.
- Priority for buses should be considered on roads.
- A slight majority find it very easy or easy to reach where they need via public transport, although a significant percentage find it difficult or very difficult.
- Buses are considered to be more accessible than trams.
- 50% are unhappy or very unhappy with traffic and parking in the area. The level of available parking is not considered sufficient for the level of vehicle traffic in the area
- Children and young people are concerned with safety when walking, cycling or wheeling in their local area citing it as a reason for not doing it more.
- The majority of children and young people think a Granton to BioQuarter tram line is a good idea followed by some who do not know.

Environment

Green blue network and biodiversity

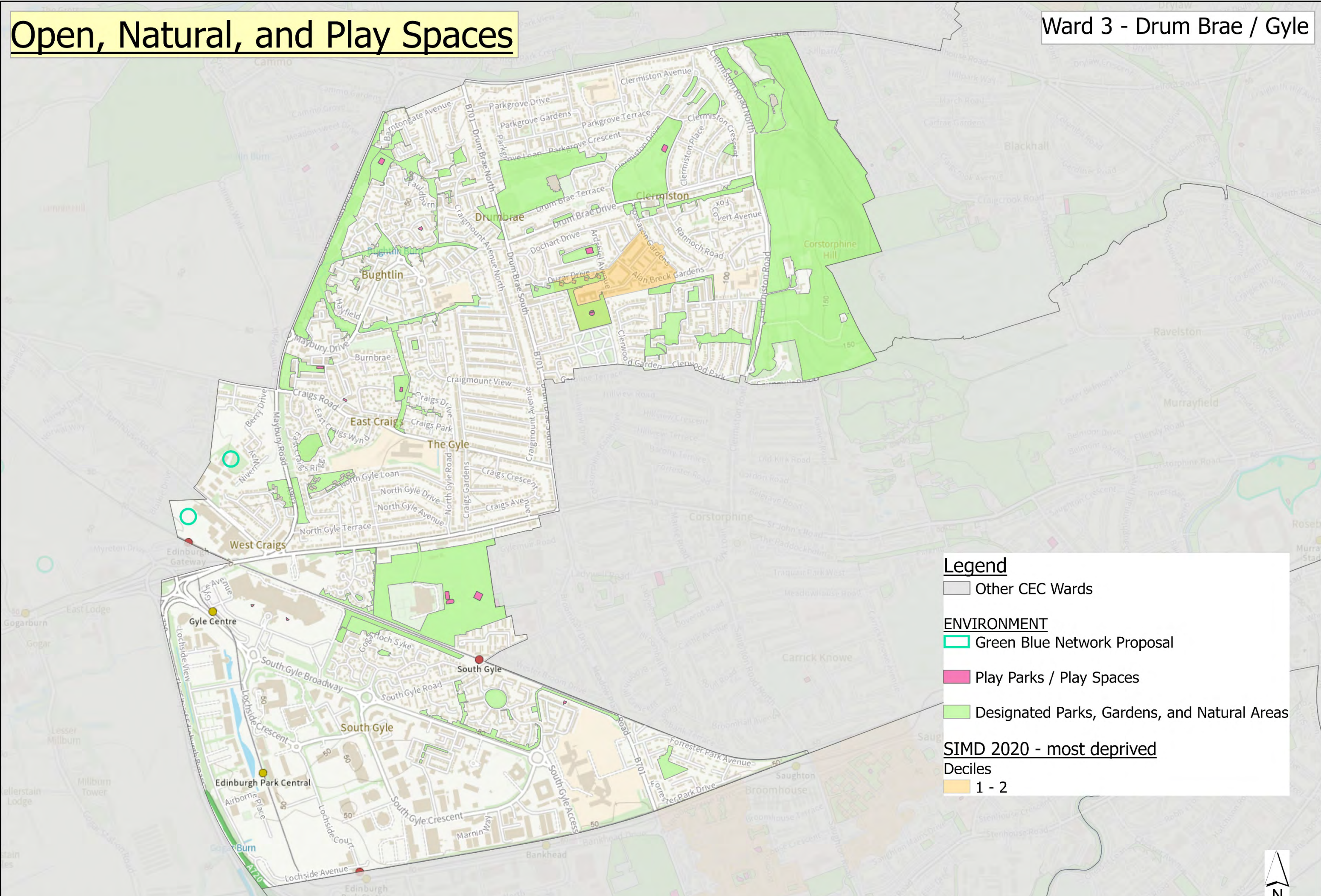
- Open spaces are well dispersed throughout the ward.
- Mapping has been produced showing Edinburgh's Green Blue Network at the strategic, city-wide scale. It shows infrastructure important for water management, biodiversity and recreation. It includes both local and national designations to show how they are interconnected.
- Corstorphine Hill forms the largest part of the green blue network here and is of primary importance for recreation, nature and the character of Edinburgh. It forms part of a green blue corridor leading north towards the Edinburgh waterfront. The west of the ward is adjacent to the edge of the urban area at Cammo, leading to an open space and landscape area connecting to the River Almond corridor.
- Green blue network proposals are included in areas of development to the west, to ensure new development is embedded in the green blue network of West Edinburgh.

Growing Spaces

- Growing spaces mapped include Council-run allotments and community-run growing spaces, which are displayed together to show opportunities for food and other growing in the ward.
- Council allotments are only found in Drum Brae. Community growing spaces are also found in Clermiston and Corstorphine Hill providing opportunities for growing close to areas with higher deprivation.
- There is a lack of growing spaces of any kind in the south of the ward.

Open, Natural, and Play Spaces

Ward 3 - Drum Brae / Gyle



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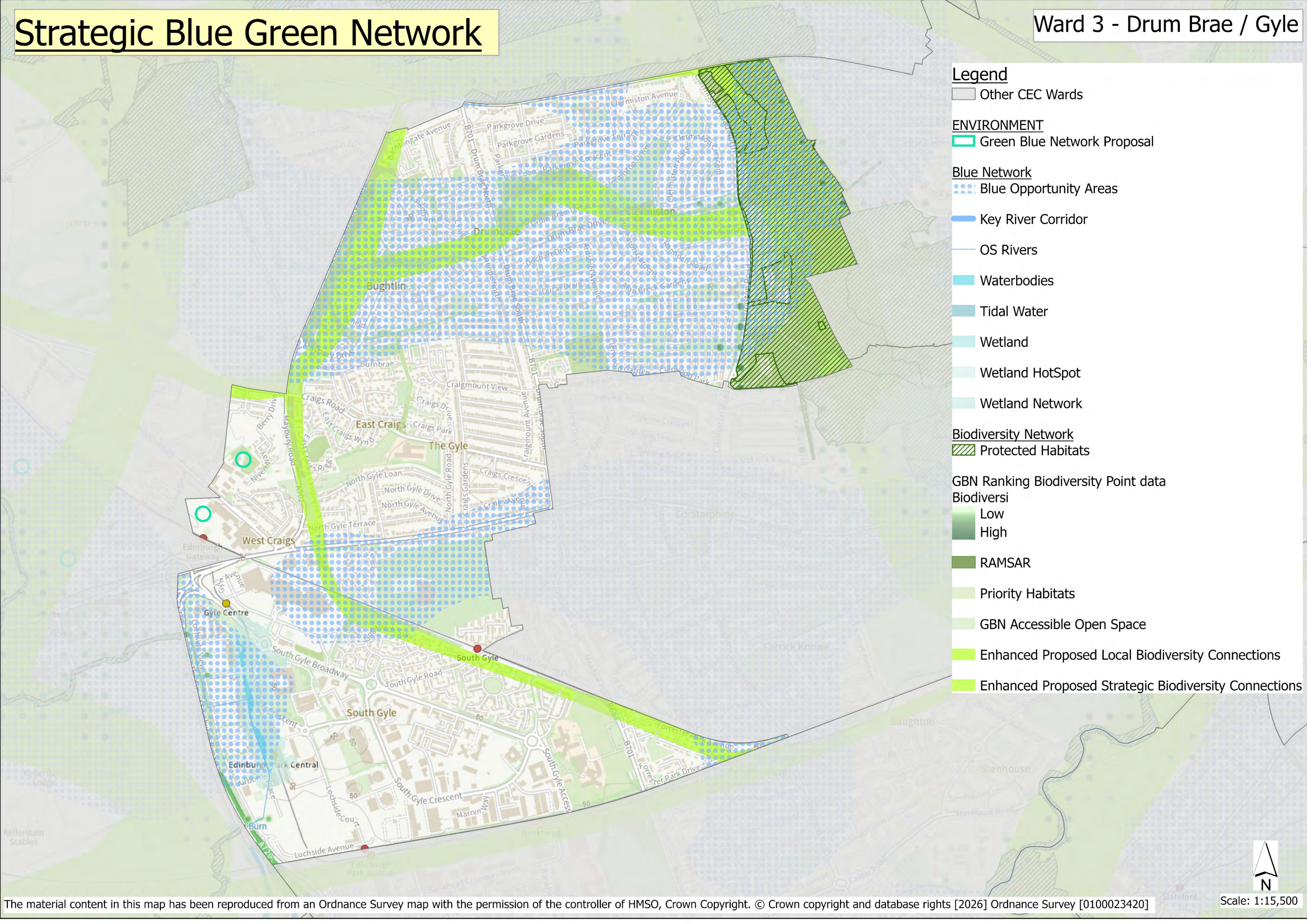
Other CEC Wards

ENVIRONMENT

Green Blue Network Proposal**SIMD 2020 - most deprived Deciles**

Strategic Blue Green Network

Ward 3 - Drum Brae / Gyle



Growing Spaces

Ward 3 - Drum Brae / Gyle

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Other CEC Wards

ENVIRONMENT

Allotments

- Community Growing Spaces

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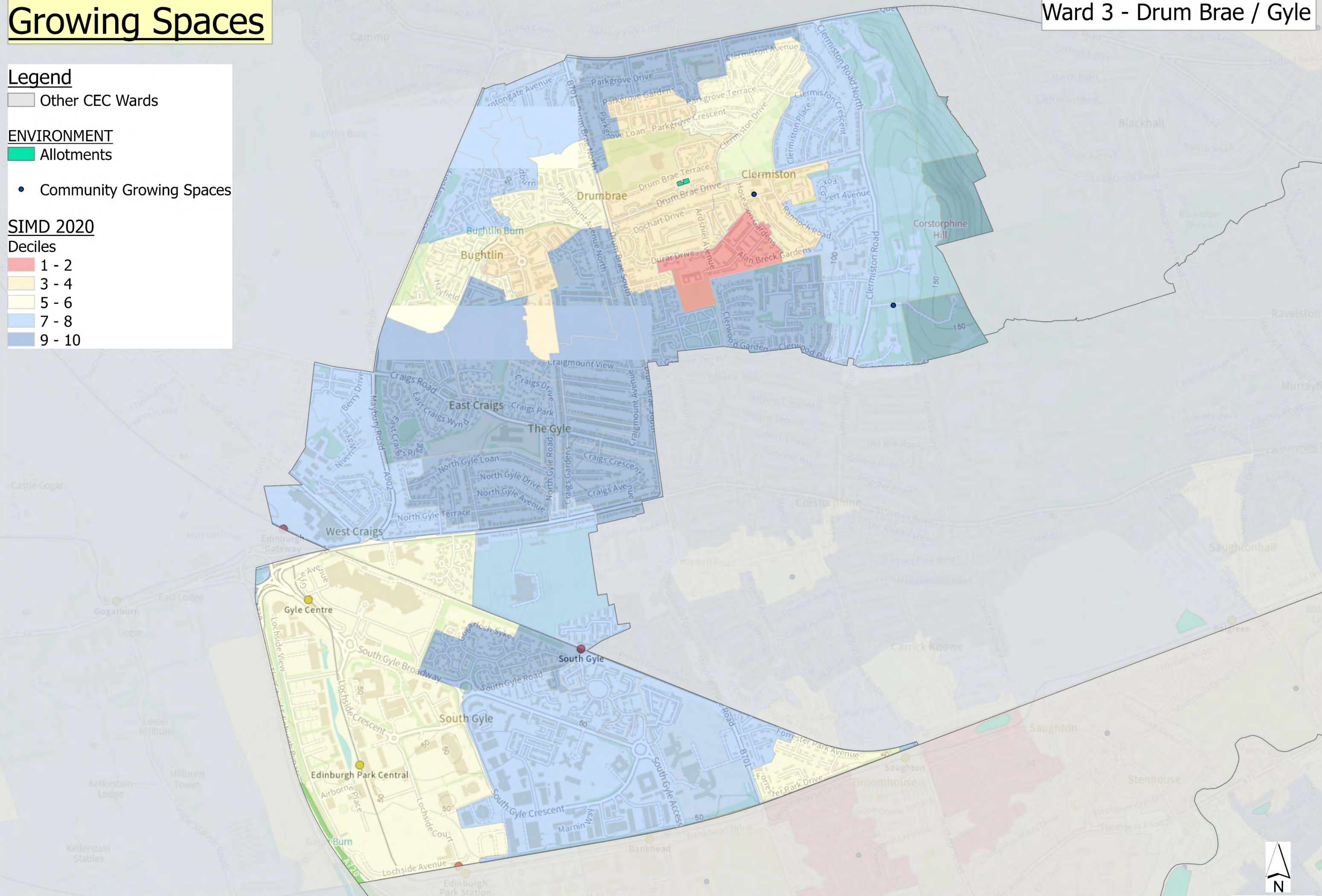
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Scale: 1:14,500

Considerations

- A key existing green blue corridor sits within the ward centred on Corstorphine Hill providing good access to open space, recreation and biodiversity. A further green blue corridor sits close to Cammo, adjacent to the west of the ward. Enhancements are proposed to connect new development in and around West Edinburgh to the green blue network.
- Opportunities for food growing are concentrated in Drum Brae, Clermiston and Corstorphine Hill, with fewer opportunities in the south of the ward.
- Children and young people have the opinion that there are generally at least a few good parks or greenspaces in their area.
- St Margaret's Park and Corstorphine Hill are noted as popular parks.
- The quality of existing open and natural spaces in the area could be improved with more bins, seating, trees, cafes, toilets and better general maintenance.
- Children and young people say play equipment is primarily focused towards small children and needs cleaning & repainting, but most are happy with the overall condition.
- The majority are neutral, unhappy or very unhappy with access to growing spaces with some not aware of any existing. Increased provision was suggested.
- Air quality concerns were raised due to traffic and congestion from the airport.
- Equal percentages are very happy/happy or very unhappy/unhappy with the number of local spaces to play sport.
- Private provision of sport spaces is felt to be good, but more publicly accessible space is required.

Appendix

This report details the consultation and engagement information utilised when creating the Drum Brae/Gyle Place Profile.

The document includes the area-specific results from two “what makes a good place?” questionnaires: one for public at large and another for children and young people. In addition, the report outlines the results received from previous engagements undertaken by the Council services and other stakeholders in the ward.

A total of 2649 responses to “What makes a good place?” questionnaires were received. Out of these, 799 were from public at large and 1850 were from children and young people. These were then divided and matched with one of the 17 Wards.

A total of 93 responses were received for the Drum Brae/Gyle Ward. Out of these, 26 were from public at large and 67 were from children and young people studying at the local schools.

Results

In this chapter, the results for the ward are further divided into seven categories – Housing, Health, Transport, Economy, Culture, Environment and Place. These categories correspond with the Place Profile structure. Each category presents the results from the public at large then children and young people where similar questions were asked.

Housing

Public at large

How happy are you with your home?

- 10 Very happy
- 14 Happy
- 1 Neutral
- 1 Unhappy
- 0 Very unhappy

If you could change one thing, comments

- Quiter
- Being in a house, not a flat/maisonette
- Improved bus route and better cycling/walking connections

How well do the homes in your area meet the needs of people living there?

- 5 Very good
- 15 Good
- 5 Neutral
- 1 Bad
- 0 Very bad

Homes in the area, comments

- **Good:** Good mix of affordable houses. Houses are well looked after, of good quality and there are good access paths around the area. Cleanliness of the area is also good.
- **Bad/change:** More affordable housing improved public transport systems and better cycle/wheeling connections needed. Better maintained roads

What is your area like for the shops and services you need?

- 3 Very good
- 8 Good
- 5 Neutral
- 5 Bad
- 5 Very bad

Shops and services, comments

- **Good:** Good mix of independent shops, good local library. Okay connectivity to nearby supermarket
- **Bad/change:** Would improve the area to have more of the existing in the area and improve connectivity to larger shops. Better active travel links to the Gyle

Thinking of your local shops and services, do you think there is too much of anything?

- 12 Yes
- 14 No
- 0 Don't know

What there is too much of, comments

- Dentists, charity shops, vape shops, hair/nail/beauty salons/barbershops

Broxburn to Maybury Public Transport and Active Travel Improvements (2023)

- Supports existing and new housing areas along the corridor through improved connectivity.
- Links homes to schools, workplaces, and retail centres, enhancing neighbourhood liveability.

Children and Young People

Are you happy with your home (the building)?

- 47 Yes
- 18 It's OK
- 2 It's not good
- 0 No

If you could change one thing, comments

- Being in a house not a flat, owning a property. Bigger bedroom spaces and more space for additional toilet.
- Better quality homes, that address insulation and mould/damp issues.
- Own garden

Do you have all the shops and things you need near your home?

- 7 Too many
- 44 Right amount
- 13 Not enough
- 3 None

Shops and things, comments

- More gyms needed
- More independent food shops/restaurants
- Too many nail/hair/beauty salons/private dentists

Health

Public at large

What is your area like for the healthcare facilities you need?

- 3 Very good
- 11 Good
- 5 Neutral
- 4 Bad
- 3 Very bad

Healthcare facilities, comments

- **Good:** There are GPs in the area and is accessible, but difficult to get an appointment
- **Bad/change:** More NHS dentists, as the private practices are unaffordable. More investment and control on healthcare private practices

Broxburn to Maybury Public Transport and Active Travel Improvements (2023)

- Encourages active lifestyles through walking and cycling for short trips.
- Improves air quality by reducing private car use.
- Safer, accessible paths designed for all ages and abilities to promote everyday activity.
- Respondents shared everyday experiences such as bus delays and cycling challenges.

Transport

Public at large

How easy is it to walk, cycle or wheel to places you need and want to go to?

- 5 Very easy
- 5 Easy
- 6 Neutral
- 9 Difficult
- 0 Very difficult

Walk, wheeling, cycling, comments

- **Good:** Public service transportation in the area is mostly good; however it is better in the day than at night. Improved nighttime service needed.
- **Bad/change:** Tram is good, but not as accessible as buses.

How easy is it to get to where you need or want to go by public transport?

- 4 Very easy
- 9 Easy
- 4 Neutral
- 5 Difficult
- 4 Very difficult

Public transport, comments

- **Bad/change:** More regular, frequent and direct services. Buses should also be given more priority on the roads. More/better night bus services

How do you feel about the traffic and parking in your area?

- 0 Very happy
- 6 Happy
- 7 Neutral
- 6 Unhappy
- 7 Very unhappy

Traffic and parking comments

- **Bad/change:** Traffic in the area is a problem. Parking is difficult, not enough spaces to accommodate the level of cars in the area.

Broxburn to Maybury Public Transport and Active Travel Improvements (2023)

- Focused on faster, more reliable public transport along the Broxburn–Maybury route.
- Proposes bus priority measures and improved junction layouts for better journey times.
- Introduces segregated walking and cycling routes connecting neighbourhoods to Maybury Road and Edinburgh Gateway.
- Integrates with wider West Edinburgh transport plans, including tram expansion and airport corridor improvements.
- Works jointly with West Lothian Council to provide continuous regional travel links.
- Prioritises safety and accessibility, especially at crossings and shared paths

Children and Young People

We know that walking, cycling, wheeling are great ways of getting around – it's good for you and good for the environment. Is there anything that stops you from getting around this way?

- No nothing
- I don't feel safe walking around
- Not enough safe paths for cycling/scooting

Public transport (buses, trams and trains) is great as it can reduce the number of cars on the road. What do you think about public transport in your area?

- It's great – I use it a lot,
- not always on time,
- takes too long

There is a tram that goes from the Airport to Newhaven. Do you think a tram line from Granton to the Sick Kids Hospital, going through the city centre, is a good idea?

- 41 Yes
- 7 No
- 16 Don't know
- 3 Don't care

Economy

Public at large

How are the opportunities for work, volunteering and training in your area?

- 2 Very good
- 6 Good
- 11 Neutral
- 3 Bad
- 3 Very bad

Work, volunteering and training, comments

- **Good:** Great scout and guide groups and lots of charity shops to volunteer at.
- **Bad/change:** Not many job opportunities in the area overall, more diversity needed.

Broxburn to Maybury Public Transport and Active Travel Improvements (2023)

- Strengthens public transport between West Edinburgh and the city, improving access to jobs, education, and commercial centres.
- Enhances connectivity to employment hubs like Edinburgh Park, Gyle Centre, and Maybury business areas.
- Supports local economic growth by enabling sustainable commuting and better access for workers.
- Long-term aim to attract business investment along the strategic west-of-city corridor.

Culture

Public at large

How good are the spaces and opportunities where you can meet up with friends and other people?

- 2 Very good
- 8 Good
- 10 Neutral
- 4 Bad
- 2 Very bad

Spaces to meet people, comments

- **Good:** The ones that exist are good and very accessible, but mostly accessible to an older crowd. Some nice coffee shops in the area.

How is the community space in your area?

- 2 Very good
- 8 Good
- 10 Neutral
- 4 Bad
- 2 Very bad

Community spaces, comments

- **Good:** Local churches provide good spaces
- **Bad/change:** More community spaces and projects needed for leisure and recreation. More public benches and green spaces.

Children and Young People

If you go out to play, socialise, or hang out, where would you go?

- Shopping centres
- Food and drink places
- Going into town

Are there enough activities, community clubs, and groups for young people to do within your local area?

- 20 There are plenty
- 28 There are a few
- 7 There are some, but I do not like them
- 4 Yes, but they cost too much
- 7 None that I know about

What clubs are missing / would you like to see in your area?

- Gymnastics/Martial Arts/Indoor skate park/Dance
- Non-physical clubs, like cooking/youth groups.

Are there enough things for you to do on your weekends and holidays?

- 37 Yes
- 25 Sometimes
- 5 No
- 0 Don't know

There are many free art galleries and museums in Edinburgh. Do you go to any of them?

- 3 Often
- 25 Sometimes
- 24 Very rarely
- 15 Never

If you selected 'Never' or 'Very Rarely', tell us why

- Boring/not interested
- No one to go with
- Didn't know they were free

Environment

Public at large

How happy are you with the number of green and natural spaces in your place?

- 6 Very happy
- 9 Happy
- 3 Neutral
- 4 Unhappy
- 4 Very unhappy

Open and natural spaces, comments

- **Good:** There are some, quality is okay but could be better.
- **Bad/change:** More rubbish bins, seating areas and trees. Better maintenance of existing gardens and outdoor areas needed.

What is the access to growing spaces like now?

- 1 Very happy
- 4 Happy
- 8 Neutral
- 7 Unhappy
- 6 Very unhappy

Growing spaces, comments

- **Good:** There are some, but most areas do not have any.
- **Bad/change:** Would be nice to have some, so long as it uses empty spaces and does not impact our greenbelt.

Climate change, comments

- Better natural drainage systems
- Traffic congestion concerns, particularly the impact on air quality from the congestion and the airport.

How would you rate the number green and open spaces in your local area to play ball games such as football, cricket, rugby, golf, basketball, tennis, bowls etc.?

- 3 Very happy
- 6 Happy
- 8 Neutral
- 6 Unhappy
- 3 Very unhappy

Ball game spaces, comments

- **Good:** Some good private spaces that allow for games such as schools and certain gyms.
- **Bad/change:** Not enough public spaces

How happy are you with the number of green and open spaces for children and young people to play and hang-out around in your area?

- 2 Very happy
- 4 Happy
- 11 Neutral
- 3 Unhappy
- 5 Very unhappy

Outdoor play spaces, comments

- **Bad/change:** Need more in the area and need to be maintained.
- More variety needed, no spaces for adults, some for children, some for young people.
- Dog walking spaces needed.

Friends of Clermiston Park Survey (2025)

- No current reason to visit the park, this is felt particularly by certain groups (adults, older teens, disabled). Basketball court is concrete.
- No path through park. Quality/steepness of playpark path. Muddy.
- Lack of amenities / basic / empty. Anti-social behaviour, teenagers
- Not enough benches, Lack of amenities, No lighting in winter
- Lack of biodiversity – needs Bat / bird boxes, wildlife corridor, wild spaces

Broxburn to Maybury Public Transport and Active Travel Improvements (2023)

- Promotes low-carbon travel and reduced congestion to meet Net Zero 2030 targets.
- Includes verge planting, sustainable drainage, and biodiversity-friendly landscaping.
- Reduces car dependency by designing routes within existing green corridors.
- Protects local landscape character through careful infrastructure integration.

Children and Young People

How often do you go outside to play or hang out in your local area (not counting school times)?

- 7 Almost every day
- 27 A few days a week
- 17 Once a week
- 14 Rarely
- 2 I don't go outdoors to play or hang out

Are there enough good parks or greenspaces near you to play/hang out?

- 26 Yes, there are lots
- 32 There are a few
- 9 No, there aren't enough
- 0 No, there aren't any

What is your favourite park or greenspace in Edinburgh?

- St Margaret's Park
- Corstorphine Hill

Think about your favourite places for you to hang out/play. What do you like about it?

- It is easy to get to
- It is close to home
- Wildlife / nature

What stops you from using the outdoors/parks more often?

- Bad weather/too dark in winter
- Equipment is only for little kids
- No toilets, no cafes

How could the places where you hang out be better?

- More equipment, a cafe, things to do
- More benches, toilets

Are the outdoor spaces you go to clean?

- 1 Very clean
- 22 Clean
- 36 OK
- 6 Dirty
- 1 Very Dirty

Outdoor play equipment

- 23 In good condition
- 7 Needs fixing
- 23 Needs cleaned/painted
- 8 Needs replacing
- 5 There is not enough or any play equipment

How safe do you feel when hanging out or moving around in your local area?

- 36 I always feel safe
- 29 I sometimes feel safe
- 1 I never feel safe

How safe do you feel when hanging out or moving around in your local area?

- Sketchy people
- Dark

How close are you with nature?

- 1 7 (closest to nature)
- 4 6
- 29 5
- 17 4
- 9 3
- 5 2
- 2 1 (furthest away from nature)

What could be done to help nature in your local area?

- More trees and greenery
- Less litter

Are you worried about the impact of climate change in your area? Do you want to tell us more?

- Development of green sites
- Change to weather/seasons

Place

Public at large

How happy are you with your area?

- 3 Very happy
- 15 Happy
- 4 Neutral
- 3 Unhappy
- 1 Very unhappy

What would you change, comments

- Most common responses mention transport infrastructure: walking improvements, better quality surfaces and public transport.

Any other comments

- Concerns relating to too much new development in the area and concerns about overcrowding.

Children and Young People

Is there anything else you want to tell us that we haven't asked you about?

- More cycle lanes, buses, pedestrian improvements
- Indoor spaces to hang out, indoor skatepark
- Spaces for girls only

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