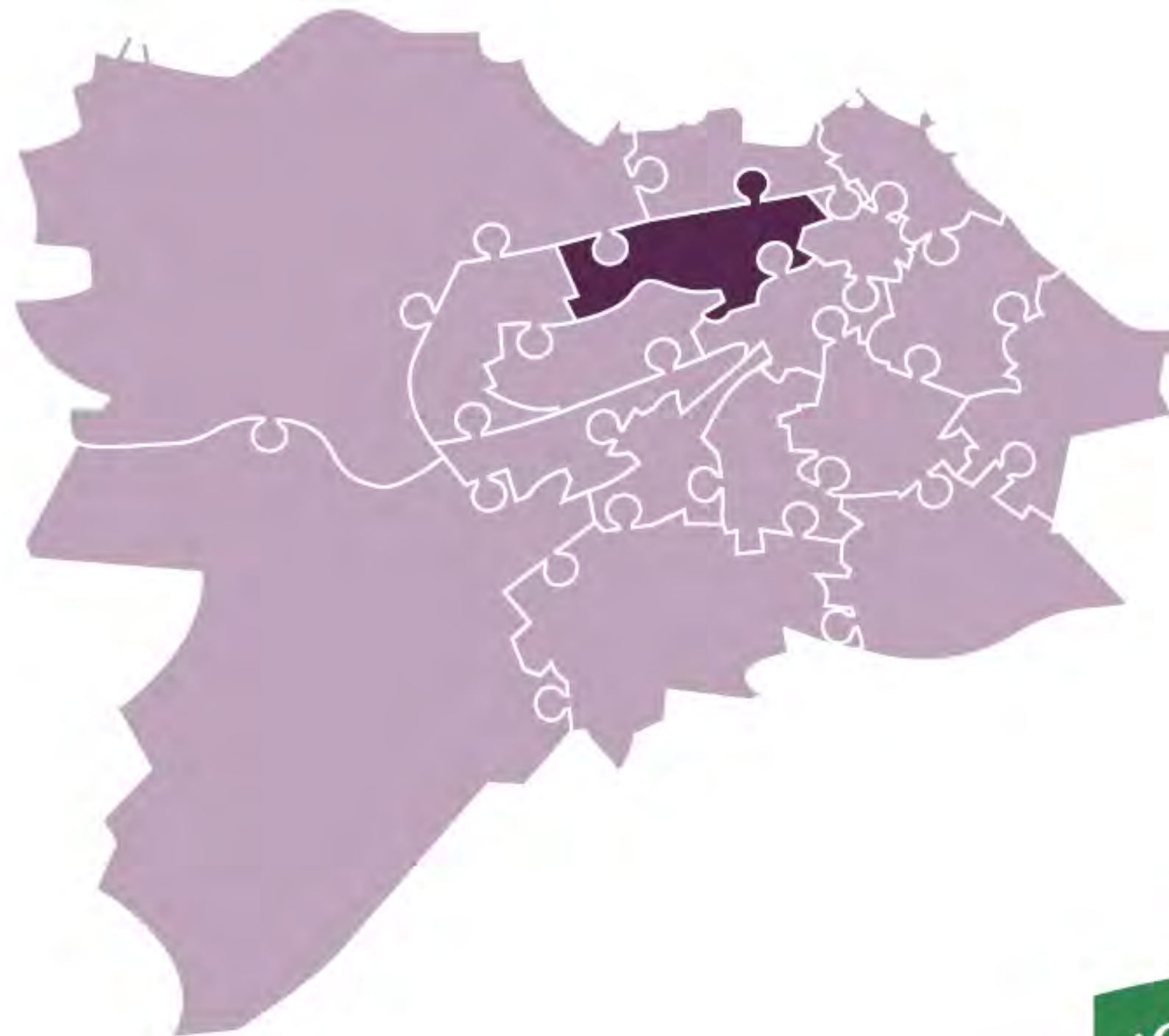


Evidence Report Place Profile

Ward 5 Inverleith



Introduction

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

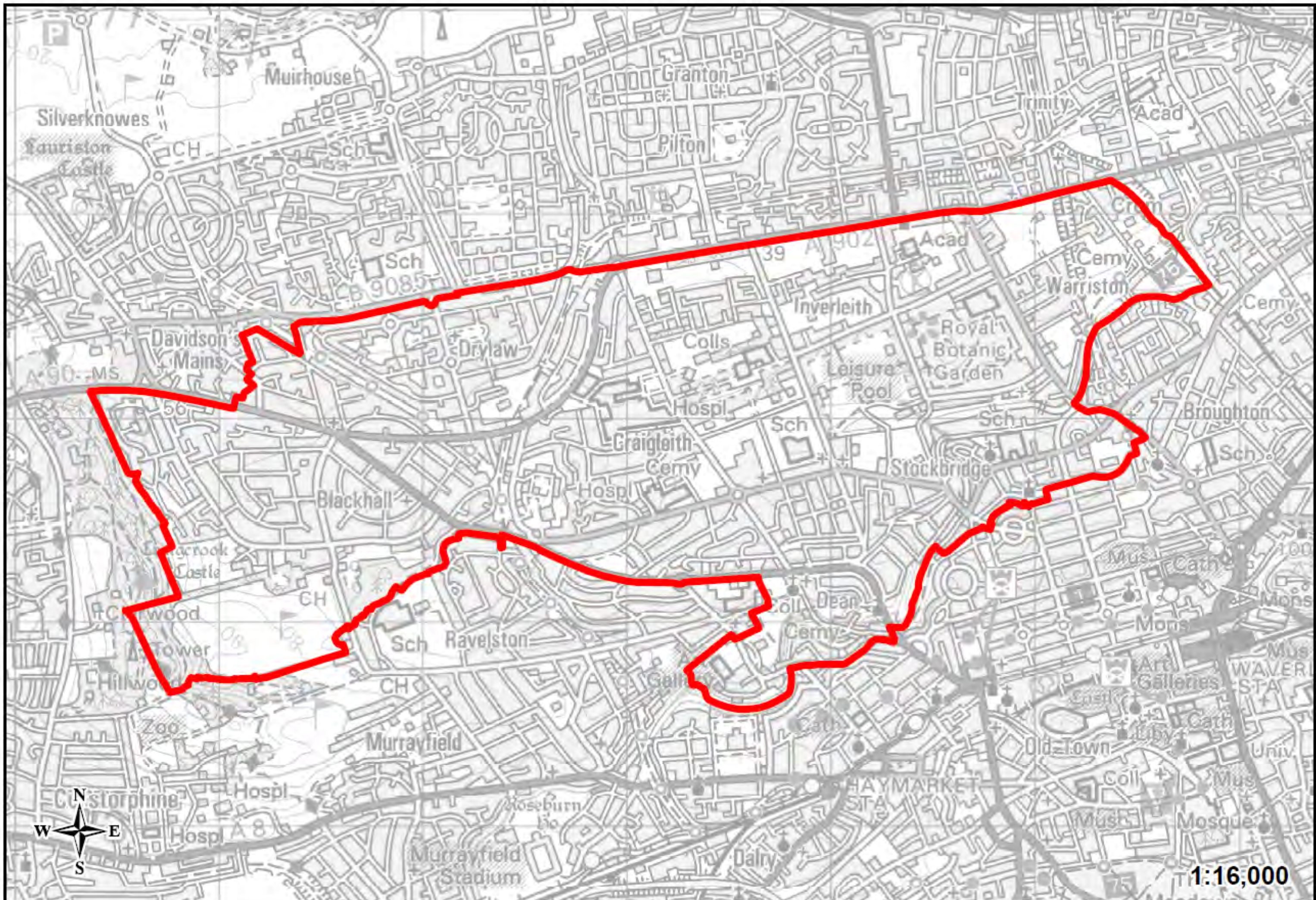
In line with NPF4 and related guidance, new Local Development Plans in Scotland need to be place-based, people-centred and delivery-focussed.

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
- The Western General Hospital is a key employer within the ward, and a significant healthcare provider - The housing stock is generally suited to the population regarding sizes of properties - Both town (Stockbridge) and local (Rodney Street/Canonmills) centres are situated in the ward in addition to significant commercial provision at Craigleith - There is good access to and provision of public transport along the Orchard Brae-Crewe Toll corridor in addition to areas nearer Ferry Road and the city centre - The North Edinburgh Path Network is a key active travel route(s) within the ward and the Water of Leith is an important natural and recreation corridor through the south-east of the ward - Open space provision within the ward is good and is enhanced by the presence of the Royal Botanic Garden. Open spaces are well distributed throughout Inverleith - Large areas of Council allotments are found at Inverleith Park and Warriston - The Galleries of Modern Art are important cultural destinations in Inverleith	- Heath facilities are not numerous within the ward and are not evenly dispersed but concentrated in eastern and western edges of the ward - The sustainability and energy efficiency of the housing stock is not optimised - Traffic levels and parking are highlighted as challenging and poorly managed - There is poor access to public transport near open spaces and in Stockbridge. Access to transport serving the hospital is also not considered sufficient - There is general concern about the quality of the environment with cleanliness and maintenance recurring responses from engagement - Community growing spaces are not evenly distributed across the ward, limiting access to food growing - Safety in outdoor public spaces is highlighted as a public concern - Cultural spaces are not numerous within the ward, and access to spaces is not evenly distributed
Implications	
- Opportunities to improve building sustainability and energy efficiency could be explored - The implication for employment and volunteering is that opportunities should be better advertised - Opportunities to enhance pedestrian interactions with roads and traffic could be explored e.g. 20mph speed restrictions and dedicated walking, wheeling and cycling spaces - Improved access to, quality and frequency of public transport could be considered - The enhancement of public open spaces regarding maintenance, vandalism and provision of public facilities could be explored and there is a public desire for increased greening and tree planting in the ward to support biodiversity - Explore increasing the range of local shops and community services such as libraries - There is interest in and support for an increased range of sport and activity facilities for children and young people	

Background

Inverleith Ward is primarily residential, interspersed with large green and open spaces.

Dean Village, Stockbridge and **Canonmills** are mixed residential areas with origins in villages beside the Water of Leith. These were later absorbed into the city which was followed by extensive 19th century development mostly of large terraces and villas around the original settlements, as well as tenement areas closer to the city centre. In 20th century lower-density housing was constructed further to the west.

Blackhall is a residential area dating from the inter-war period.

Drylaw and **Telford** are areas of mainly post-war public housing development.

Craigleith is a residential area dating from the inter-war period. alongside the Western General Hospital and the Craigleith Retail Park commercial centre.

Orchard Brae is an area of mixed-residential development, including bungalows and higher-density flatted blocks

Comely Bank is a residential area of higher-density 19th and 20th century tenement development.

Fettes is an area around the Fettes School and its associated gardens and playing fields, adjacent to mixed residential developments.

Inverleith is an area of primarily 19th century terrace and villa development interspersed around large open spaces.

Warriston is a primarily open space including Warriston Cemetery, with some interspersed residential development.

There is commercial activity in Stockbridge town centre, the local shopping centre at Rodney Street/Canonmills and a large commercial centre at Craigleith.

The connections to the North Edinburgh Path Network sit throughout the ward. The Water of Leith forms an important natural and recreational corridor through the south-east of the ward.

Ferry Road, historically a route from Leith to Queensferry, runs along the north of the ward. To the south, Queensferry Road is the main transport route going in the north-west direction.

Open spaces within the ward include school playing fields, sports clubs and Inverleith Park which contribute to the green character of this area. The Royal Botanic Garden, located in the ward, serves as an open space and cultural destination.

The Galleries of Modern Art are a cultural destination of importance for the city. The Western General Hospital is located within the ward serving Edinburgh and beyond and is a major employer.

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 5 - Inverleith

Legend

Other CEC Wards

Leisure / Sports Centres

PLACE

Shops Outwith Centres

Swimming Pools

Supermarkets

Bowling Greens

Post Offices

Tennis Courts

Cafes

Golf Courses

Public Toilets

Centres

Commercial Centres

Water Refill Locations

Town Centres

Schools

School Type

Local Centres

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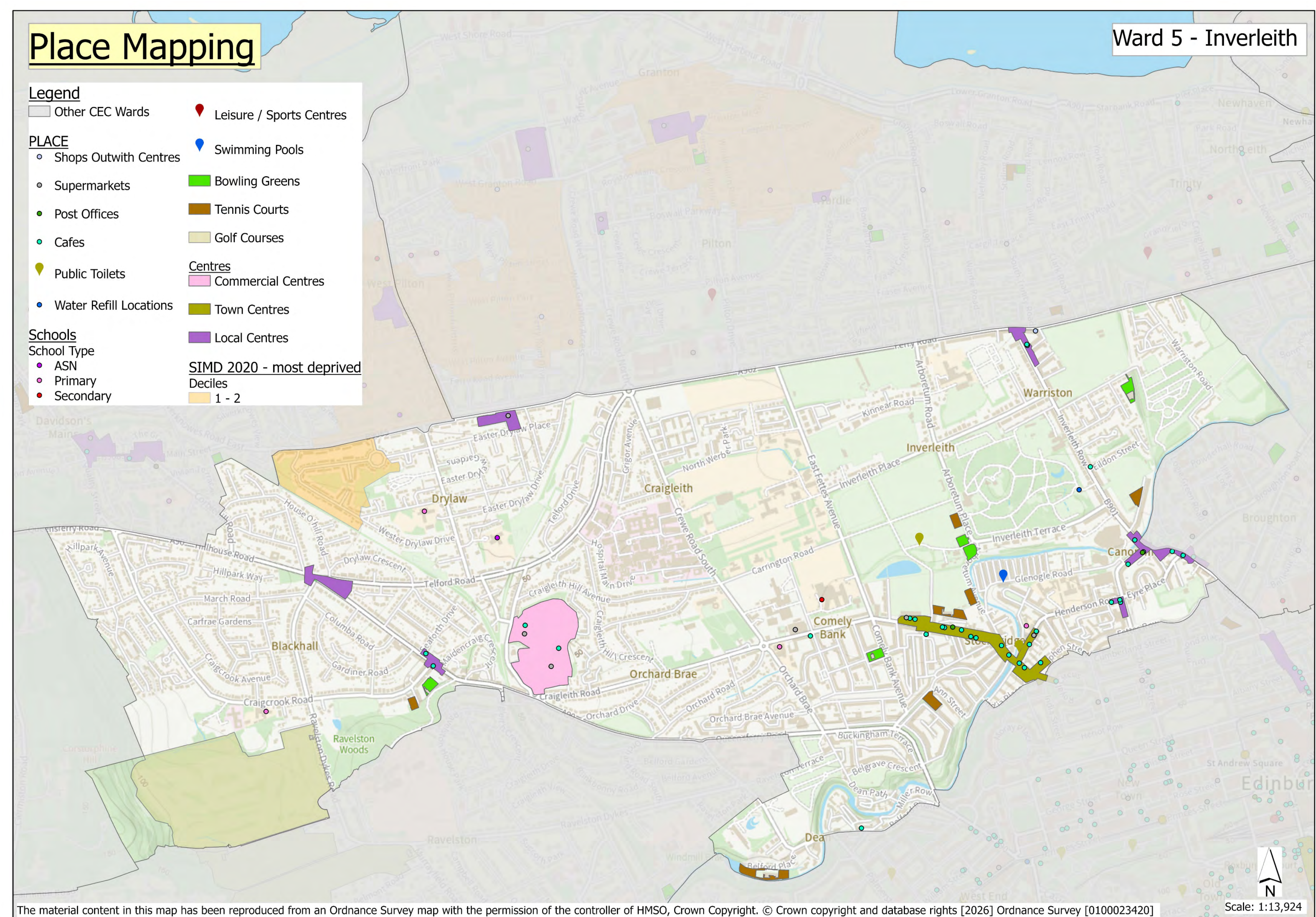
Deciles

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ASN

Primary

Secondary



Culture and Community Infrastructure

Ward 5 - Inverleith

Legend

Other CEC Wards

Cinemas

CULTURE

Museums

Libraries

Art Galleries

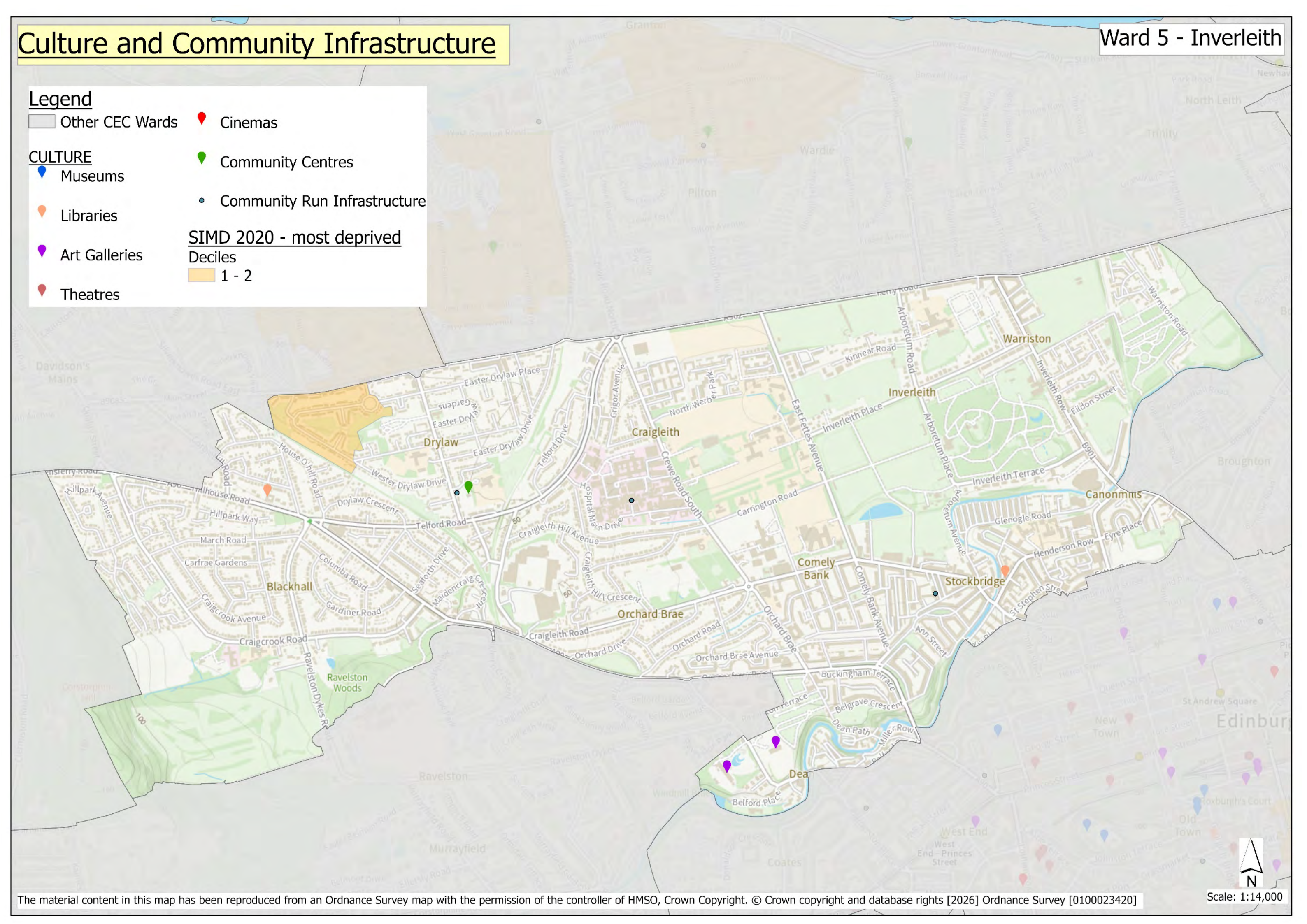
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Community Centres

Community Run Infrastructure

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Considerations

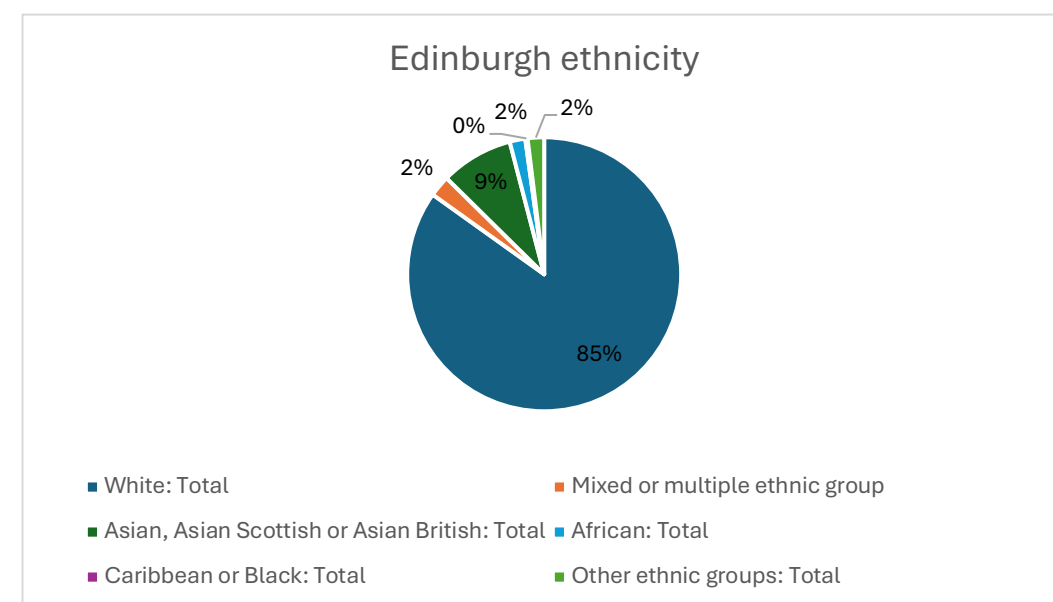
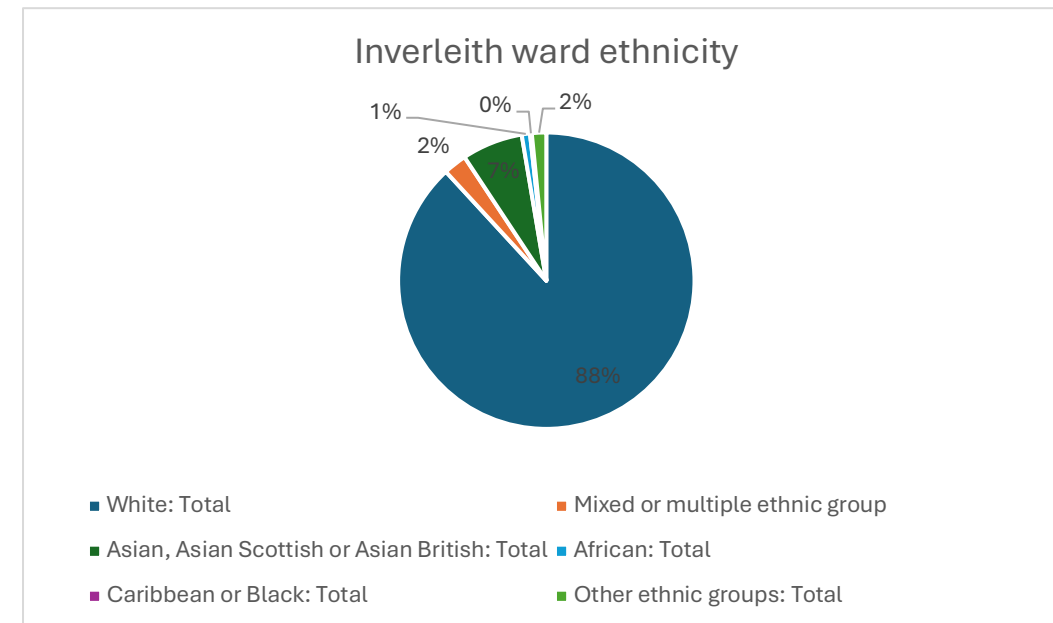
- Overall, cultural and community spaces are sparsely located around this ward, with some concentrations near Drylaw and Stockbridge.
- Engagement shows there are a lot of options for spaces to meet people but safety in outdoor public spaces can be an issue.
- Children and young people show support for a better range of sports and other activities.

People

Demographics

- The population of Inverleith is 30,357, which is **5.9%** of the Edinburgh total of 514,543.
- This population is housed in 14,873 households, which is **6.2%** of the Edinburgh total of 238,944 households.
- The following sites located within the ward boundary are allocated within the adopted City Plan 2030:
 - OPP32 Crewe Road South – 256 homes.
 - OPP33 Orchard Brae Avenue – 55 homes.
 - H16 Fettes Row – 349 homes.
 - H17 Eyre Place – 69 homes.
 - H18 Royston Terrace – 28 homes.
 - H31 Royal Victoria Hospital – 360 homes.
 - H34 Orchard Brae – 124 homes.
 - City Plan 2030 allocates a total 1,241 households which is a **8.3%** 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.
 - The expected rate of growth in this ward is approximately twice that of Edinburgh as a whole.
- The age breakdown of the ward is listed below:
 - The population aged 0-15 is 4,616 which is **15.2%** of the ward population compared to **14.58%** for the Edinburgh total.
 - The population aged 16-64 is 19,696 which is **64.9%** of the ward population compared to **69.5%** for the Edinburgh total.
 - The population aged 65+ is 6,040 which is **19.9%** 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 **88%** compared to **85%** for Edinburgh as a whole.
 - For the population recorded as not white, the largest groups represented are:
 - Mixed or Multiple Ethnic Group (774)
 - Chinese, Chinese Scottish or Chinese British (604)
 - Chinese, Chinese Scottish or Chinese British (573)



Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation

- SIMD mapping shows this as a ward with a predominately low level of deprivation. A very large portion of the ward is within the least deprived quintile in Scotland, contrasting with a part of Drylaw which is within the most deprived quintile in Scotland.

Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation

Ward 5 - Inverleith

Legend

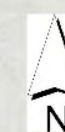
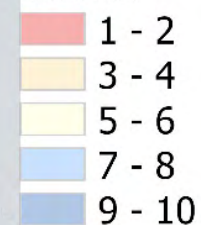
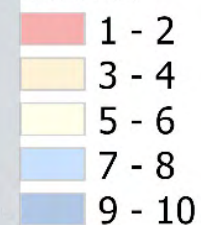
Other CEC Wards

Housing and Opportunity Proposals (H1-96)

SIMD 2020

Deciles

- 1 - 2
- 3 - 4
- 5 - 6
- 7 - 8
- 9 - 10



Scale: 1:14,006

Considerations

- The population is expected to grow slower than the Edinburgh average, with this growth concentrated in the Comely Bank/Orchard Brae area.
- The working age population is lower than the Edinburgh average, but the older population is higher than the Edinburgh average with child-age population approximately at the city average.
- This ward is somewhat less diverse than Edinburgh as a whole.
- Part of the ward is identified as being within the most 20% deprived in Scotland, entirely in Drylaw. This contrasts with the majority of the ward which has a low level of deprivation.
- Engagement in this ward show some overall concerns over traffic, parking and cleanliness/maintenance.

Health

Demographics

- **18.3%** of the ward population reported having a long-term illness or disease, compared to **18.1%** of the Edinburgh total.
- **9.1%** of the ward population reported having a long-term mental health condition, compared to **11.9%** of the Edinburgh total.
- **86%** 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 **12,919**, greater than the ward population of **30,357**. 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 4,679.1 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 **15.9%** 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, **27.12%** were overweight and **15.34%** 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, **32.81%** were overweight and **27.17%** 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 Blackhall – Male life expectancy was **83.1 years** and female life expectancy was **86 years**.
 - Broughton North & Powderhall – Male life expectancy was **83.1 years** and female life expectancy was **83.1 years**.
 - Comely Bank – Male life expectancy was **82.6 years** and female life expectancy was **88.9 years**.
 - Craighleith, Orchard Brae & Crewe Toll – Male life expectancy was **82 years** and female life expectancy was **86.3 years**.
 - Deans Village – Male life expectancy was **83.4 years** and female life expectancy was **85.1 years**.
 - Drylaw – Male life expectancy was **75.7 years** and female life expectancy was **80.5 years**.

- Inverleith, Goldenacre & Warriston – Male life expectancy was **81.2 years** and female life expectancy was **83.1 years**.
- Murrayfield & Ravelston – Male life expectancy was **83.7 years** and female life expectancy was **86 years**.
- New Town West – Male life expectancy was **83.5 years** and female life expectancy was **86.8 years**.
- Silverknowes & Davidson's Mains – Male life expectancy was **83.1 years** and female life expectancy was **86.5 years**.
- Stockbridge – Male life expectancy was **83.7 years** and female life expectancy was **85.8 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 takeaway uses are mainly found in local and town centres such as Stockbridge, Canonmills, Drylaw and Goldenacre. The locations at Drylaw are close to areas of higher deprivation.

Hot Food Takeaways

Ward 5 - Inverleith

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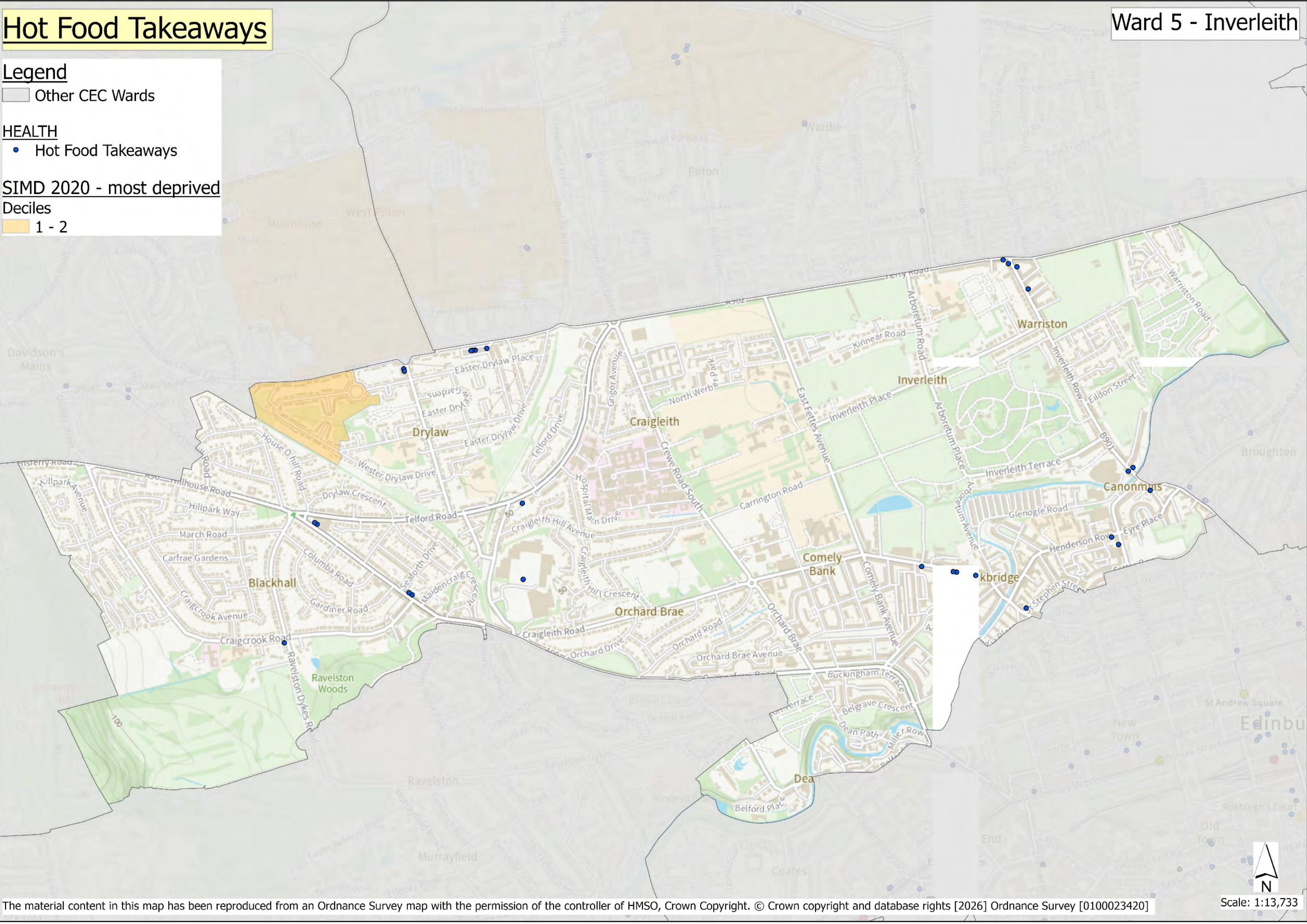
Other CEC Wards

HEALTH

- Hot Food Takeaways

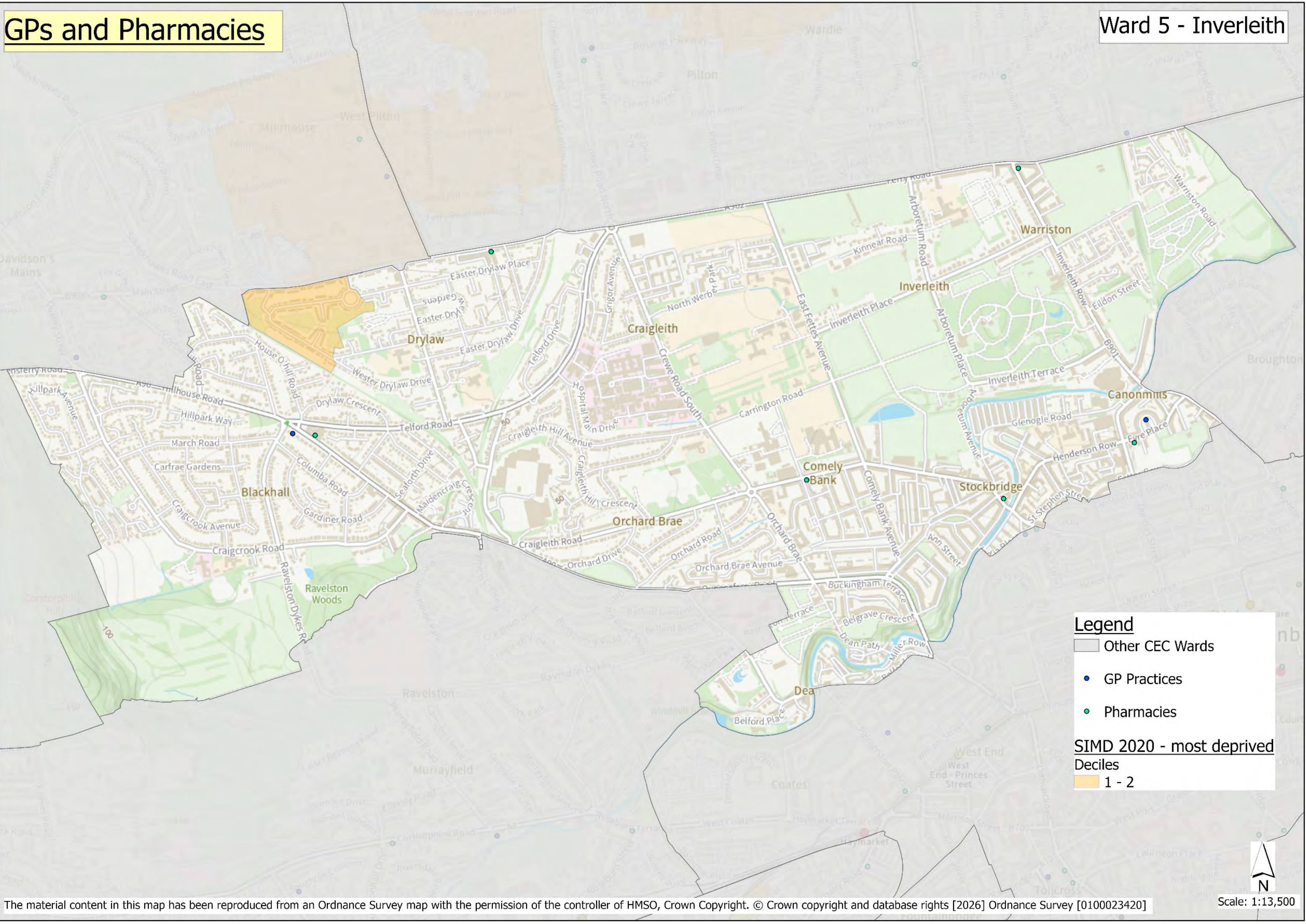
SIMD 2020 - most deprived Deciles

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GPs and Pharmacies

Ward 5 - Inverleith



Legend

- Other CEC Wards
- GP Practices
- Pharmacies

SIMD 2020 - most deprived Deciles

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Considerations

- The percentage of people who report being in good or very good health is above the Edinburgh average, with a similar percentage of people having a long-term illness/disease as 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 is sparse in this ward, reflecting a lower population density, with facilities concentrated in and adjacent to the south-east of the ward reflecting greater population density and access need. There is also some coverage to the east of the ward adjacent to key routes and within the Western General Hospital.
- Engagement shows that people are concerned about overall access and transport to hospitals.

Housing

Housing type and density

- 5,079 households live in houses, which is **34.1%** compared with **36.8%** of the Edinburgh total, while 9,790, which is **65.8%**, live in flats compared with **63.2%** of the Edinburgh total. One lives in a caravan or another mobile/temporary structure.
- Although the level of flatted accommodation is slightly higher on average than the Edinburgh total, mapping shows this to be concentrated in the east of the ward closer to the city centre and Leith. The west of the ward shows a greater percentage of households in individual houses where areas have been planned and built in this way.
- Population density reflects this pattern with denser areas concentrated close to the historic centres of Stockbridge and Canonmills where tenement and terraced housing is common, as well as other areas with more modern flatted developments.

Housing tenure and overcrowding

- The housing tenure breakdown of the ward is listed below:
 - **68.8%** households in the ward report their housing tenure as Owned, compared to **60.1%** for the Edinburgh total.
 - **6.7%** households in the ward report their housing tenure as Social Rented, compared to **15.7%** for the Edinburgh total.
 - **23.3%** 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 higher than the Edinburgh average, with fewer households in socially rented accommodation than the Edinburgh average and mapping shows this to be concentrated in the Drylaw area.
- The level of overcrowding as measured by census reporting of number of people within occupiable rooms per household is higher in Drylaw, where social rented accommodation is found, as well as parts of Stockbridge and Canonmills.

Density (Households per Hectare)

Ward 5 - Inverleith

Legend

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+



Scale: 1:15,000

Flats, Apartments and Maisonettes Percentage

Ward 5 - Inverleith

Legend

Other CEC Wards

Public Transport Stops

Type

- Bus
- Coach
- Rail
- Tram

Open Space

Centres

Commercial Centres

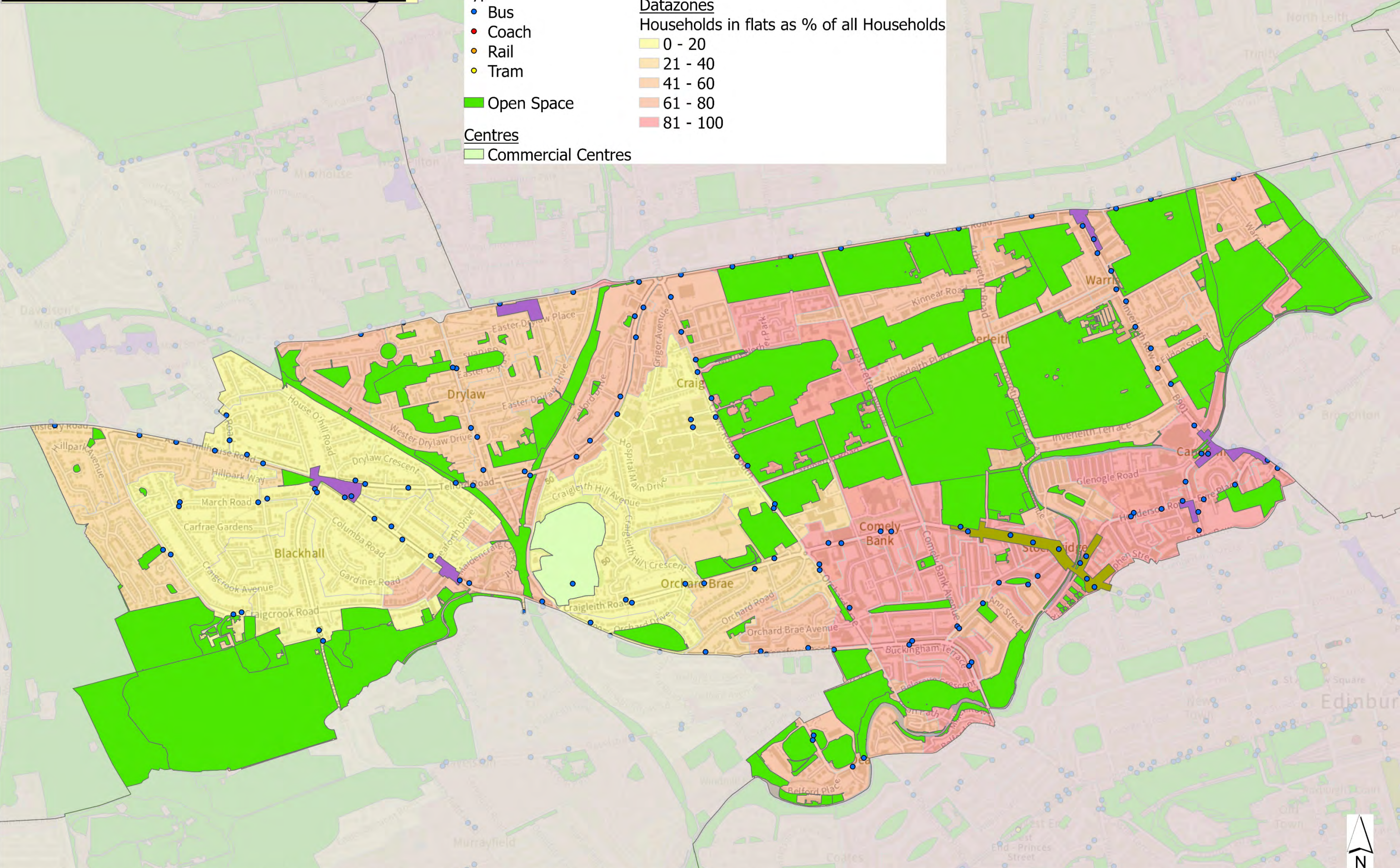
Town Centres

Local Centres

Datazones

Households in flats as % of all Households

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



Households in Social Accommodation Percentage

Ward 5 - Inverleith

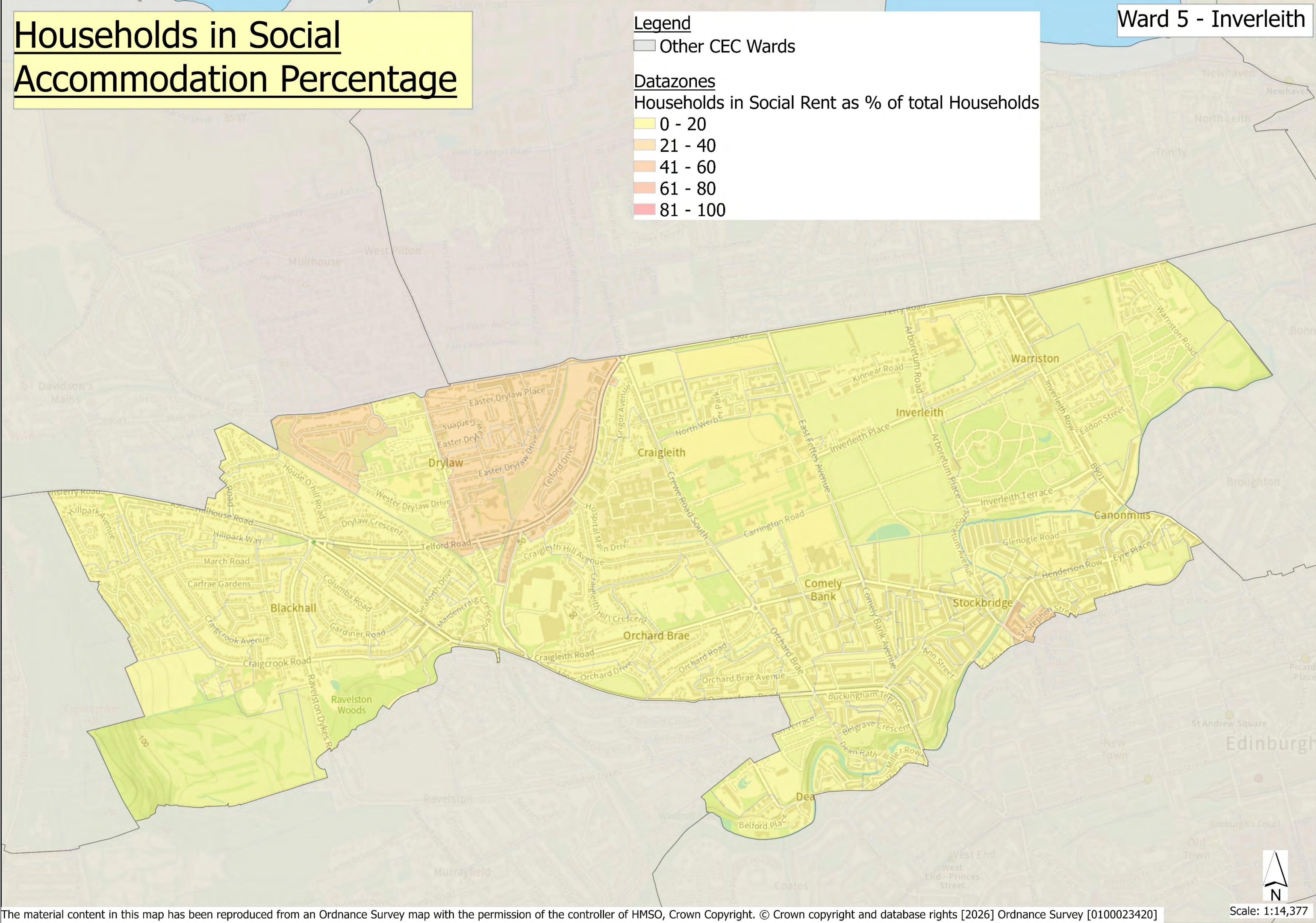
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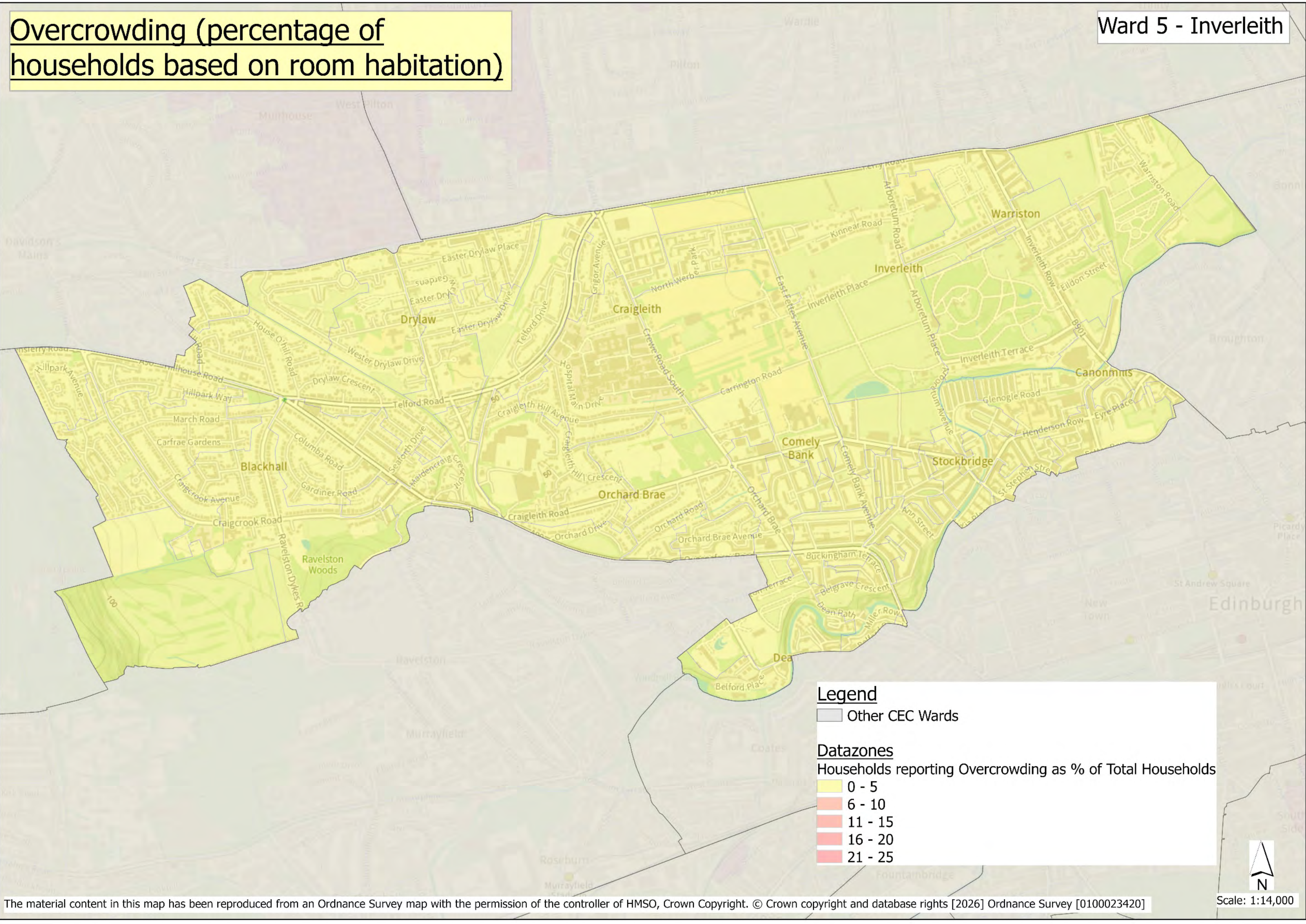
Households in Social Rent as % of total Households

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



Overcrowding (percentage of households based on room habitation)

Ward 5 - Inverleith



Considerations

- Flatted accommodation is concentrated in the denser areas of Stockbridge and Canonmills which are compact neighbourhoods close to public transport, green spaces, amenities, local and town centres and the city centre. Further development is expected close to Stockbridge and Comely Bank.
- Social housing is concentrated in Drylaw and this area is more likely to contain overcrowded accommodation.
- Place mapping shows that amenities located along the town and local centres of Stockbridge, Dundas Street and Canonmills tend to align with population density and transport access, forming part of compact neighbourhoods where mixed-uses and tenement/other flatted development are common. This urban form is relatively continuous and connects to adjacent wards, particularly the City Centre and Leith Walk. Other local and commercial centres can be found in Warriston, Drylaw, Blackhall and Craighleith. These areas provide a focus for local amenities and public transport access for the surrounding residential areas.
- Engagement shows that people are generally happy with their homes here but there is a need to improve sustainability and energy efficiency.
- It is felt there was a need for a better range of local shops and services and children and young people noted there is a lack of library access.

Economy

Demographics

- The occupation breakdown of the ward is listed below:
 - **12%** 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.
 - **37.6%** 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.
 - **17.4%** 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.
 - **7.9%** 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.
 - **5.7%** 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.
 - **5.3%** 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.
 - **5.1%** 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.
 - **2.7%** 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.
 - **6.3%** 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.:
 - **7.9%** of residents in the ward report their highest qualification level as No qualifications, compared to **9.7%** for the Edinburgh total.
 - **11.2%** of residents in the ward report their highest qualification level as Lower school qualifications, compared to **14.3%** for the Edinburgh total.
 - **8.3%** of residents in the ward report their highest qualification level as Upper school qualifications, compared to **4.4%** for the Edinburgh total.
 - **3.4%** of residents in the ward report their highest qualification level as Apprenticeship qualifications, compared to **4.4%** for the Edinburgh total.

- **7.4%** 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.
- **61.9%** 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 5 - Inverleith

Legend

Other CEC Wards

Public Transport Stops

Type

- Bus
- Coach
- Rail
- Tram

Economy

Largest Businesses - By parking space total

Strategic Business Centres

Business and Industry Areas

Areas of Economic Importance

Commercial Centres

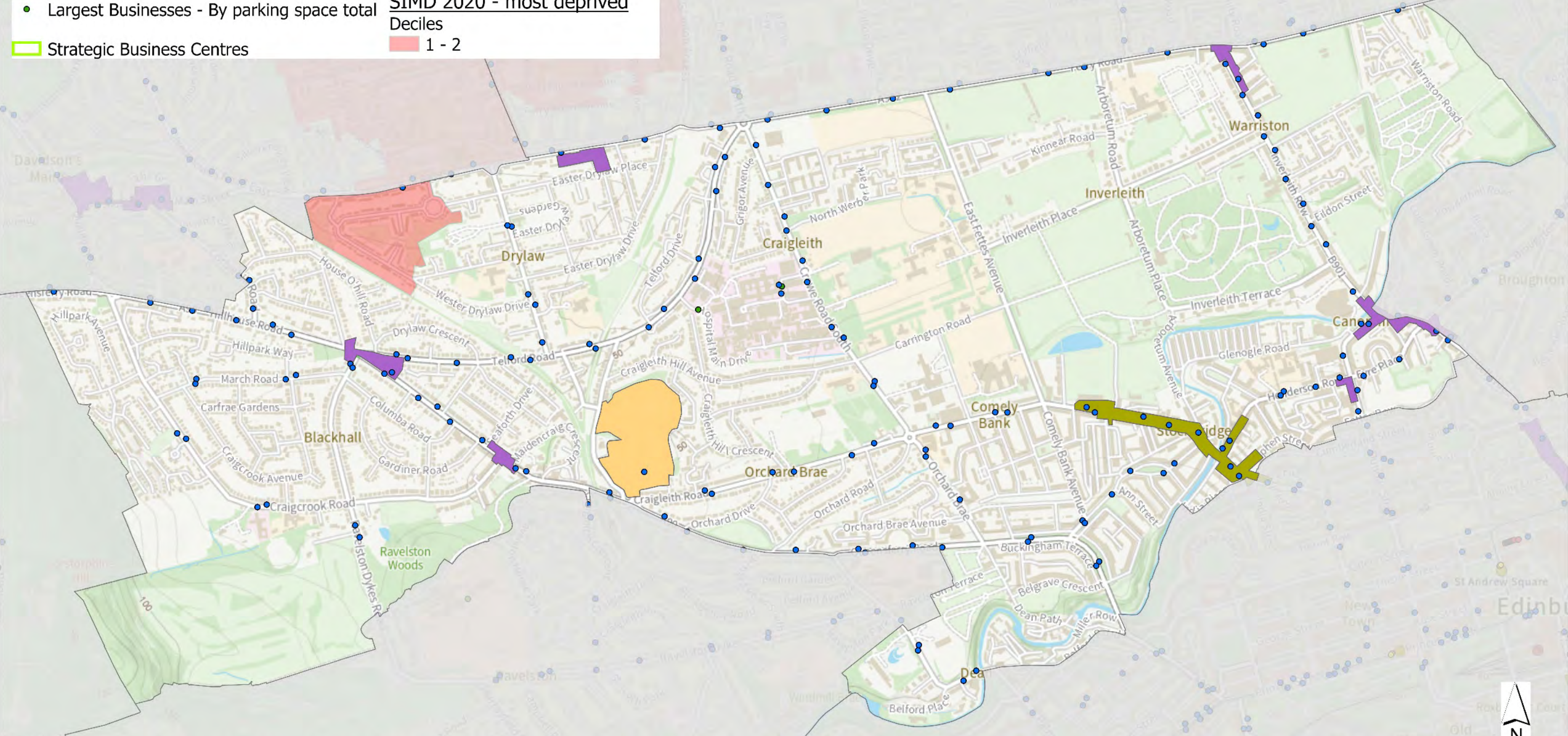
Town Centres

Local Centres

SIMD 2020 - most deprived

Deciles

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Considerations

- There are no designated Business and Industry areas in the ward, although the Western General Hospital is a significant anchor institution and employer. There are a number of local, town and commercial centres dispersed through the ward and the southern portion of the ward is adjacent or close to the city centre.
- People feel that there was a need for better advertising of volunteering opportunities and that access to childcare would enable more people to work.

Transport

Demographics

- The breakdown of the primary method of travel to work is listed below.:
 - **41.5%** of the working population report mainly working from or at home, compared to **39%** of the Edinburgh total.
 - **21.6%** of the working population report driving a car or van, compared to **25.1%** of the Edinburgh total.
 - **11.4%** 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.
 - **3.9%** of the working population report travelling by bike, compared to **3.8%** of the Edinburgh total.
 - **18.2%** of the working population report travelling on foot, compared to **12%** of the Edinburgh total.
- **67.9%** 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 around Drylaw, Comely Bank, Stockbridge and Canonmills, aligning with population density, public transport access and areas of higher deprivation.
- Use of cars for driving to work is broadly higher in the western part of the ward which is further from the city centre and lower in population density with a fewer people having no access to a car or van.

Public Transport

- Public Transport Accessibility Levels (PTAL) is 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.
- Good access is concentrated along the Orchard Brae-Crewe Toll corridor, as well as the busy Ferry Road corridor and the south-east of the ward adjacent to the city centre.
- Poor access is concentrated in areas of the ward with lower population density, like the west of the ward, or close to the large green and open spaces which are dispersed around the ward. There is an area of poor access in Stockbridge Town Centre despite this being an area of higher population density and amenity.
- Consultation has recently been completed on options for a new tram line from Granton to BioQuarter, passing through this ward, which will increase access in the parts of the ward adjacent to the route.

Active travel

- Key active travel paths can be found in the shared-use North Edinburgh Path Network which provides access through and outwith the ward.
- The City Mobility Plan has identified projects in Fettes and Orchard Brae which will reduce vehicle dominance, increase space for active travel and improve pedestrian access and sense of place in these areas. A new shared-use path has been proposed on the route of the Powderhall Railway connecting this ward to Leith Walk and on to Meadowbank.

Households with no car or van access percentage

Ward 5 - Inverleith

Legend

Other CEC Wards

Datatypes

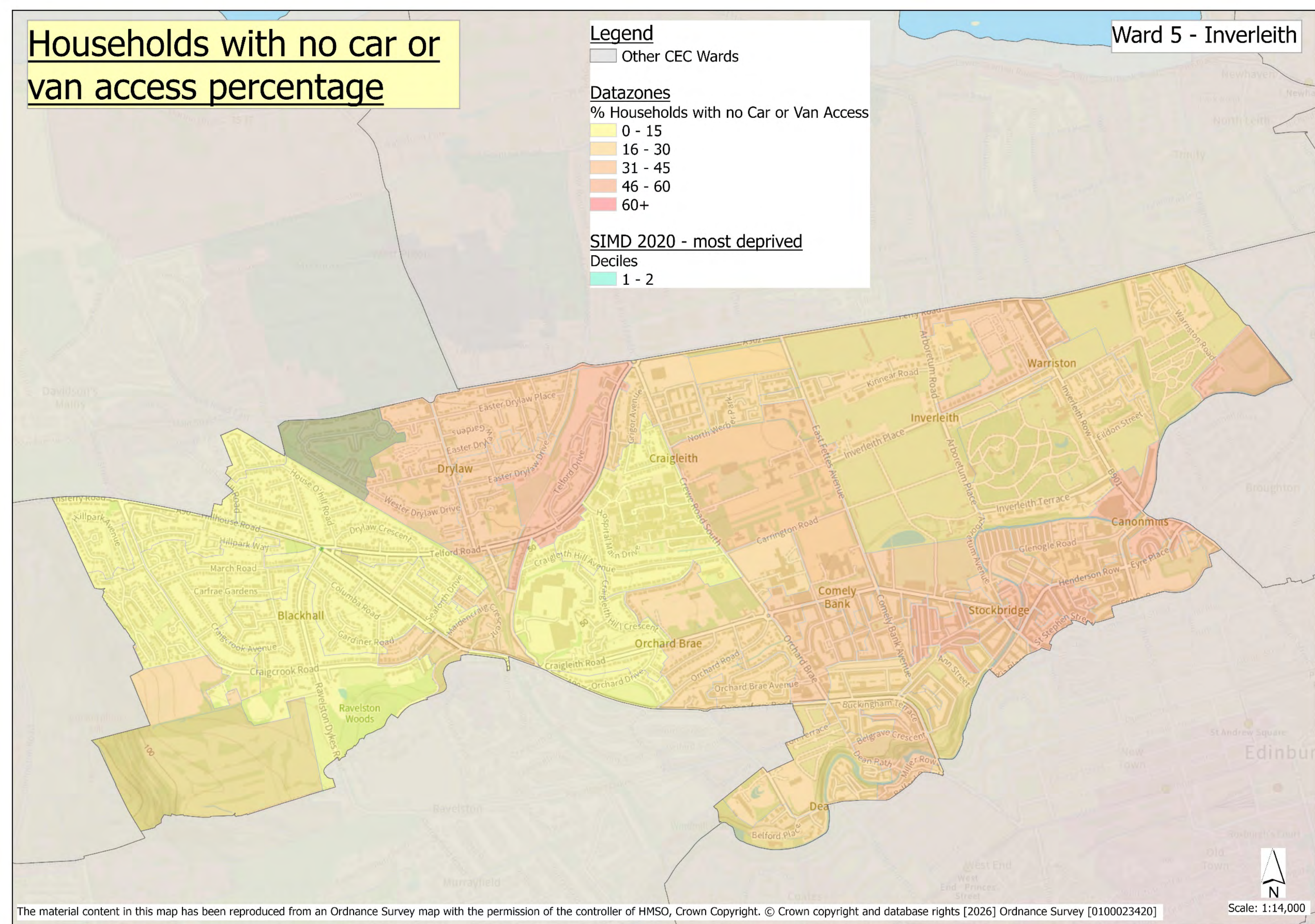
% Households with no Car or Van Access

- 0 - 15
- 16 - 30
- 31 - 45
- 46 - 60
- 60+

SIMD 2020 - most deprived

Deciles

- 1 - 2



Driving a car or van to work percentage

Ward 5 - Inverleith

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Other CEC Wards

Datazones

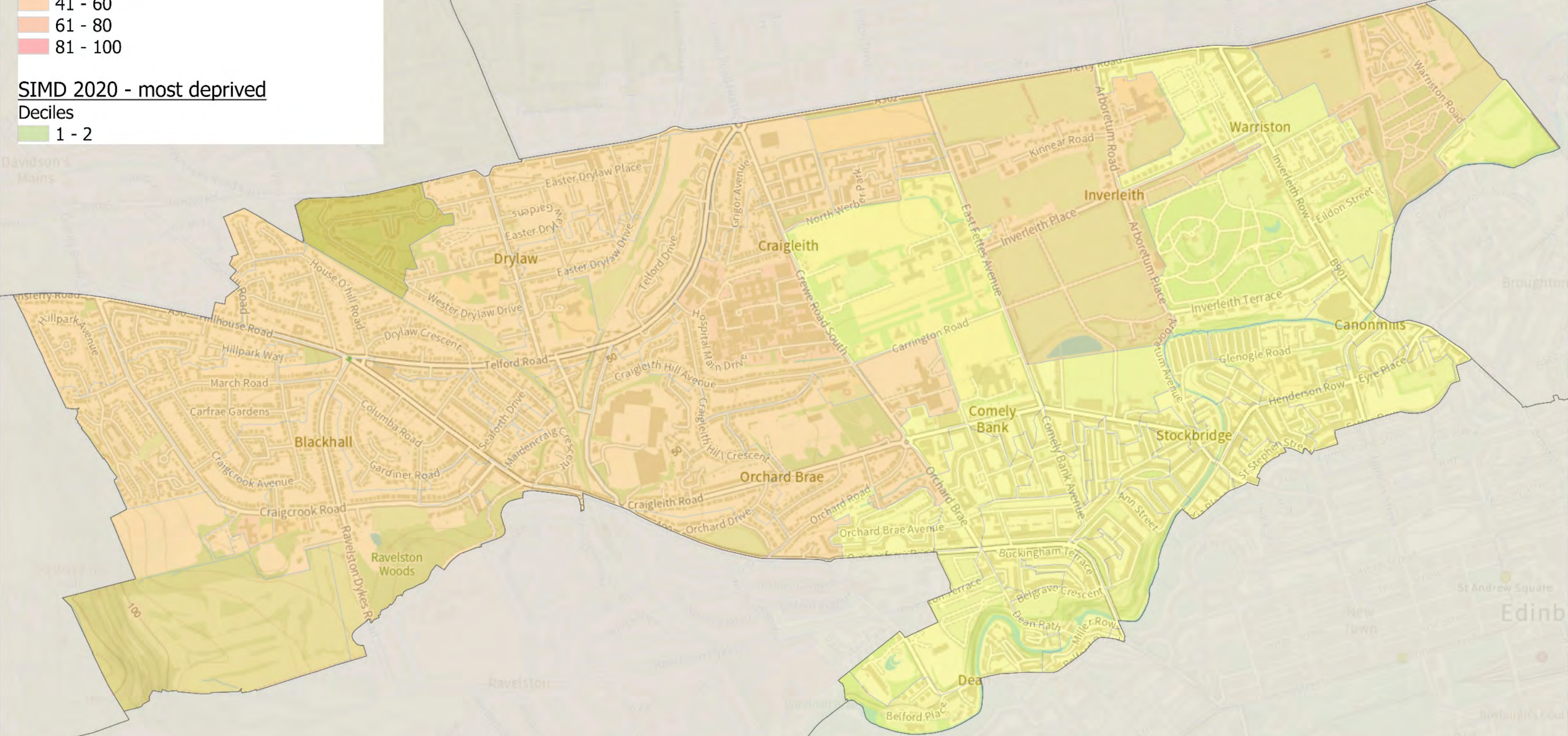
% of people using Car or Van to drive to work

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

SIMD 2020 - most deprived

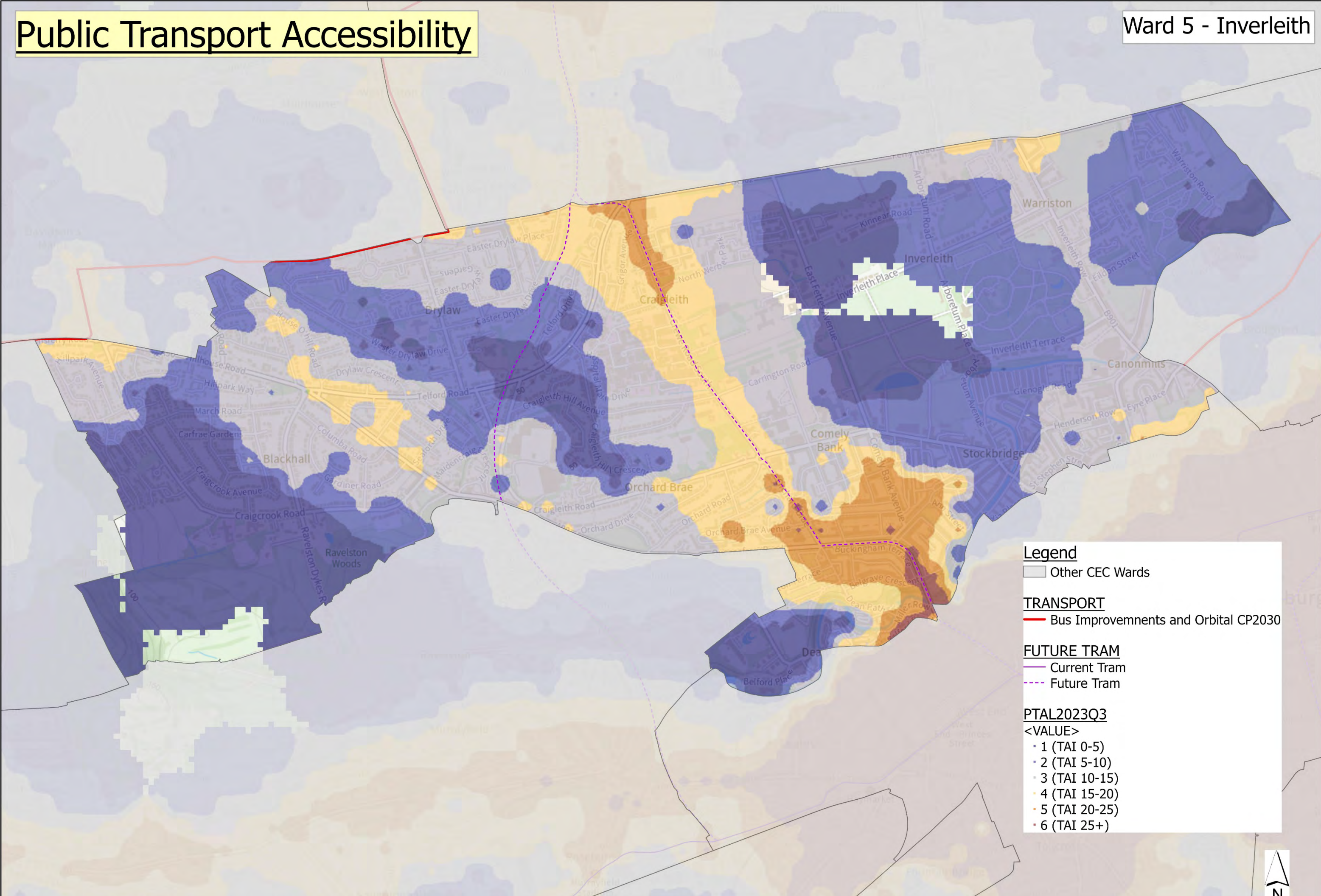
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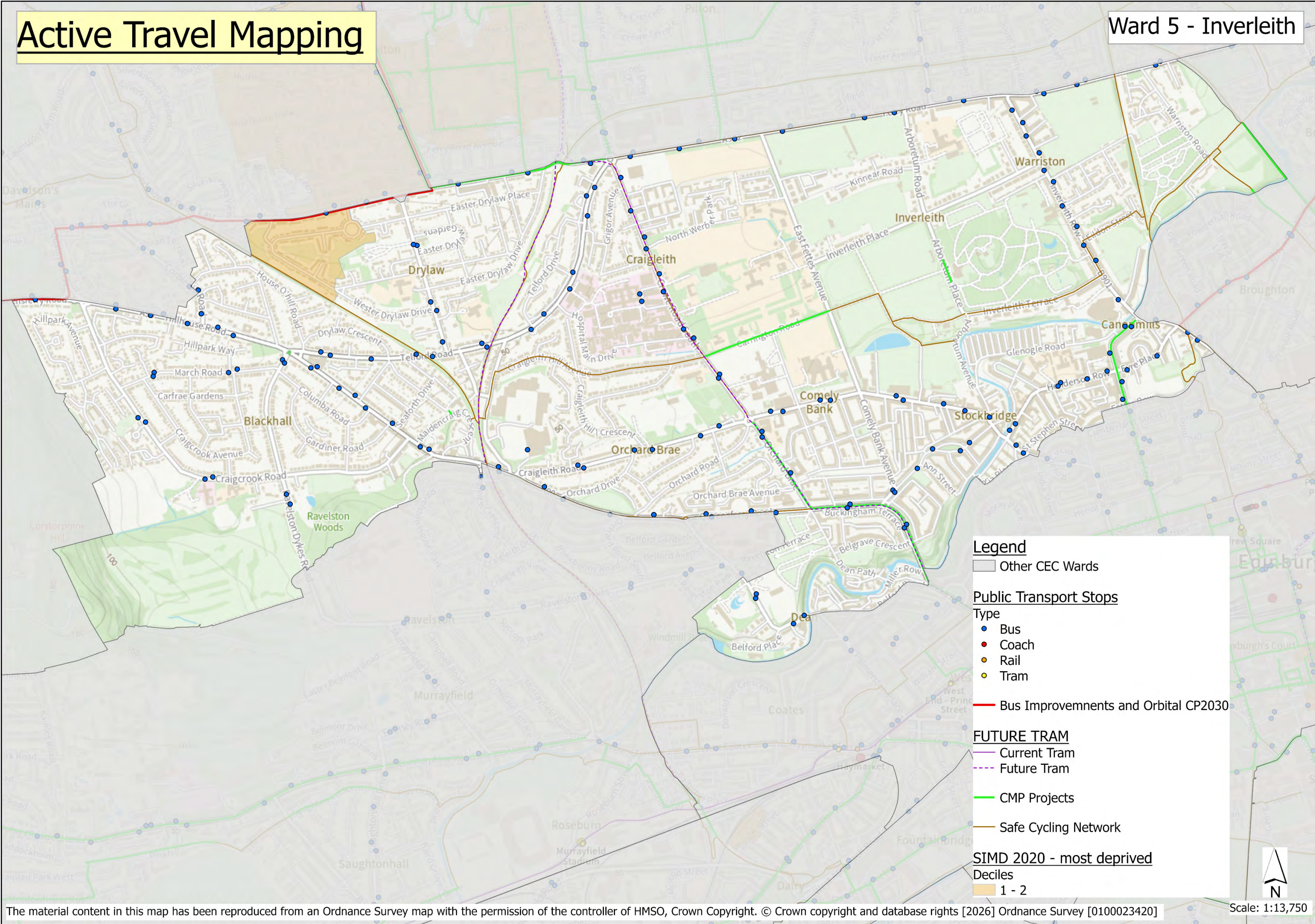
Public Transport Accessibility

Ward 5 - Inverleith



Active Travel Mapping

Ward 5 - Inverleith



Considerations

- A lower percentage of people report driving to work than the Edinburgh average, whilst the level of walking is reported as higher.
- Areas of lower of access to a car or van broadly line up with areas of higher deprivation as well as the eastern part of the ward which has a higher average population density.
- Public transport access is concentrated in the central part of the ward, along the Orchard Brae-Crewe Toll corridor, with gaps in access where large green and open spaces are interspersed around the ward as well as close to Stockbridge Town Centre which has relatively low access.
- City Mobility Plan improvements are proposed to be brought forward primarily in Fettes and Orchard Brae where they will expand and link to existing routes.
- The proposed Edinburgh tram expansion is likely to pass through this ward. Although timescales and the exact final route are not yet known, if it follows the existing route safeguard then this will improve overall access in the western part of the ward close to Craighleith and the Western General Hospital.
- Engagement shows that people are generally supportive of more walking and cycling space, better bus services with expanded hours and better enforcement of the 20mph speed limits.

Environment

Green blue network and biodiversity

- Open spaces are well dispersed throughout the ward.
- This ward is well served by the Green blue network here compared to other parts of the city, with the North Edinburgh Path Network and the Water of Leith forming corridors for open space access, active travel and habitat connecting across the ward to other parts of the city and incorporating adjacent green and open spaces.
- Improvements are proposed at Inverleith Park as part of a City Plan 2030 Green Blue Network proposal, connecting into the wider network.

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 found in Inverleith Park, Warriston and near the Galleries of Modern Art, however these are relatively large allotments areas compared with others in the city. Community growing spaces are rare with only three across the ward and only one located in the area of Drylaw which has a higher level of deprivation. No community growing spaces can be found in the comparatively dense parts of Stockbridge and Canonmills where there is a higher level of flatted accommodation.

Open, Natural, and Play Spaces

Ward 5 - Inverleith

Legend

Other CEC Wards

ENVIRONMENT

Green Blue Network Proposal

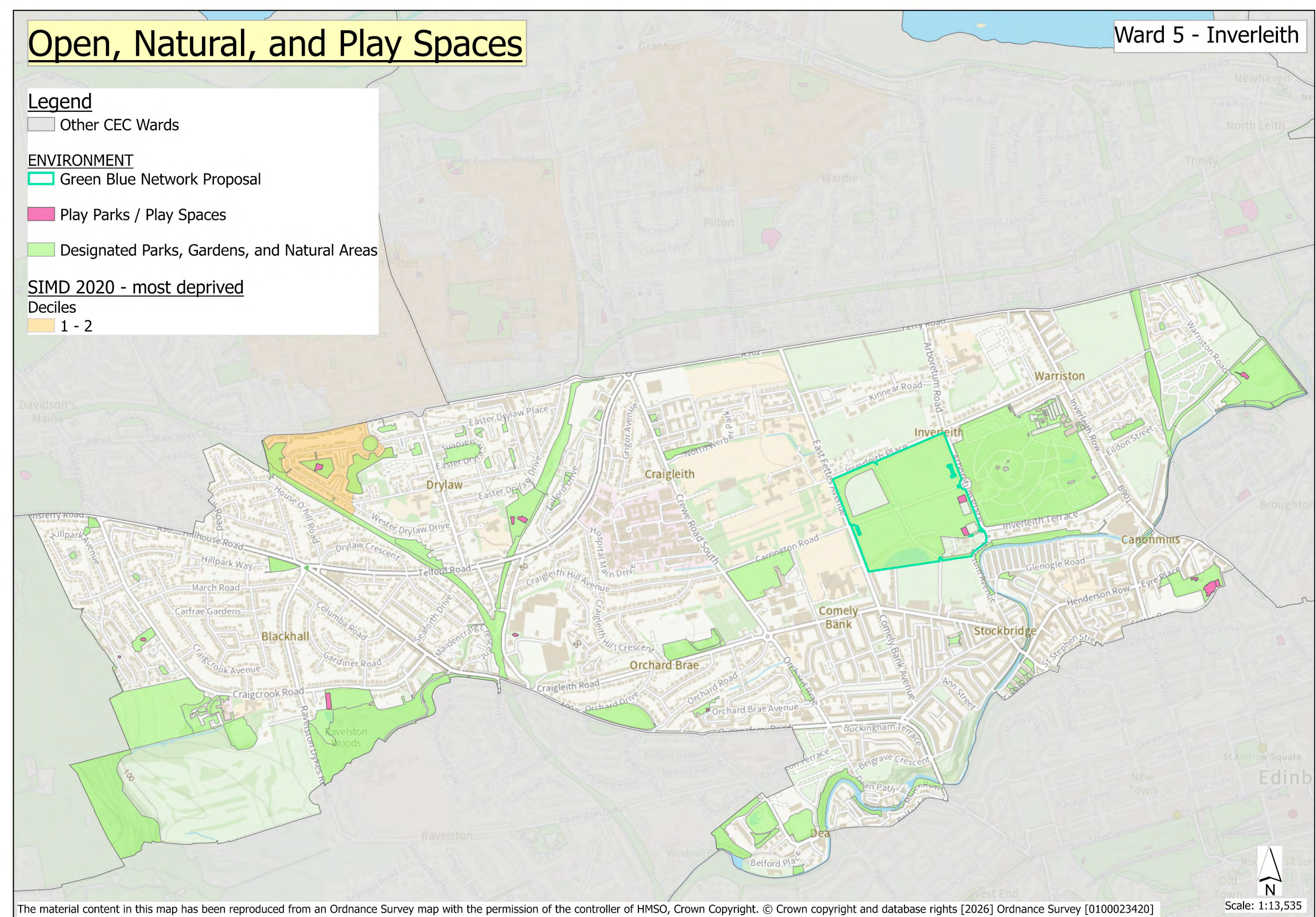
Play Parks / Play Spaces

Designated Parks, Gardens, and Natural Areas

SIMD 2020 - most deprived

Deciles

1 - 2



Scale: 1:13,535

Strategic Blue Green Network

Ward 5 - Inverleith

Legend

Other CEC Wards

Wetland Network

ENVIRONMENT

Green Blue Network Proposal

Blue Network

Blue Opportunity Areas

Key River Corridor

OS Rivers

Waterbodies

Tidal Water

Wetland

Wetland HotSpot

Biodiversity Network

Protected Habitats

GBN Ranking Biodiversity Point data

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Low

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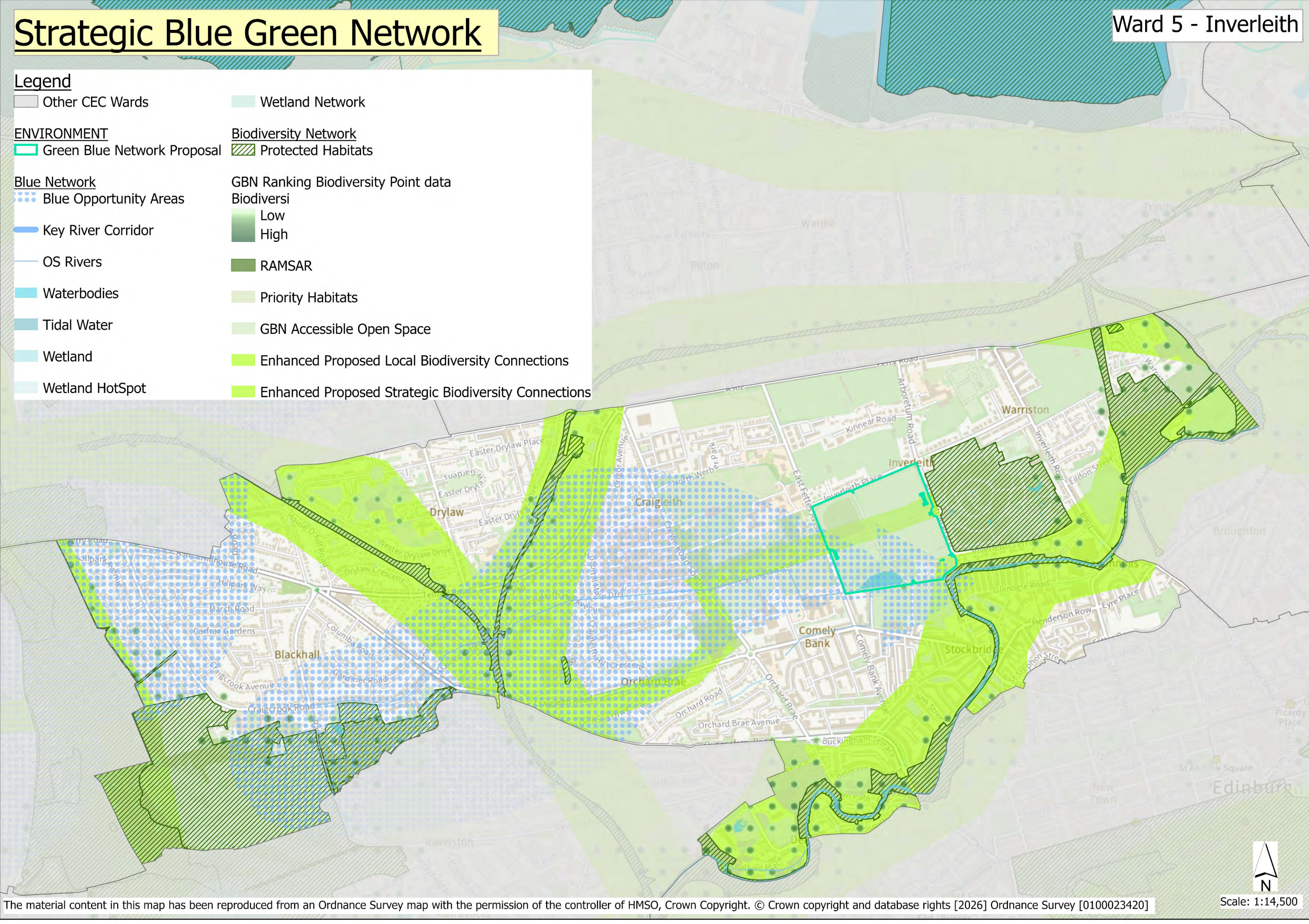
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Priority Habitats

GBN Accessible Open Space

Enhanced Proposed Local Biodiversity Connections

Enhanced Proposed Strategic Biodiversity Connections



Growing Spaces

Ward 5 - Inverleith

Legend

Other CEC Wards

ENVIRONMENT

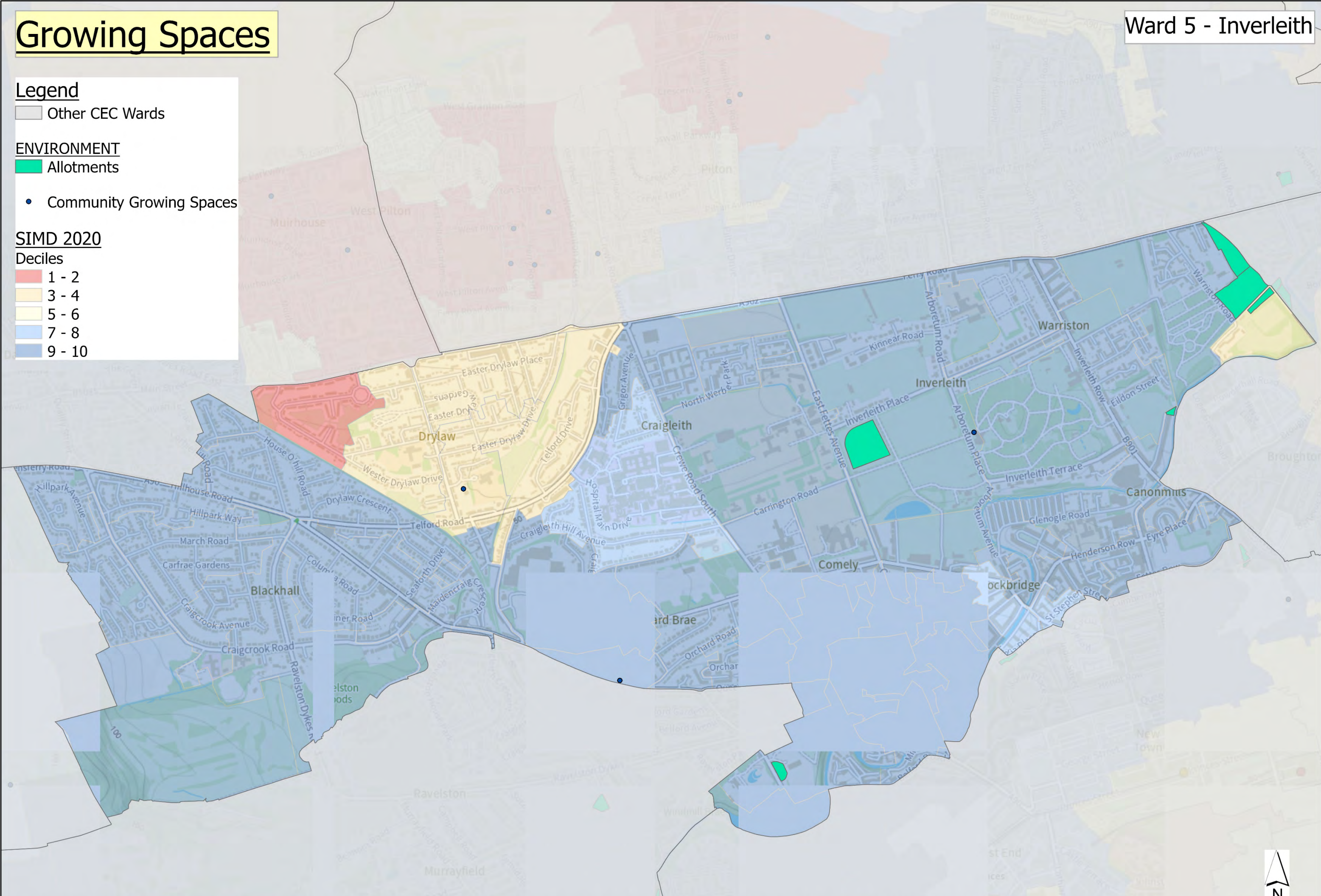
Allotments

Community Growing Spaces

SIMD 2020

Deciles

1 - 2
3 - 4
5 - 6
7 - 8
9 - 10



Considerations

- The ward is well served by the green blue network compared to other parts of the city, with a number of green corridors connecting to open and green spaces in the ward.
- Opportunities for food growing are relatively limited, with most space located on a few large allotment sites. There are few community growing spaces here compared to other wards.
- Engagement with children and young people highlighted Inverleith Park and George V Park as popular local parks, and that cleanliness/maintenance and the range of activities for different age groups are important issues affecting which places are seen as positive.
- General engagement in this ward has highlighted further concerns around vandalism, lack of public toilets and some play equipment being removed and not replaced. It is also felt there is a need for more nature/greenery in general.

Appendix

This report details the consultation and engagement information utilised when creating the Inverleith 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 89 responses were received for the Inverleith Ward. Out of these, 12 were from public at large and 77 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?

- 3 Very happy
- 6 Happy
- 0 Neutral
- 1 Unhappy
- 0 Very unhappy

If you could change one thing, comments

- Own garden/house not flat.
- Own place.

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

- 2 Very good
- 6 Good
- 1 Neutral
- 0 Bad
- 1 Terrible

Homes in the area, comments

- **Good:** Good quality housing with lots of green spaces around.
- **Bad/change:** Better insulated/more energy efficient and sustainable.

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

- 6 Very good
- 3 Good
- 1 Neutral
- 0 Bad
- 0 Terrible

Shops and services, comments

- **Good:** Shops nearby however not big selection.
- **Bad/change:** Bigger variety of shops in the area.

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

- 4 Yes
- 5 No
- 0 Don't know

What there is too much of, comments

- Fast food/takeaways.

Children and Young People

Are you happy with your home (the building)?

- 56 Yes
- 20 It's OK
- 1 It's not good
- 0 It's bad

If you could change one thing, comments

- Having my own garden
- Having a house, not a flat

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

- 2 Too many
- 63 Right amount
- 12 Not enough
- 0 None

Shops and things, comments

- Local library is missing, there are too many cafes

Health

Public at large

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

- 4 Very good
- 5 Good
- 1 Neutral
- 0 Bad
- 0 Terrible

Healthcare facilities, comments

- **Good:** Good availability and good accessibility of GPs. Pharmacies.
- **Bad/change:** Better access/transport to hospitals. More funding.

New Granton Waterfront Primary School (2024): Embeds play, physical activity, and outdoor learning to support children’s wellbeing.

Transport

Public at large

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

- 4 Very easy
- 4 Easy
- 1 Neutral
- 1 Difficult
- 0 Very difficult

Walk, wheeling, cycling, comments

- **Good:** Good walking routes and cycle paths/lanes.
- **Bad/change:** More space for walk/cycle. Keep Roseburn Path as is.

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

- 5 Very easy
- 4 Easy
- 1 Neutral
- 0 Difficult
- 0 Very difficult

Public transport, comments

- **Good:** Good bus service. Bus stops nearby.
- **Bad/change:** Improvement to bus service – quicker travel, expanded hours.

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

- 2 Very happy
- 2 Happy
- 3 Neutral
- 3 Unhappy
- 0 Very unhappy

Traffic and parking comments

- **Good:** Parking restrictions are positive. Mix of free and permit parking.
- **Bad/change:** Enforcement of 20 mph speed limit. Investment into cycle infrastructure/public transport.

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?

- Prefer to travel by public transport/ car, too far/ takes too long and bad weather stops me.

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?

- Prefer to go by car instead, not always on time and it 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?

- 30 Yes
- 6 No
- 26 Don't know
- 11 Don't care

Economy

Public at large

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

- 3 Very good
- 2 Good
- 4 Neutral
- 0 Bad
- 0 Terrible

Work, volunteering and training, comments

- **Good:** Volunteering opportunities in the area, some report work opportunities in the area too.
- **Bad/change:** Advertisement of volunteering. Improvement in childcare to allow parents to work.

Culture

Public at large

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

- 4 Very good
- 5 Good
- 0 Neutral
- 1 Bad
- 0 Terrible

Spaces to meet people, comments

- **Good:** Lots of green spaces. Cafes, etc in the area.
- **Bad/change:** Improve safety for outdoor spaces.

How is the community space in your area?

- 2 Very good
- 2 Good
- 4 Neutral
- 1 Bad
- 0 Terrible

Community spaces, comments

- **Good:** Most not sure/don't know.
- **Bad/change:** Not sure/don't know. More community spaces.

New Granton Waterfront Primary School (2024)

- Positions the school as a community learning and recreation hub.

Children and Young People

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

- Friend's house, parks & greenspaces near my home and formal sports areas (football pitches, basketball, tennis courts). Overall a large number of responses which indicates many options in this area.

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

- 30 There are plenty
- 27 There are a few
- 6 There are some, but I do not like them
- 1 Yes, but they cost too much
- 8 None that I know about

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

- More/better range of sports
- Other options such as art, creativity

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

- 46 Yes
- 18 Sometimes
- 7 No
- 2 Don't know

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

- 5 Often
- 34 Sometimes
- 25 Very rarely
- 10 Never

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

Boring/not interested, didn't know they were free and no one to take me.

Environment

Public at large

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

- 5 Very happy
- 4 Happy
- 1 Neutral
- 0 Unhappy
- 0 Very unhappy

Open and natural spaces, comments

- **Good:** Great availability and great quality green spaces.
- **Bad/change:** More trees/wildlife. Protection of trees / wildlife. Cleaner.

What is the access to growing spaces like now?

- 0 Very happy
- 1 Happy
- 8 Neutral
- 1 Unhappy
- 0 Very unhappy

Growing spaces, comments

- **Good:** N/A. Some in the area.
- **Bad/change:** Waiting list is too long.

Climate change, comments

- Flooding/drainage.

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.?

- 2 Very happy
- 6 Happy
- 1 Neutral
- 1 Unhappy
- 0 Very unhappy

Ball game spaces, comments

- **Good:** Good access and good variety within reasonable distance.
- **Bad/change:** Public toilets. Vandalism.

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?

- 1 Very happy
- 4 Happy
- 2 Neutral
- 2 Unhappy
- 0 Very unhappy

Outdoor play spaces, comments

- **Good:** Some in the area.
- **Bad/change:** Slide removed and not replaced in Kind George V Park. Better equipment for play.

New Granton Waterfront Primary School (2024)

- Incorporates sustainable design, landscape planting, and biodiversity-friendly grounds.
- Promotes green routes to school and outdoor learning linking environment and education.

Children and Young People

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

- 21 Almost every day
- 27 A few days a week
- 9 Once a week
- 19 Rarely
- 1 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
- 43 There are a few
- 7 No, there aren't enough
- 1 No, there aren't any

What is your favourite park or greenspace in Edinburgh?

- Inverleith Park
- George V Park

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

It is fun, close to home/easy to get to and can play football and ball games. Many options had a lot of responses here indicating that respondents had a wide range of potential things.

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

- Bad weather/too dark in winter, places are dirty/have broken equipment and hard to organise meeting up with friends.

How could the places where you hang out be better?

- More/better equipment for their age group
- Cleaner, better maintained

Are the outdoor spaces you go to clean?

- 2 Very clean
- 22 Clean
- 40 OK
- 8 Dirty
- 4 Very Dirty

Outdoor play equipment

- 26 In good condition
- 11 Needs fixing
- 10 Needs cleaned/painted
- 16 Needs replacing
- 10 There is not enough or any play equipment

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

- 47 I always feel safe
- 29 I sometimes feel safe
- 0 I never feel safe

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

- Concerns of safety at night/in dark
- Antisocial behaviour/unsafe people

How close are you with nature?

- 7 7 (closest to nature)
- 13 6
- 18 5
- 18 4
- 12 3
- 7 2
- 1 1 (furthest away from nature)

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

- Cleaning/less litter
- More planting/greenery

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

- Some concern over impact of heatwaves, pollution from cars
- Other concern mainly on local impact of litter/rubbish

Place

Public at large

How happy are you with your area?

- 4 Very happy
- 5 Happy
- 0 Neutral
- 0 Unhappy
- 0 Very unhappy

What would you change, comments

- Parking/traffic.

Any other comments

- Better maintenance of area – roads/cleanliness.

New Granton Waterfront Primary School (2024)

- Involved parents, carers, teachers, and children in design feedback.
- Stressed need for safe routes, inclusive design, and outdoor play opportunities.

Children and Young People

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

- More/better equipment
- Support for those less privileged

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