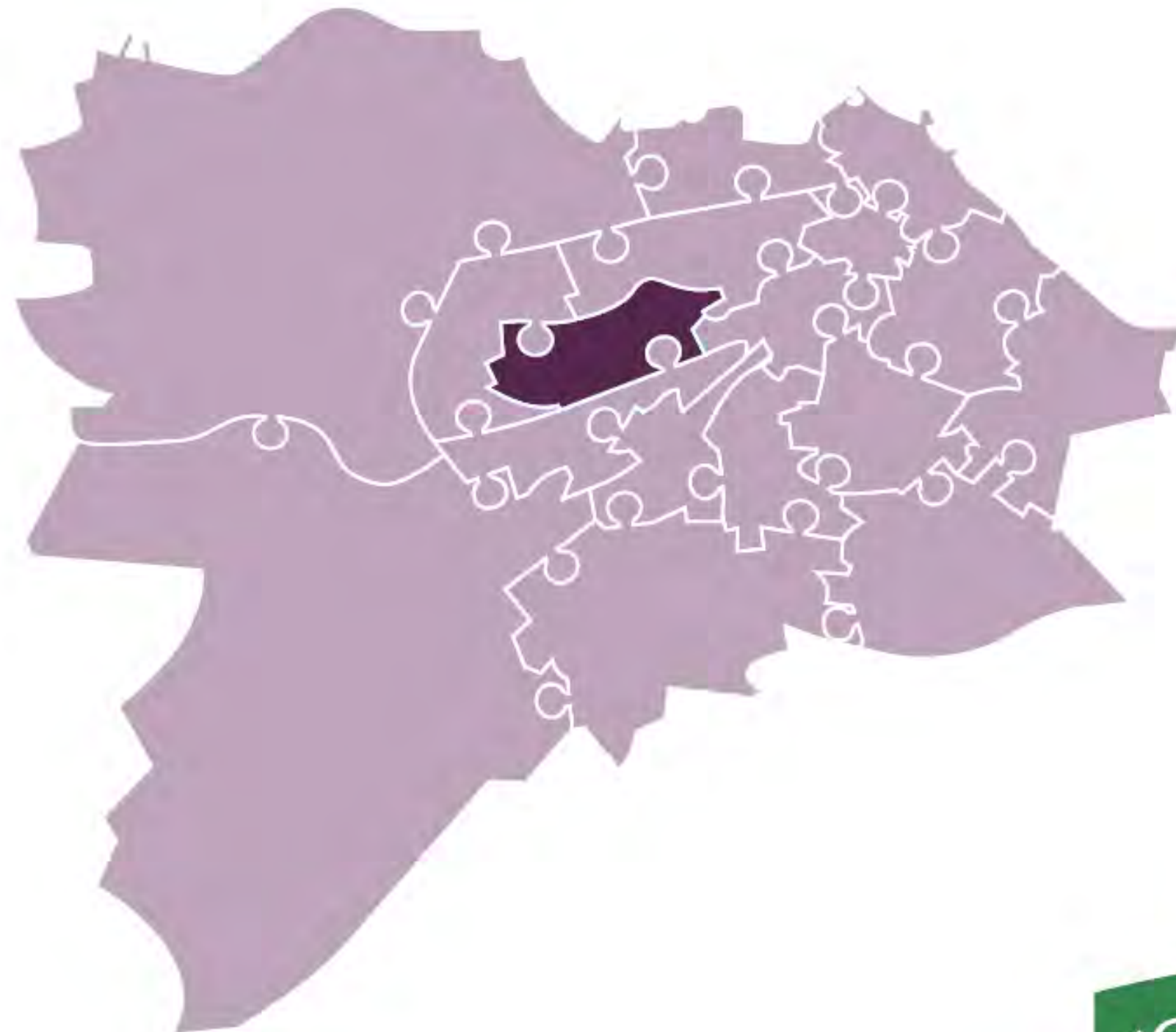


Evidence Report Place Profile

Ward 6 Corstorphine / Murrayfield



Introduction

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

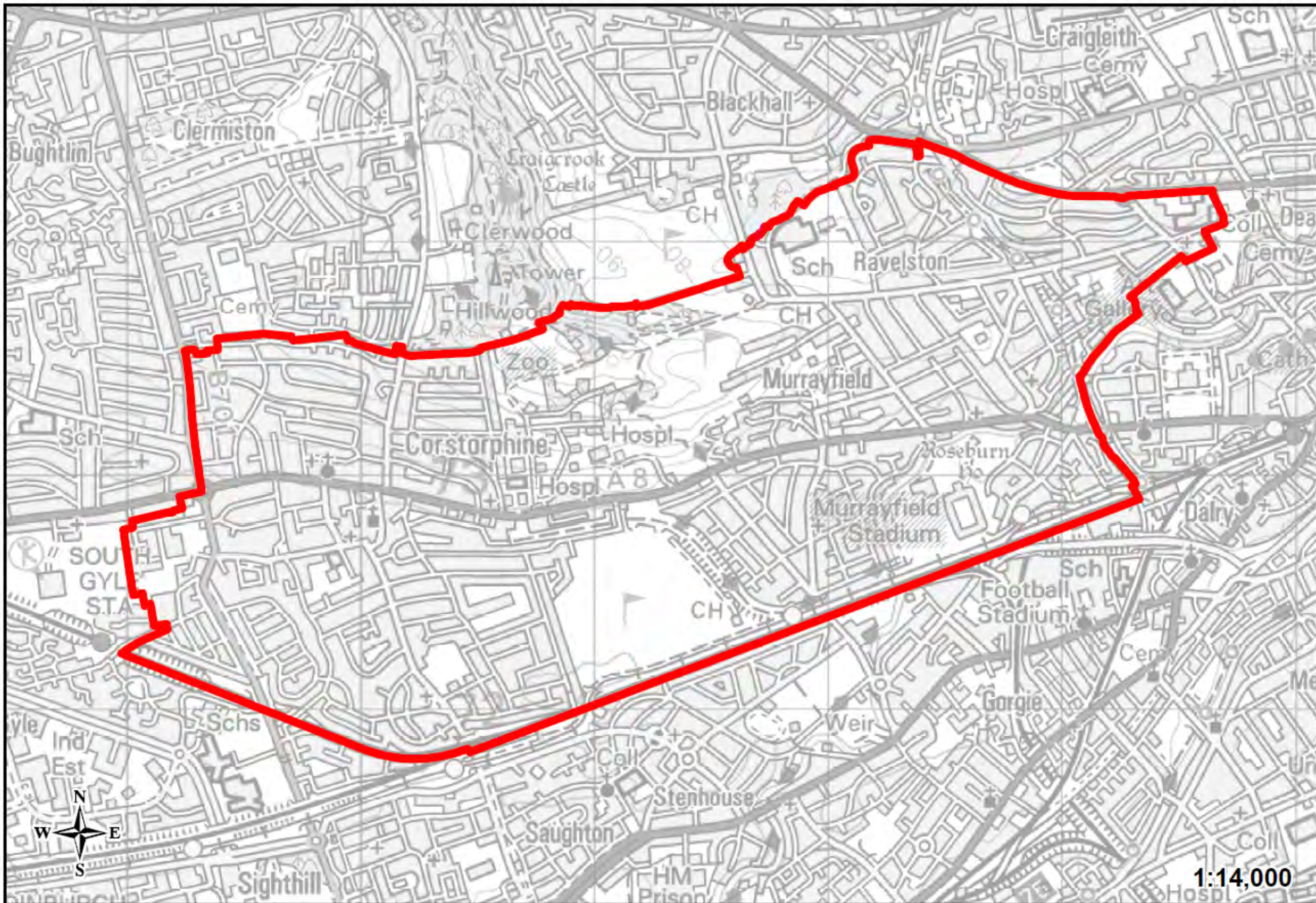
In line with NPF4 and related guidance, new Local Development Plans in Scotland need to be place-based, people-centred and delivery-focussed.

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
- Most young people feel safe in their ward - Housing stock is of good quality and suits the requirements of residents - Shops and services in the ward are generally of varying types and sizes, serving the community well. Most are within walking distance of the population - Both local and town centres are found throughout the ward - There is good access to public transport along the east-west axis of the ward, and the tram line is a valuable public transport asset in the south of the ward - The Roseburn Path, North Edinburgh Path Network and City Centre West East Link are valuable active travel routes for walking, wheeling and cycling - Open spaces are well dispersed throughout the ward and are of varying sizes - Murrayfield Stadium and Edinburgh Zoo are important cultural locations within the ward	- Some GPs do not provide enough appointments outside of normal working hours - There is a concern about the overprovision of takeaway food shops and beauty services - Access to public transport is poorer the north and south of the ward - Reliability of public transport is highlighted as a concern - Young people consider lengthy journey times reasons for not electing to walk - The road and pavement network is thought to be in poor condition and traffic congestion is high around cultural venues during events e.g. Murrayfield Stadium - There is a lack of growing spaces and allotments in much of the ward - Play equipment is considered lacking in numbers and existing equipment requires maintenance - Free art galleries and museums are considered to be accessible amongst young people - Local cultural and community spaces are not numerous throughout the ward
Implications	
- There are opportunities to increase active travel network in the west of the ward to improve connectivity - Active travel routes could be developed to provide segregated cycling and walking areas, and explore improvements to the public realm and road network - There is the opportunity to create and expand allotment and community growing spaces - Improvements could be made to open space facilities e.g. play equipment and toilets - There is a desire to improve biodiversity - Explore increasing the range of activities and clubs available for children and young people - Expand and enhance the number of free community spaces, both indoor and outdoor	

Background

Corstorphine/Murrayfield Ward contains a variety of residential suburbs that reflect the different periods of Edinburgh's urban expansion.

Corstorphine was originally a separate agricultural village with medieval origins but following the development of public transport in the 1900s, it was incorporated into Edinburgh in 1923.

Murrayfield developed in the 18th century with grand country houses and then with Victorian and Arts and Craft villas.

Roseburn, originally a traditional industrial area, is a residential area with tenements and later apartment blocks with some commercial/distribution uses and a train depot to the south.

Saughtonhall and **Balgreen** form an inter-war garden city suburb with a variety of housing types.

Carrick Knowe and **Broomhall** developed in the 1950s with their own amenities.

Craigmount, **Ravelston** and **Craigleith** are further residential areas developed in the inter-war and post-war periods.

Running through and separating the ward is Roseburn Terrace - Corstorphine Road - St John's Road which is a major traffic and bus corridor. Along the route, there are 2 local shopping centres: Roseburn and Western Corner and the Corstorphine Town Centre.

The railway line and tram route run along the southern boundary with tram stops at Murrayfield, Balgreen and Saughton.

Corstorphine Hill is the most westerly of Edinburgh's seven hills and rises above the surrounding suburbs. It is a key natural feature within the area.

Edinburgh Zoo is located on the south facing slope of Corstorphine Hill. Corstorphine Hill Local Nature Reserve, Murrayfield Golf Club and Mary Erskine School also sit within the Corstorphine Hill area.

St Margaret's Park, Union Park and Carrick Knowe Golf Course also form some of larger public open spaces within the area.

Roseburn Park contains Murrayfield Stadium, which is a major landmark, and Murrayfield Ice Arena. The park is bounded by a section of the Water of Leith.

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 6 - Corstorphine / Murrayfield

Legend

- Other CEC Wards Leisure / Sports Centres

PLACE

- Shops Outwith Centres

- Supermarkets

- Post Offices
- Tennis Courts

- Cafes ■ Golf Courses

- Public Toilets
- Centres
Commercial Centres

- Water Refill Locations
- Town Centres

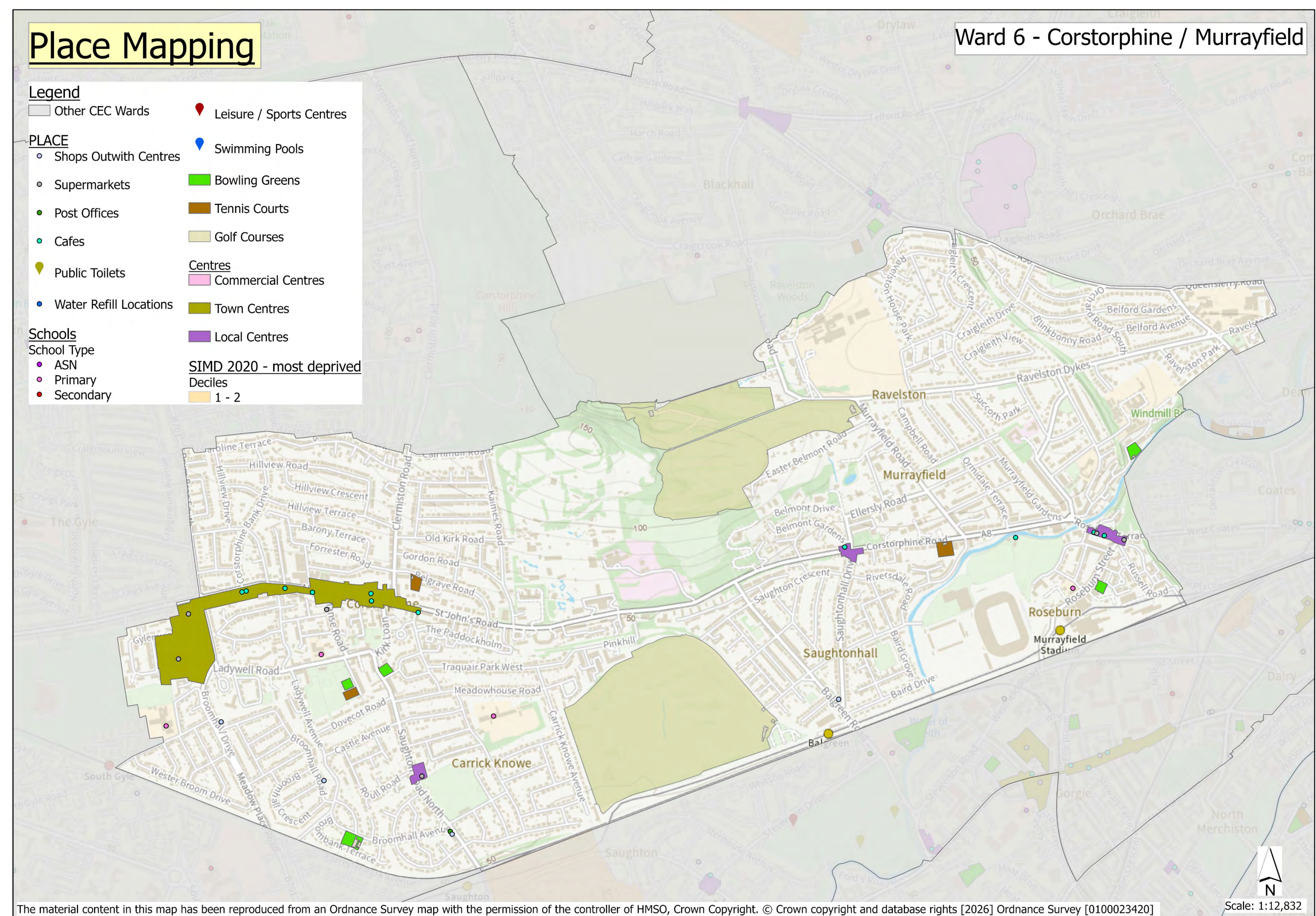
- Schools  Local Centres

Schools

School Type

- ASN
 - Primary
 - Secondary
- SIMD 2020 - most deprived
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Culture and Community Infrastructure

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Legend

Other CEC Wards

Cinemas

CULTURE

Museums

Libraries

Art Galleries

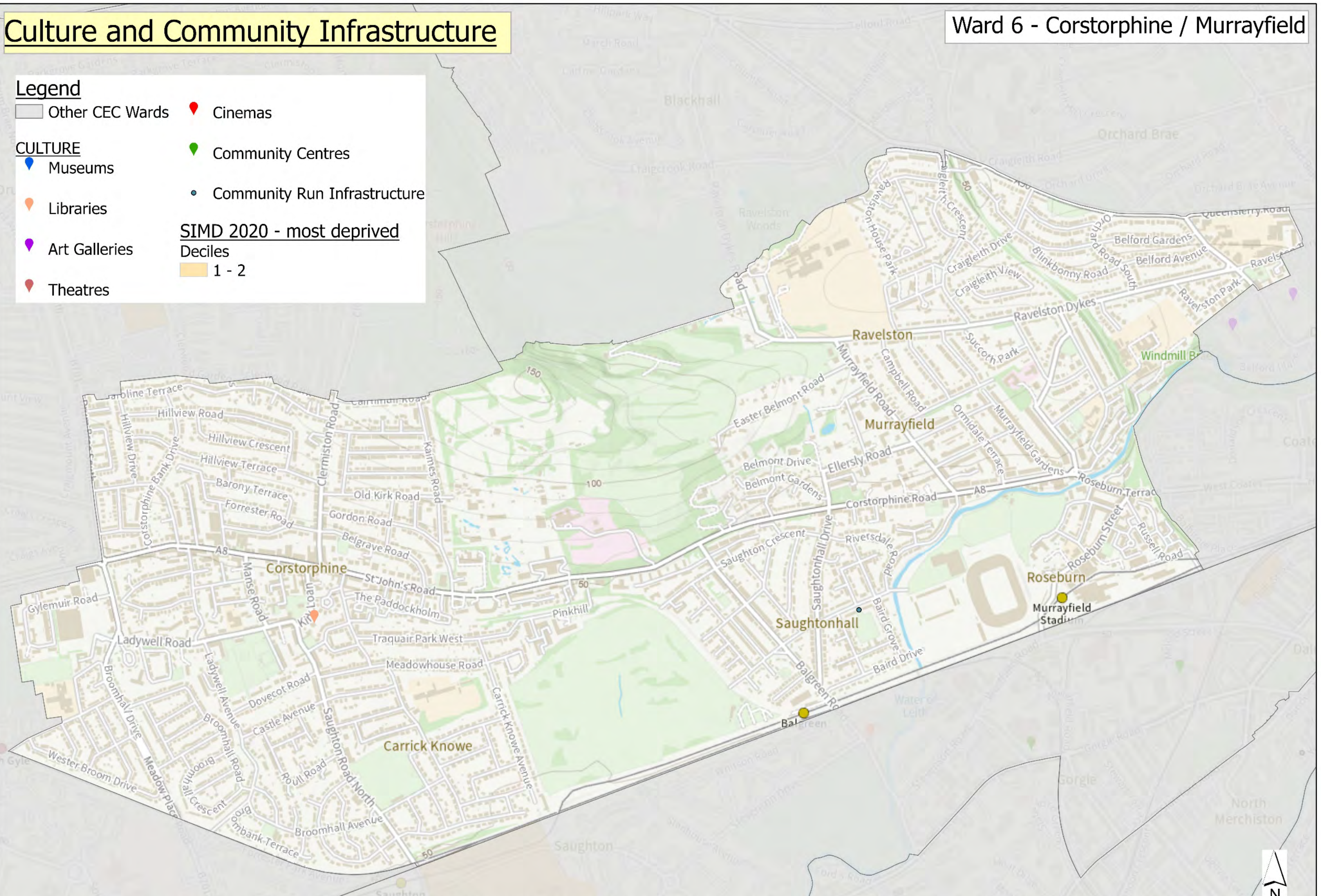
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Community Centres

Community Run Infrastructure

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Considerations

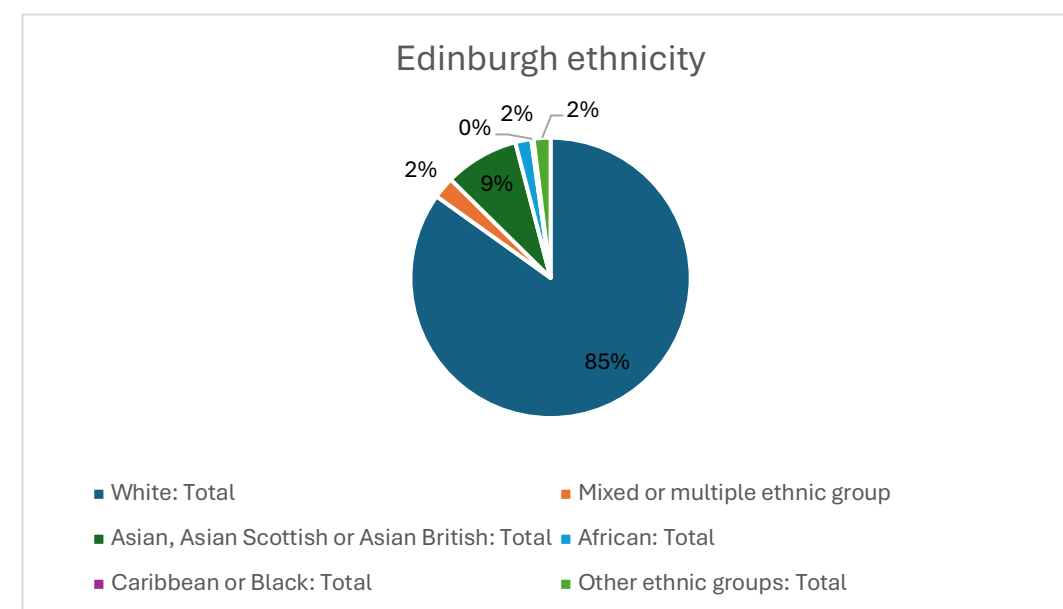
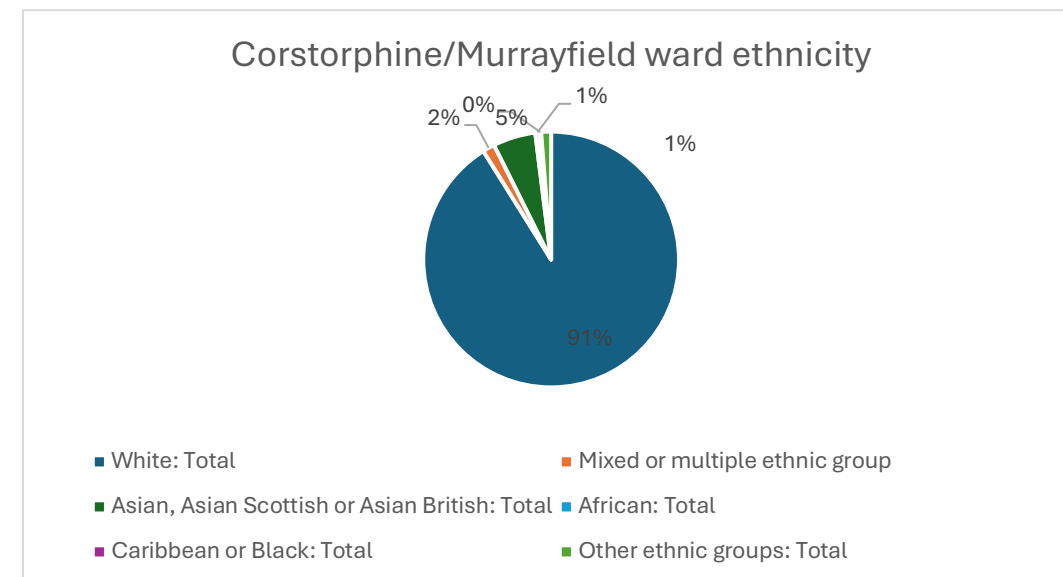
- Place mapping shows that amenities located along the town and local centres of Corstorphine, Carrick Knowe, Saughtonhall and Roseburn tend to align with areas of higher population density and transport access, forming a focus for local amenities and public transport access for the surrounding residential areas.
- Overall, cultural and community spaces are sparsely located in this ward, with a few in Corstorphine and Saughtonhall.
- People say that overall, there is the right amount of shops near to where they live but do express desire for larger food shops in some areas.
- Several respondents consider there to be an overprovision of some shops in their area, in particular takeaways and beauty services.
- Overall, cultural and community spaces are sparsely located in this ward, with a few in Corstorphine and Saughtonhall.
- People expressed an interest in more free community spaces to meet up and that existing buildings and green spaces needed improvement.
- Young people utilise parks and greenspaces in addition to private houses to socialise.
- There are a range of activities, community clubs and groups for young people in the ward. Many young people were aware of what was available but a bigger variety of activities was desired.
- Visits to art galleries and museums was rarer, with most young people very rarely or never going. Cultural establishments being hard to get to was a reason mentioned.

People

Demographics

- The population of Corstorphine/Murrayfield is 29,097 which is **5.7%** of the Edinburgh total of 514,543.
- This population is housed in 10,854 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.
 - OPP5 Roseburn Street – 152 homes.
 - OPP66 St. John's Road (A) - 14 homes.
 - OPP67 St. John's Road (B) - 72 homes.
 - OPP68 Kirk Loan – 16 homes.
 - H69 Corstorphine Road (A) – 16 homes.
 - H70 Corstorphine Road (B) - 8 homes.
 - HSG7 Edinburgh Zoo – 80 homes.
 - City Plan 2030 allocates a total 358 which would be a **3.3%** 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.
 - This ward is projected to grow much slower than Edinburgh as a whole.
- The age breakdown of the Ward is listed below.
 - The population aged 0-15 is 3,592 which is **15.3%** of the ward population compared to **14.58%** for the Edinburgh total.
 - The population aged 16-64 is 13,948 which is **59.6%** of the ward population compared to **69.5%** for the Edinburgh total.
 - The population aged 65+ is 5,849 which is **25%** 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 **91%** 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 (557)
 - Mixed or multiple ethnic group (325)
 - Chinese, Chinese Scottish or Chinese British (294)



Scottish Index of multiple Deprivation (SIMD)

- SIMD mapping is shown below and shows this as a generally affluent area with most of the Ward within the 20% least deprived in Scotland and only some variation from this pattern, mainly in the south of the ward close to the ward boundary with more deprived areas.

Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation

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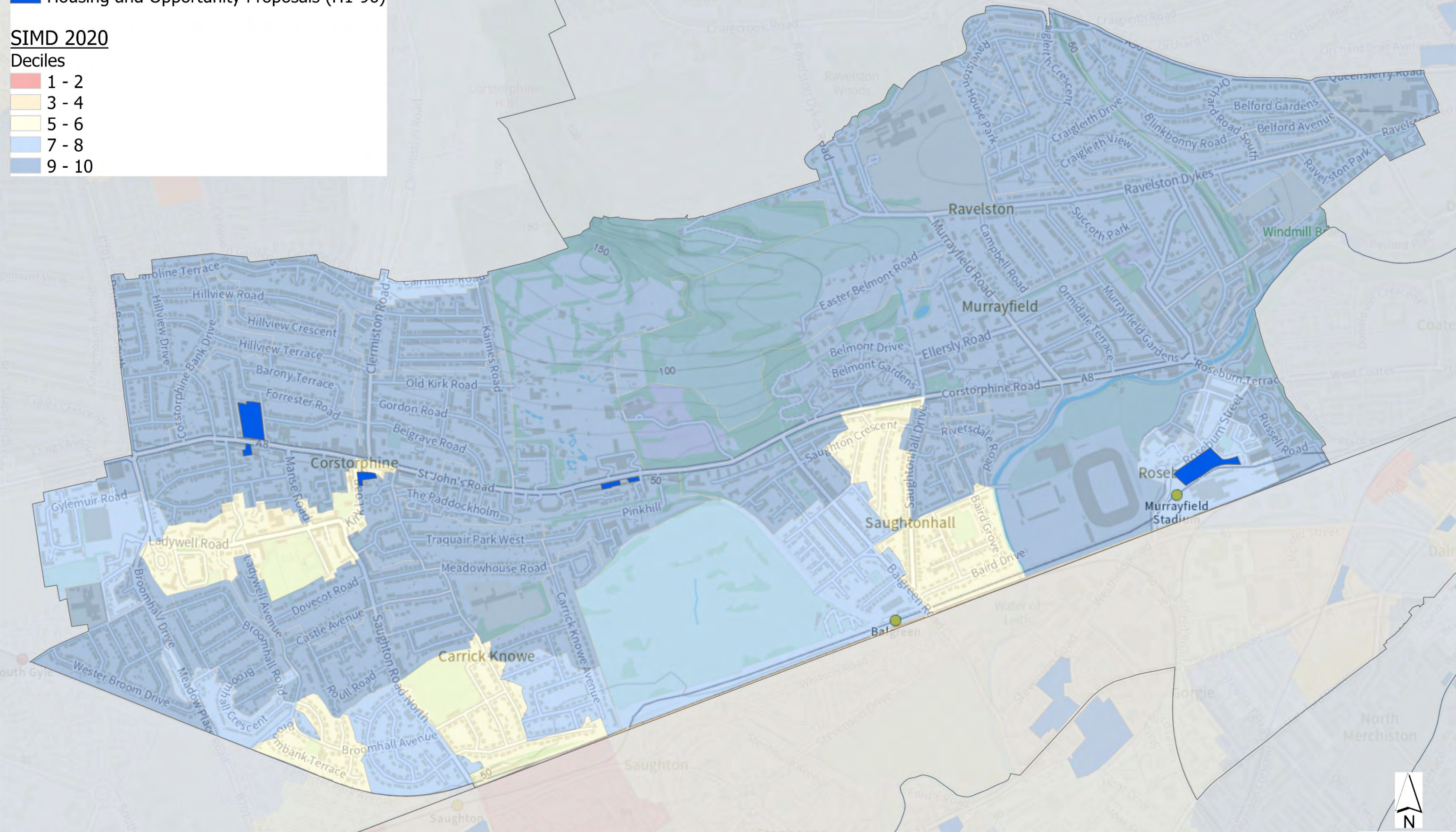
Other CEC Wards

Housing and Opportunity Proposals (H1-96)

SIMD 2020

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



Scale: 1:11,896

Considerations

- The population is expected to grow much slower than the Edinburgh average, with fewer sites allocated for development.
- The child-age population is approximately in line with the Edinburgh average, but the working-age population is lower and the older population is higher than the Edinburgh average.
- This ward has a somewhat lower level of diversity compared to Edinburgh as a whole.
- Most of the ward area is identified as being within the least 20% deprived in Scotland with only a small area of variation. There are no areas within the 20% most deprived in Scotland.

Health

Demographics

- **20.4%** of the ward population reported having a long-term illness or disease, compared to **18.1%** of the Edinburgh total.
- **7.8%** of the ward population reported having a long-term mental health condition, compared to **11.9%** of the Edinburgh total.
- **84.9%** 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 **49,945**, greater than the ward population of **29,097**. Dental practices do not have fixed boundaries, indicating that people may travel to this ward for dental care.
- This ward has a ratio of **1 pharmacy per 3854.8 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 **17.51%** 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, **29.88%** were overweight and **14.52%** 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, **35.4%** were overweight and **25.4%** 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 Balgreen & Roseburn – Male life expectancy was **79.3 years** and female life expectancy was **82.2 years**.
 - Blackhall – Male life expectancy was **83.1 years** and female life expectancy was **86 years**.
 - Carrick Knowe – Male life expectancy was **82.1 years** and female life expectancy was **89.9 years**.
 - Corstorphine – Male life expectancy was **82.4 years** and female life expectancy was **82.7 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**.

- Craigleith, 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**.
- East Craigs South – Male life expectancy was **83.4 years** and female life expectancy was **86.1 years**.
- Murrayfield & Ravelston – Male life expectancy was **83.7 years** and female life expectancy was **86 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 located mainly in Corstorphine and Roseburn, aligning with areas of higher population density and transport accessibility.

Hot Food Takeaways

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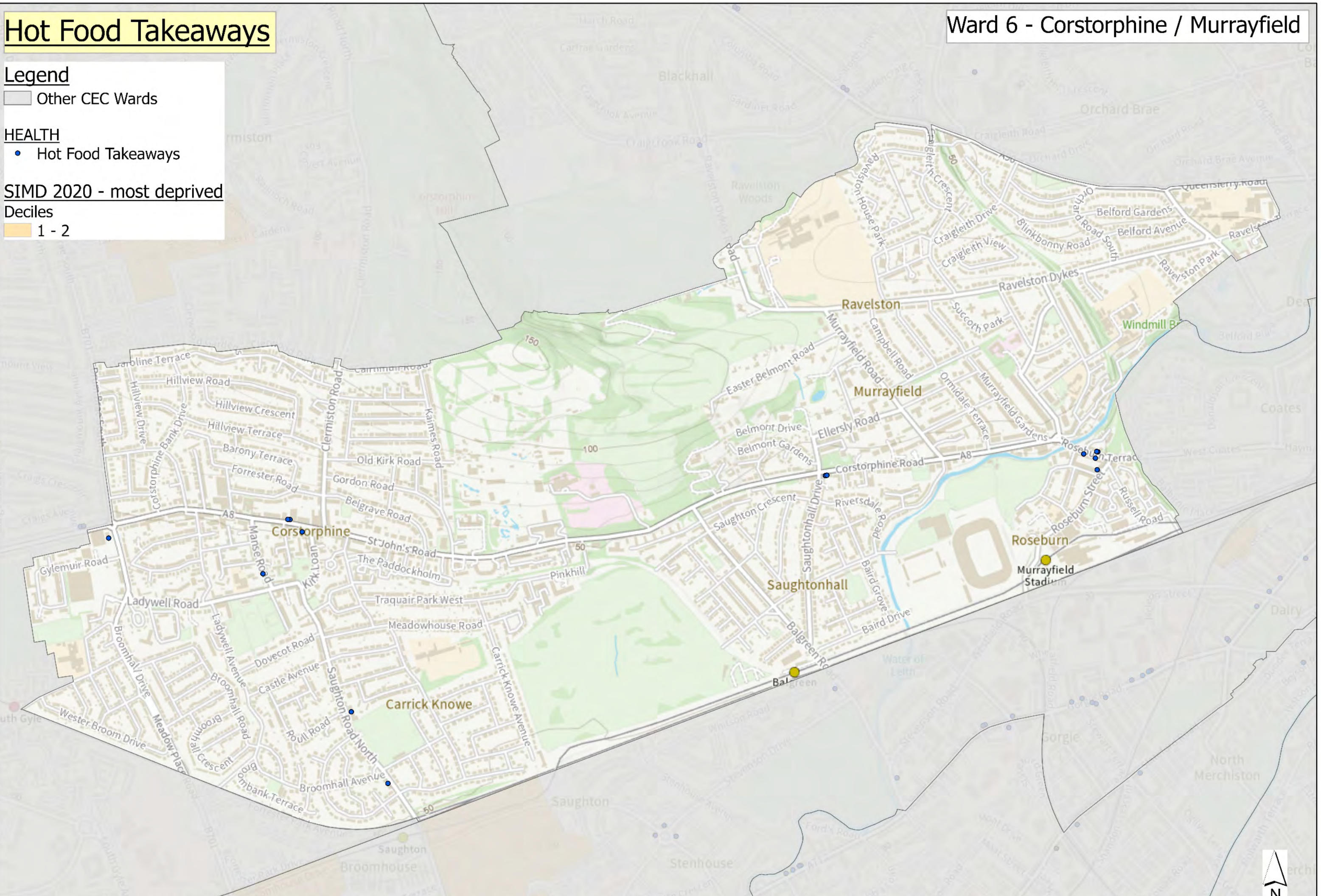
Other CEC Wards

HEALTH

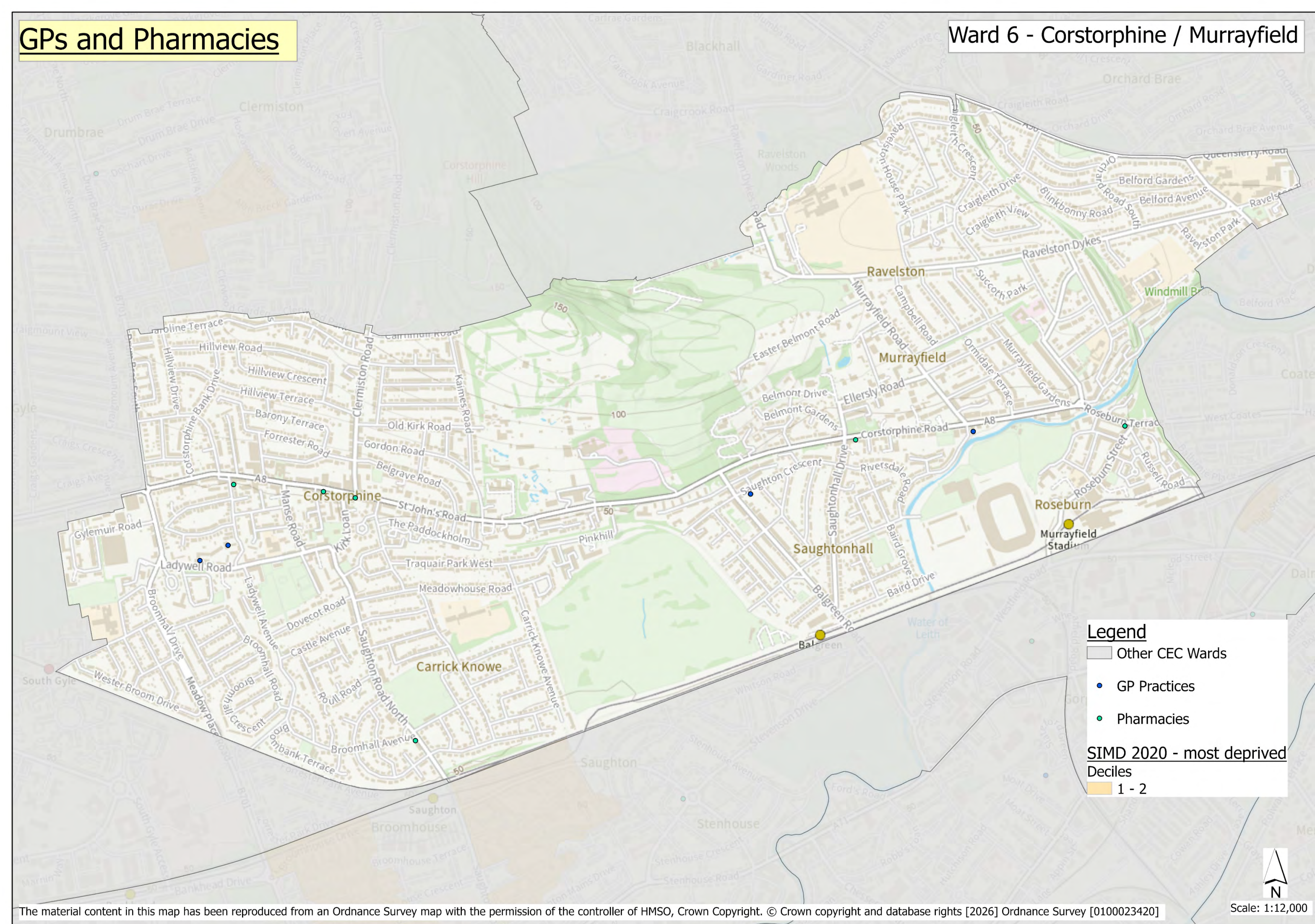
- Hot Food Takeaways

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Considerations

- The percentage of people who report being in good or very good health is above 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 largely follows existing areas of higher transport access, as well as the historic centre of Corstorphine.
- The majority of respondents say there is good healthcare provision in the area, but note that some GP surgeries are not convenient to book appointments with and visit during current business hours

Housing

Housing type and density

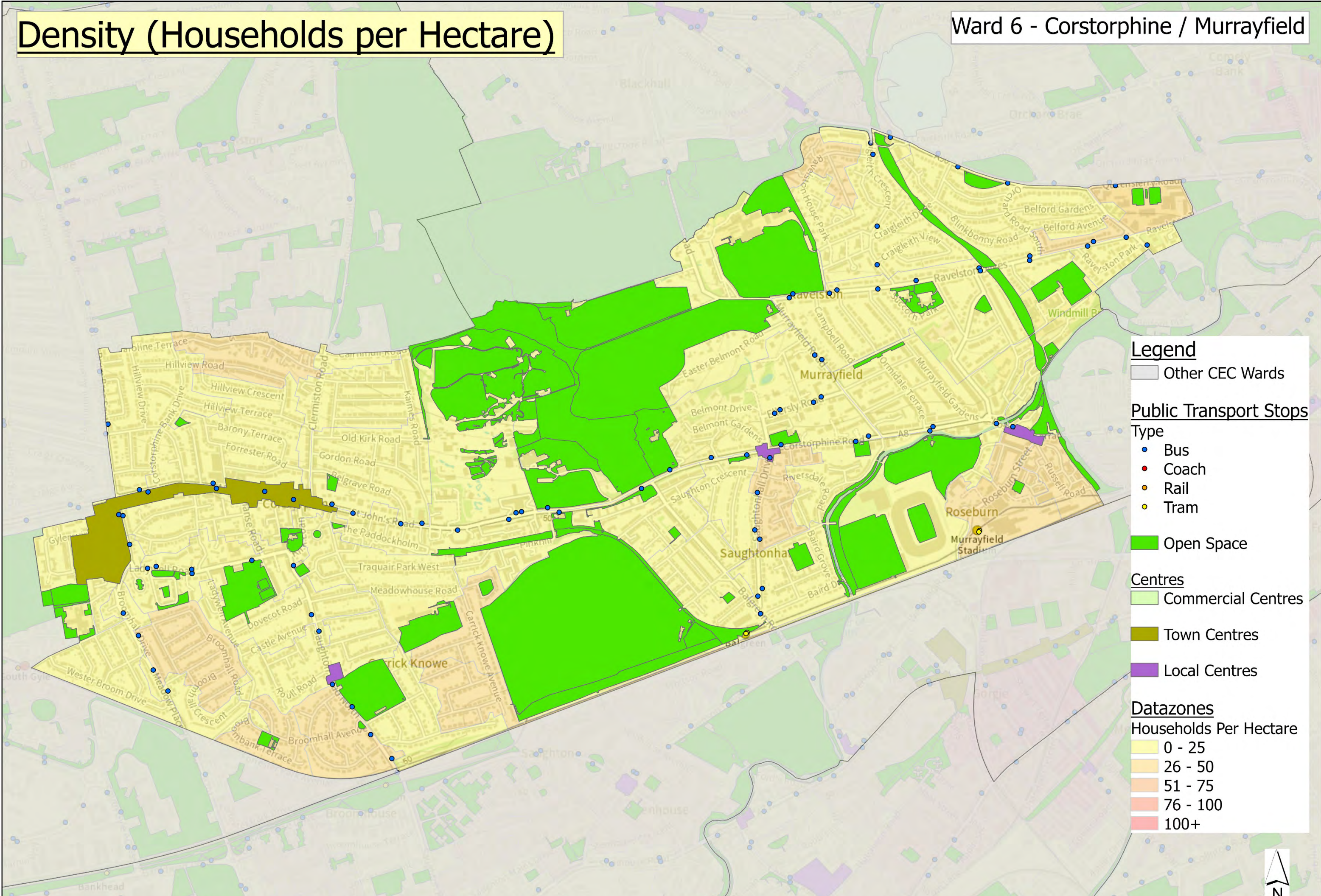
- 5,698 households live in houses, which is **52.5%** compared with **36.8%** of the Edinburgh total, while 5,154, which is **47.5%**, live in flats compared with **63.2%** of the Edinburgh total. 2 live in a caravan or another mobile/temporary structure.
- Although the level of flatted accommodation is lower on average than the Edinburgh total, mapping shows this is concentrated around certain areas, particularly around the historic centre of Corstorphine, Broomhall, Carrick Knowe and Roseburn.
- Population density as measured by households per hectare is higher in the west of the ward in the Corstorphine area and Roseburn, both of which have good access to local and town centres and public transport.

Housing tenure and overcrowding

- The housing tenure breakdown of the ward is listed below:
 - **81.3%** households in the ward report their housing tenure as owned, compared to **60.1%** for the Edinburgh total.
 - **3.2%** households in the ward report their housing tenure as social rented, compared to **15.7%** for the Edinburgh total.
 - **14.5%** households in the ward report their housing tenure as private rented, compared to **23.1%** for the Edinburgh total.
- The level of owner occupation matches the Edinburgh average, but many fewer people on average live in socially rented accommodation in this ward.
- The level of overcrowding as measured by occupation of rooms per household is higher in the south of the ward but is generally low.

Density (Households per Hectare)

Ward 6 - Corstorphine / Murrayfield



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

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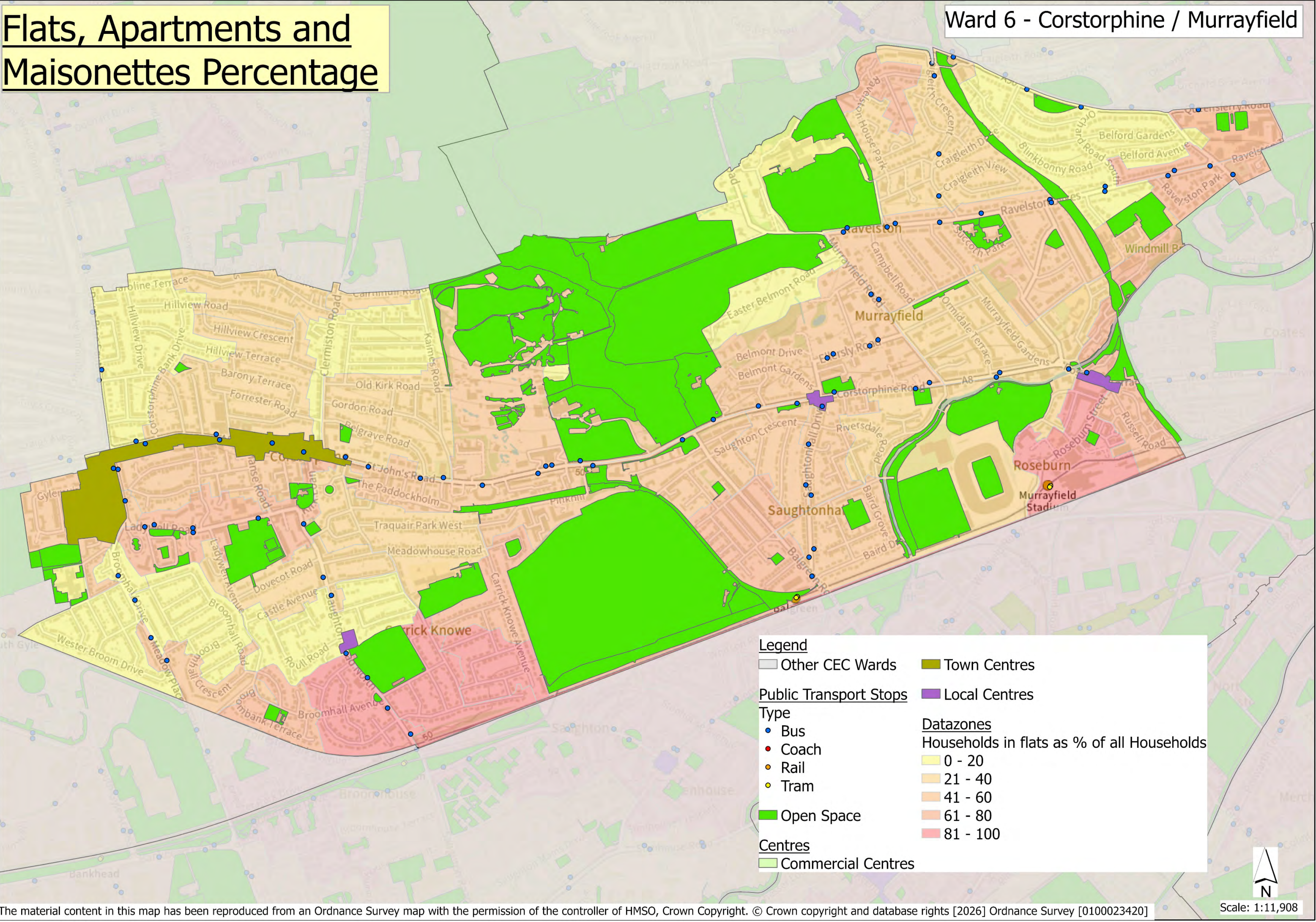
51 - 75

76 - 100

100+

Flats, Apartments and Maisonettes Percentage

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Households in Social Accommodation Percentage

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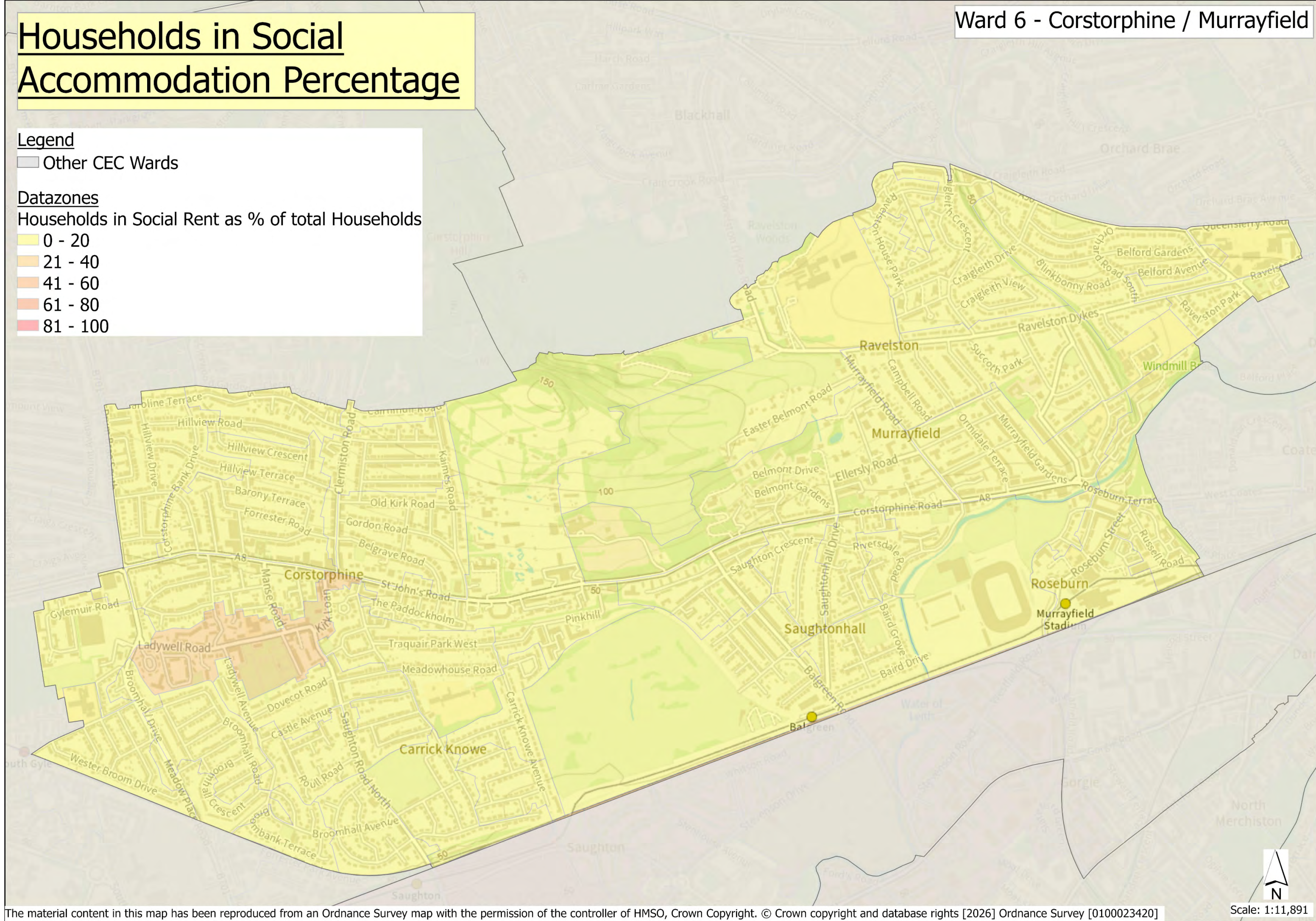
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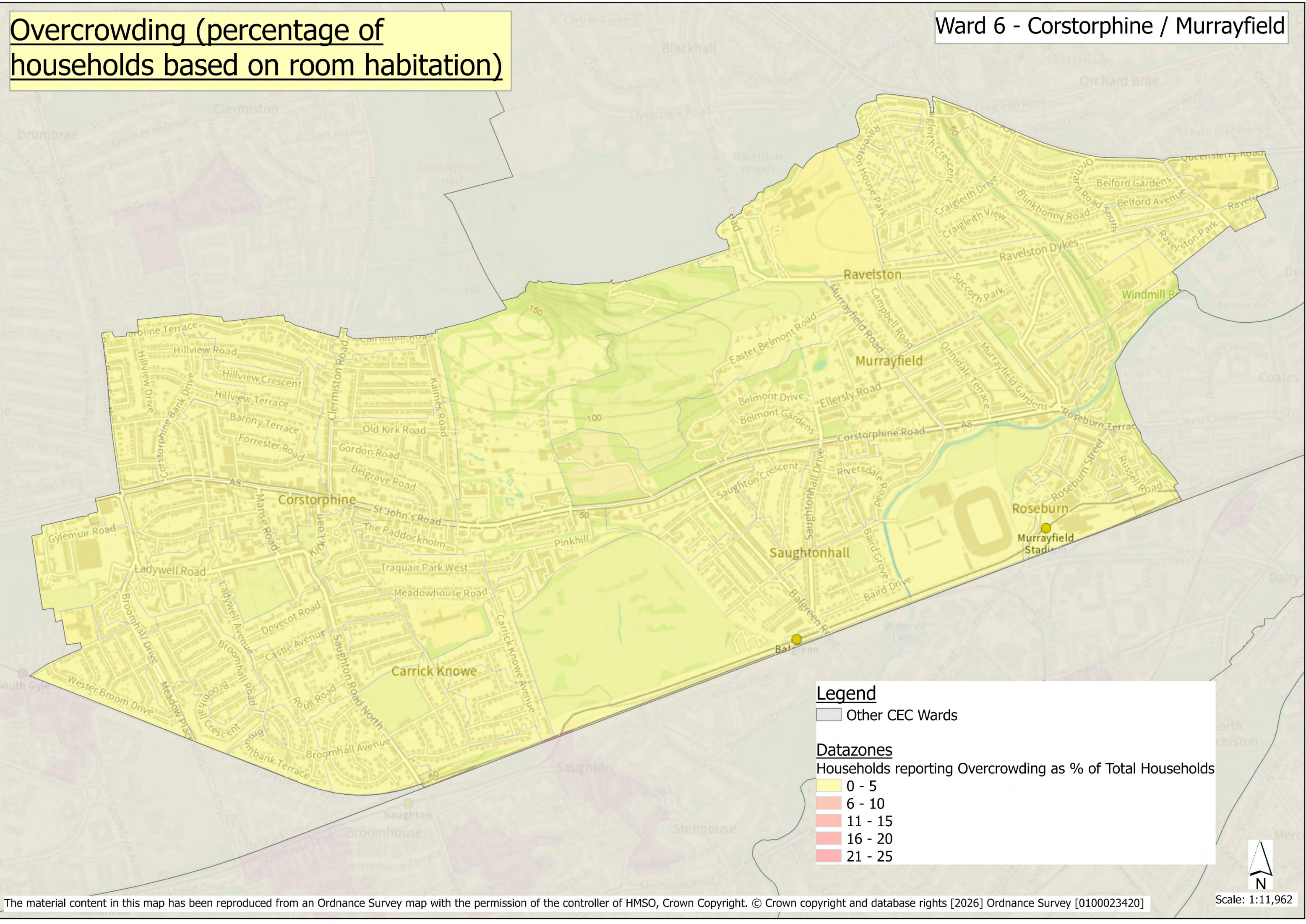
Households in Social Rent as % of total Households

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



Overcrowding (percentage of households based on room habitation)

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Considerations

- Flatted accommodation is concentrated in the denser areas of Corstorphine and Roseburn which are compact neighbourhoods close to public transport and local centres.
- Social housing is rare in this ward, with only small concentrations in Corstorphine and Saughtonhall. Overcrowding is also rare but mainly found in the southern parts of the ward.
- The majority of people are very happy or happy with their home, however some respondents mention the need for additional space/bedrooms.
- Public transport links could be improved to reduce reliance on cars.
- There is a desire for more affordable/social housing instead of hotels and student accommodation.

Economy

Demographics

- The occupation breakdown of the ward is listed below:
 - **11.9%** 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.
 - **33.7%** 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.
 - **16.4%** 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.
 - **10%** 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.
 - **6.4%** 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.
 - **5.8%** 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.
 - **5.9%** 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.
 - **3.3%** 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.
 - **6.6%** 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:
 - **7.9%** of residents in the ward report their highest qualification level as No qualifications, compared to **9.7%** for the Edinburgh total.
 - **13.8%** of residents in the ward report their highest qualification level as Lower school qualifications, compared to **14.3%** for the Edinburgh total.
 - **10.5%** of residents in the ward report their highest qualification level as Upper school qualifications, compared to **4.4%** for the Edinburgh total.
 - **5.5%** of residents in the ward report their highest qualification level as Apprenticeship qualifications, compared to **4.4%** for the Edinburgh total.

- **8.9%** 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.
- **53.5%** 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 6 - Corstorphine / Murrayfield

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

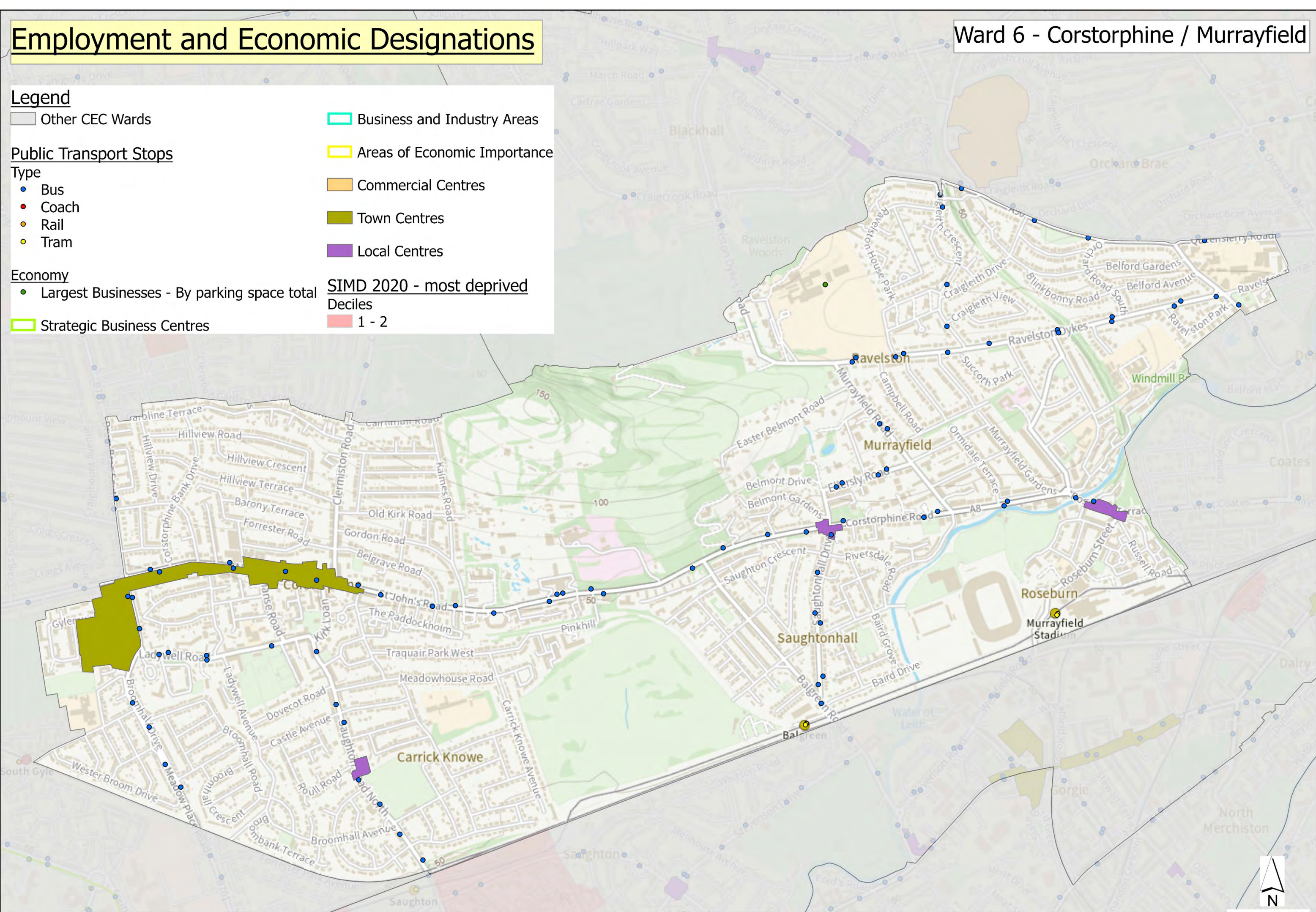
Commercial Centres

Town Centres

Local Centres

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Considerations

- No designated Business and Industry Areas can be found in the ward. There are a number of local centres along key routes. Corstorphine town centre is a key part of the economy in this part of Edinburgh with a wide range of shops and services. Murrayfield Stadium and Edinburgh Zoo are important destinations for the city and parts of the local economy.

Transport

Demographics

- The breakdown of the primary method of travel to work is listed below:
 - **42.3%** of the working population report mainly working from or at home, compared to **39%** of the Edinburgh total.
 - **27.2%** of the working population report driving a car or van, compared to **25.1%** of the Edinburgh total.
 - **14.8%** 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.
 - **3.2%** of the working population report travelling by bike, compared to **3.8%** of the Edinburgh total.
 - **8.8%** of the working population report travelling on foot, compared to **12%** of the Edinburgh total.
- **76.9%** 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 the historic centre of Corstorphine and in Roseburn, areas of generally higher population density and flatted accommodation.
- Use of cars for driving to work is broadly higher in the western part of the ward which is further from the city centre.

Public Transport

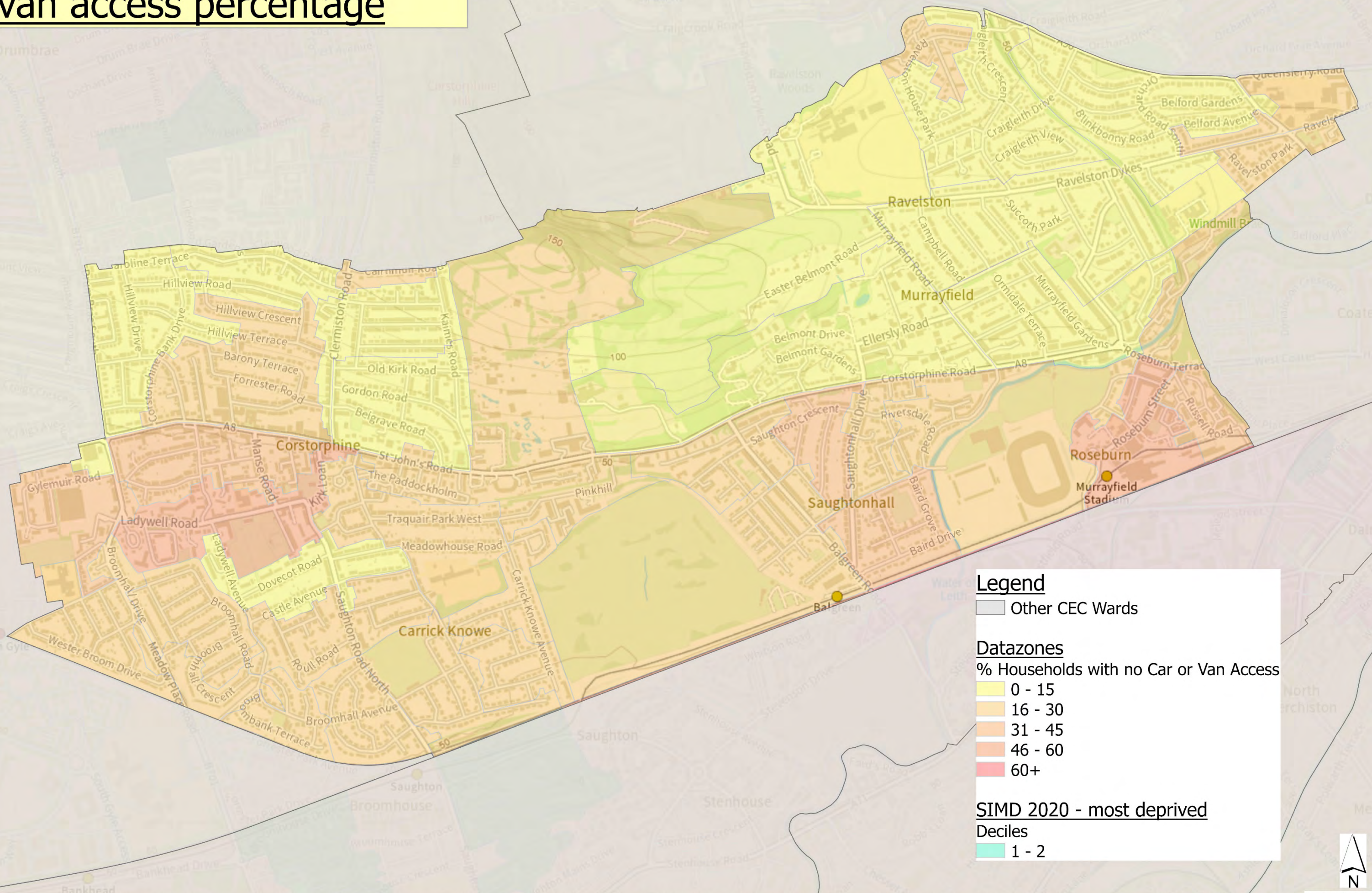
- Public Transport Accessibility Levels (PTAL) are calculated by the Council based on service patterns and stops and is mapped below from 1 (lowest level of accessibility) to 6 (the highest level). A rating of 3 or higher is considered to have a good level of access.
- Good access is concentrated along the Roseburn-St Johns Road-Glasgow Road corridor which is a major arterial route leading into the city centre from the west.
- Poor access is generally to the north and south of this major corridor, although there are some areas of better access closer to the Edinburgh Tram line which runs along the southern boundary of the ward.

Active travel

- Key active travel paths include the shared use Roseburn Path which connects to the North Edinburgh Path Network to the north of this ward and the City Centre West East Link which leads from the eastern edge of the Ward across the city centre with existing and potential onward connections. The western part of the ward has fewer, less connected routes.
- The City Mobility Plan has identified projects in this ward which will reduce vehicle dominance, increase space for active travel and improve pedestrian access and sense of place in these areas. These will focus on connecting the less connected routes to the west of the ward, as well as along the major Roseburn-St Johns Road-Glasgow Road corridor and close to the existing Edinburgh Tram route.

Households with no car or van access percentage

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Driving a car or van to work percentage

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Other CEC Wards

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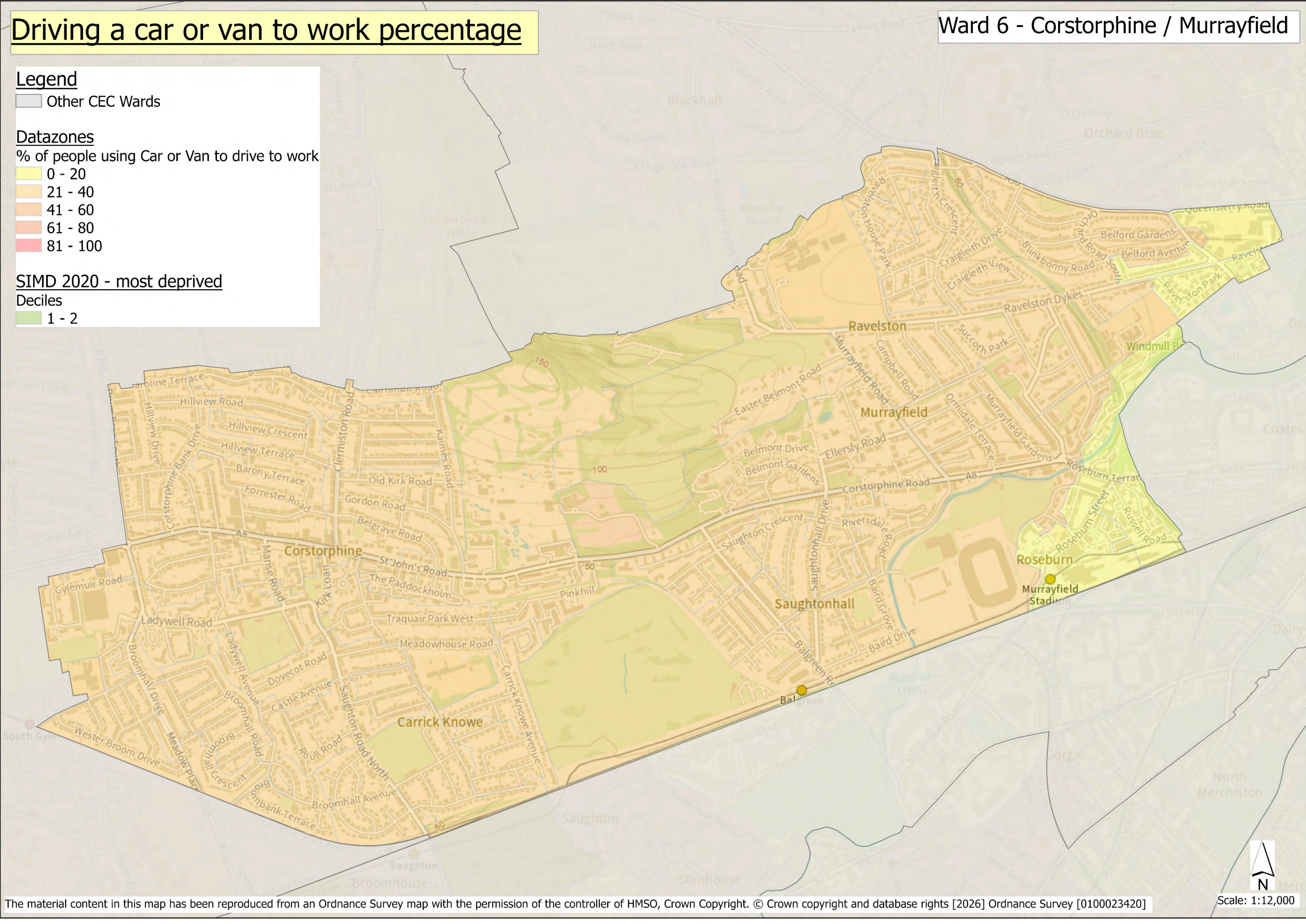
% of people using Car or Van to drive to work

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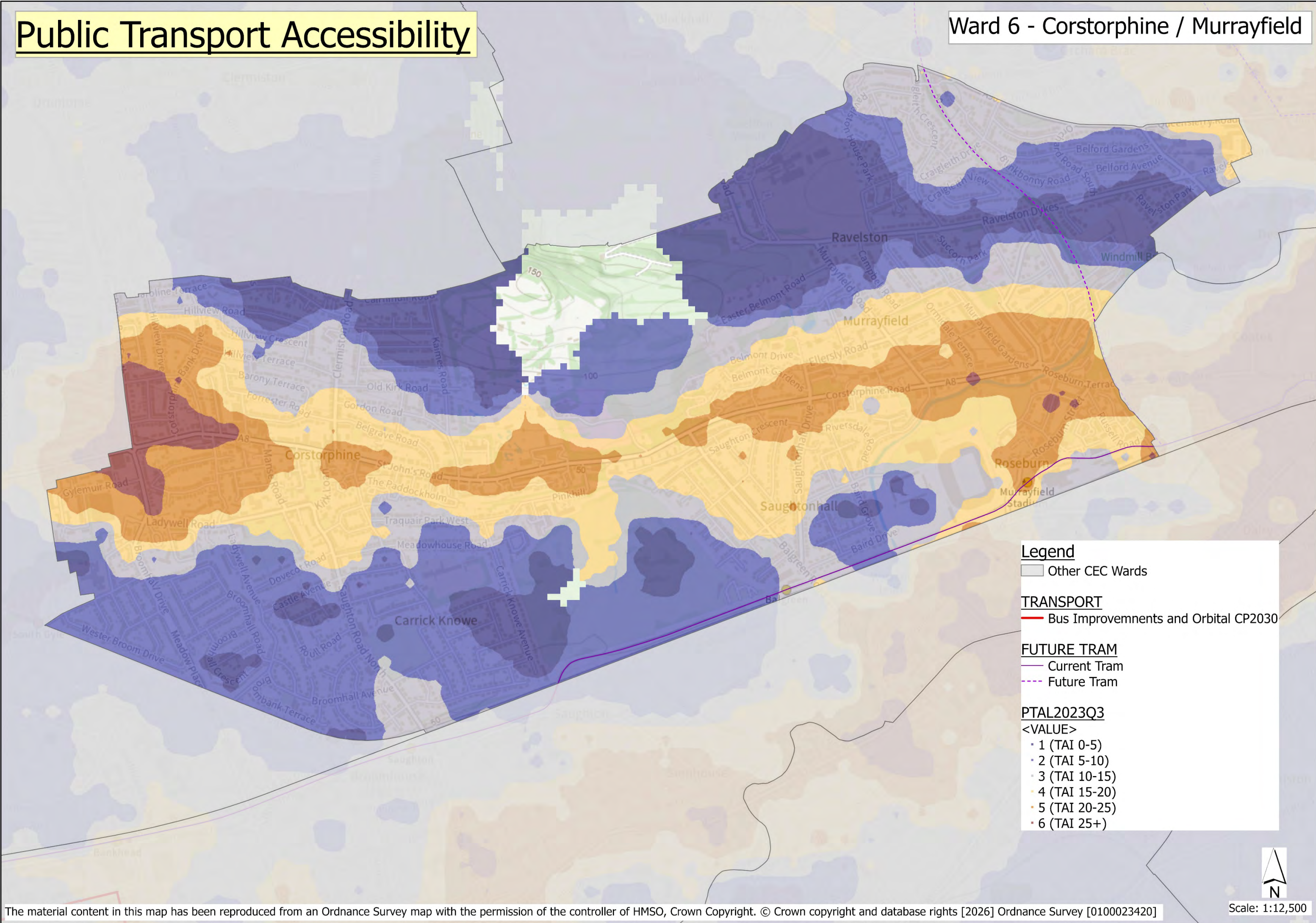
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Public Transport Accessibility

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Scale: 1:12,500

Active Travel Mapping

Ward 6 - Corstorphine / Murrayfield

Legend

Other CEC Wards

Public Transport Stops

Type

- Bus
- Coach
- Rail
- Tram

Bus Improvements and Orbital CP2030

FUTURE TRAM

- Current Tram
- Future Tram

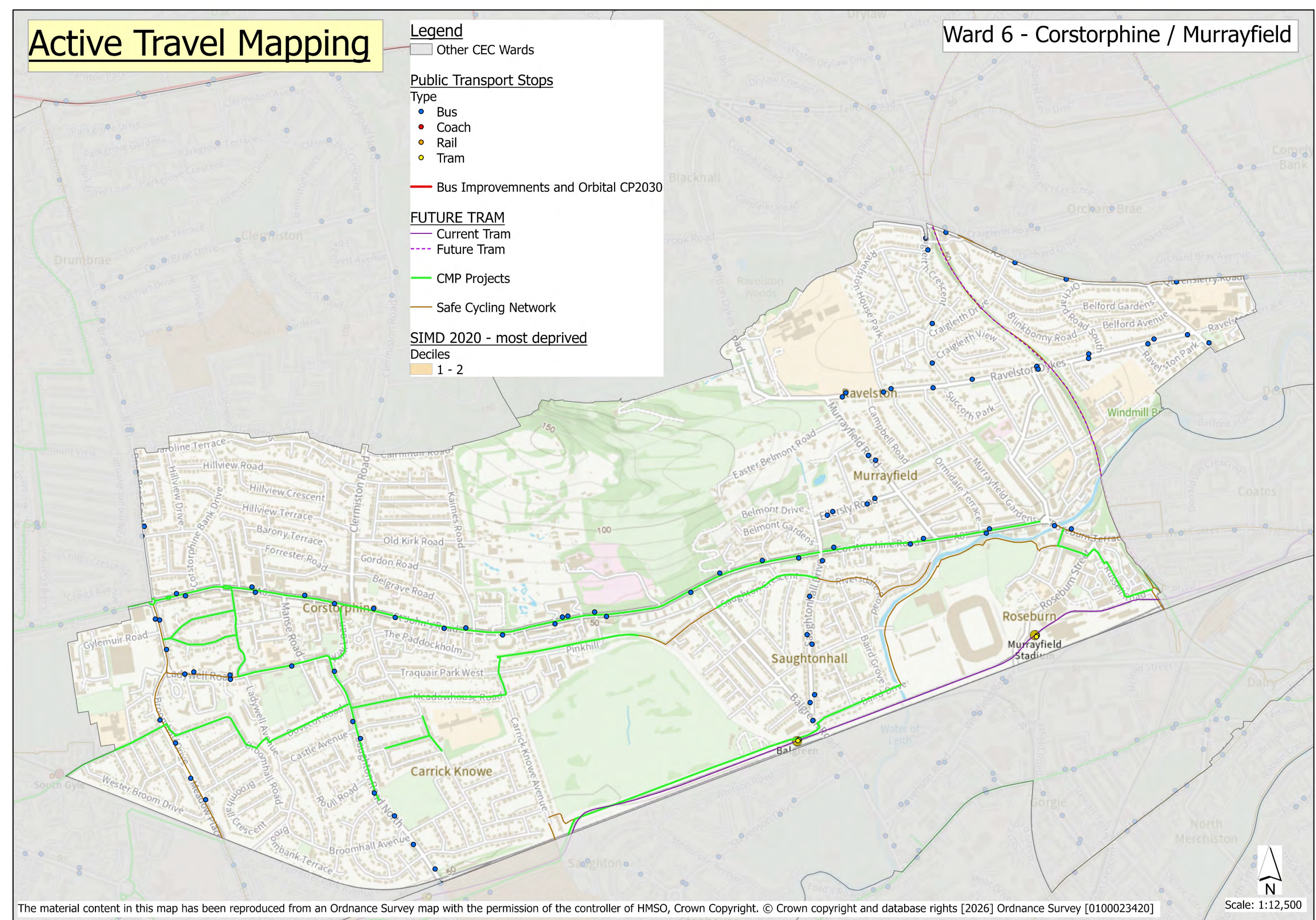
CMP Projects

Safe Cycling Network

SIMD 2020 - most deprived

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Considerations

- A higher percentage of people in the ward drive to work compared to the Edinburgh average whilst walking, cycling and public transport use is lower than the average.
- Areas of lower of access to a car or van broadly line up with areas of higher population density within Roseburn and the historic centre of Corstorphine.
- Public transport access is concentrated in the Roseburn-St Johns Road-Glasgow Road corridor which is a major arterial route leading into the city centre from the west. There are also areas of good access close to Edinburgh Tram stations in the southern part of the ward.
- City Mobility Plan improvements are proposed to be brought forward primarily in the west of the ward, as well as along the major Roseburn-St Johns Road-Glasgow Road corridor and close to the existing Edinburgh Tram route.
- Young people suggest that walking as a means of getting around can sometimes take too long and that bad weather is a hindrance.
- Public transport provision is generally thought of as good, but reliability can be an issue.
- Pavements and roads are considered to be in a poor condition.
- It is felt that segregated cycle paths would reduce conflict between cars, pedestrians and cyclists.
- Provision of off-road walking and cycling paths is considered good. Roseburn Path is in the area and considered a valuable cycling and walking asset.
- Parking provision is thought of as good, although events as local venue e.g. Murrayfield cause congestion.
- Public transport provision and connection improvements in some neighbourhoods may encourage reduced car ownership and traffic to decline in the area.

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, the Water of Leith and the North Edinburgh Path network form major parts of the green blue network in this ward, forming access for recreation and habitat corridors cutting through the ward.
- Enhancements are planned at Roseburn Park, as set out in City Plan 2030, intended to upgrade play facilities to excellent standard.

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 adjacent to Carrick Knowe Golf Course. Community growing spaces are also rare within only one within the ward at Corstorphine, and two adjacent to the ward at Orchard Park North and Russell Road.
- There is a lack of growing spaces of any kind in the majority of the ward.

Open, Natural, and Play Spaces

Ward 6 - Corstorphine / Murrayfield

Legend

Other CEC Wards

ENVIRONMENT

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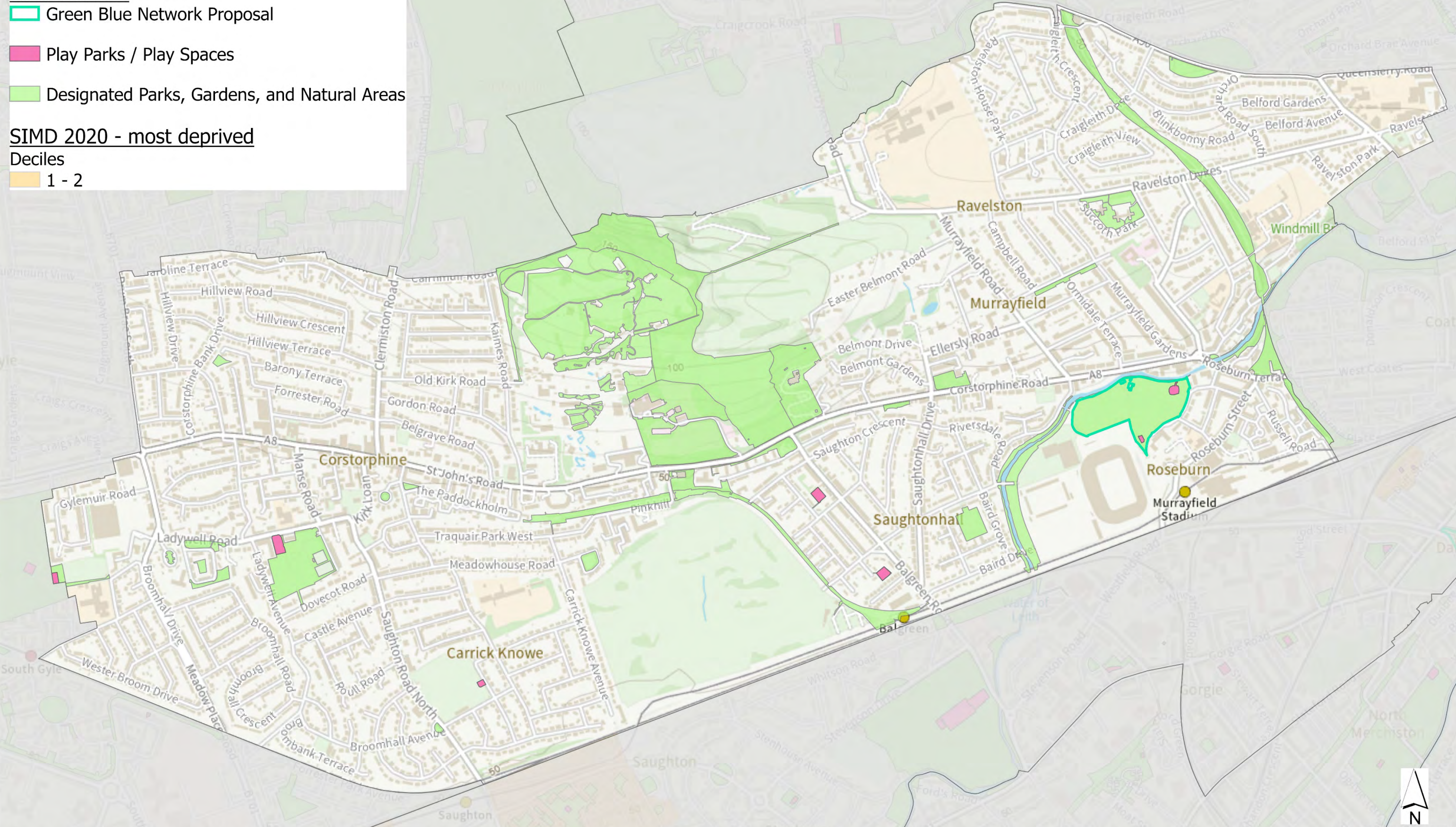
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Designated Parks, Gardens, and Natural Areas

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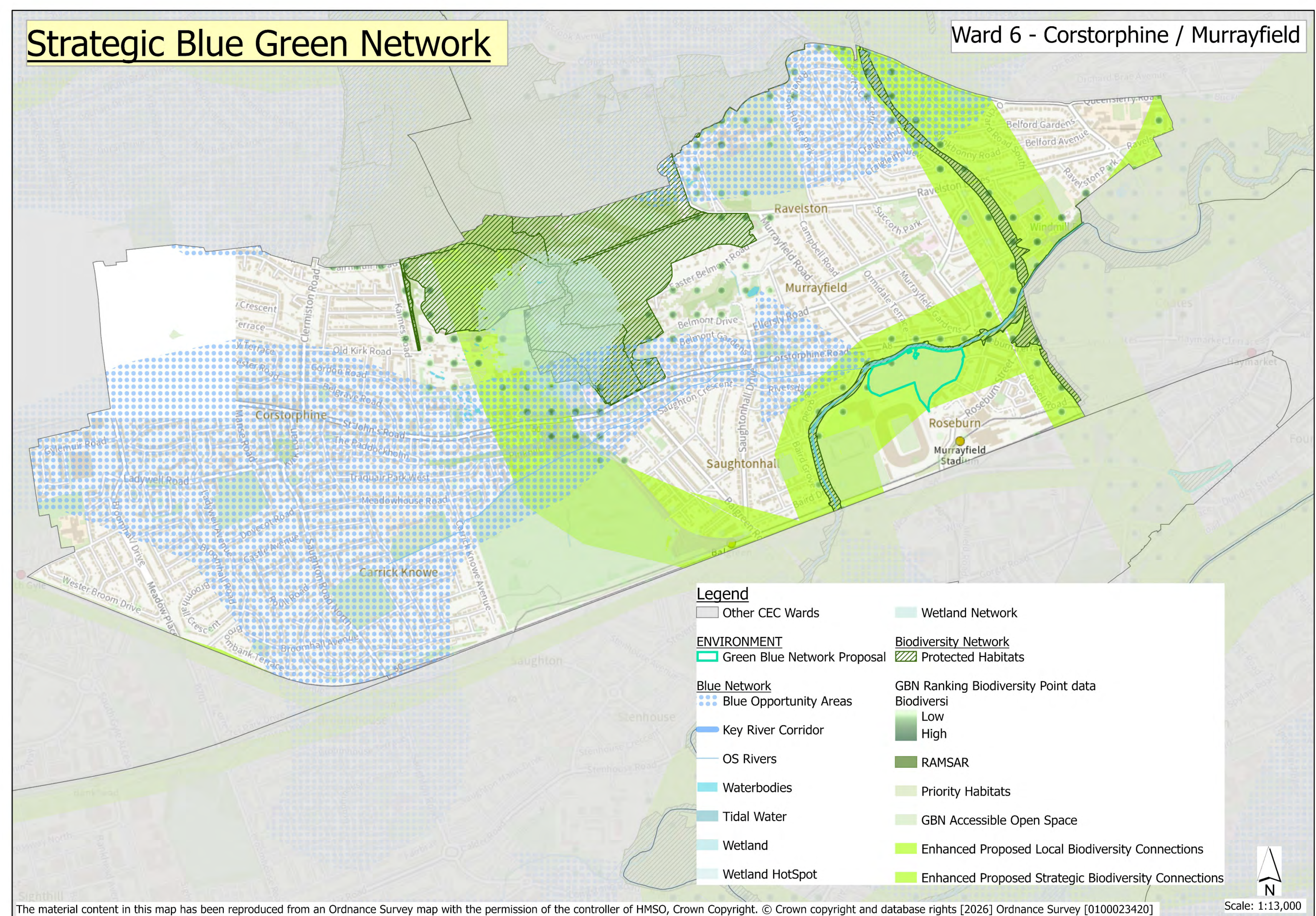
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Strategic Blue Green Network

Ward 6 - Corstorphine / Murrayfield



Growing Spaces

Ward 6 - Corstorphine / Murrayfield

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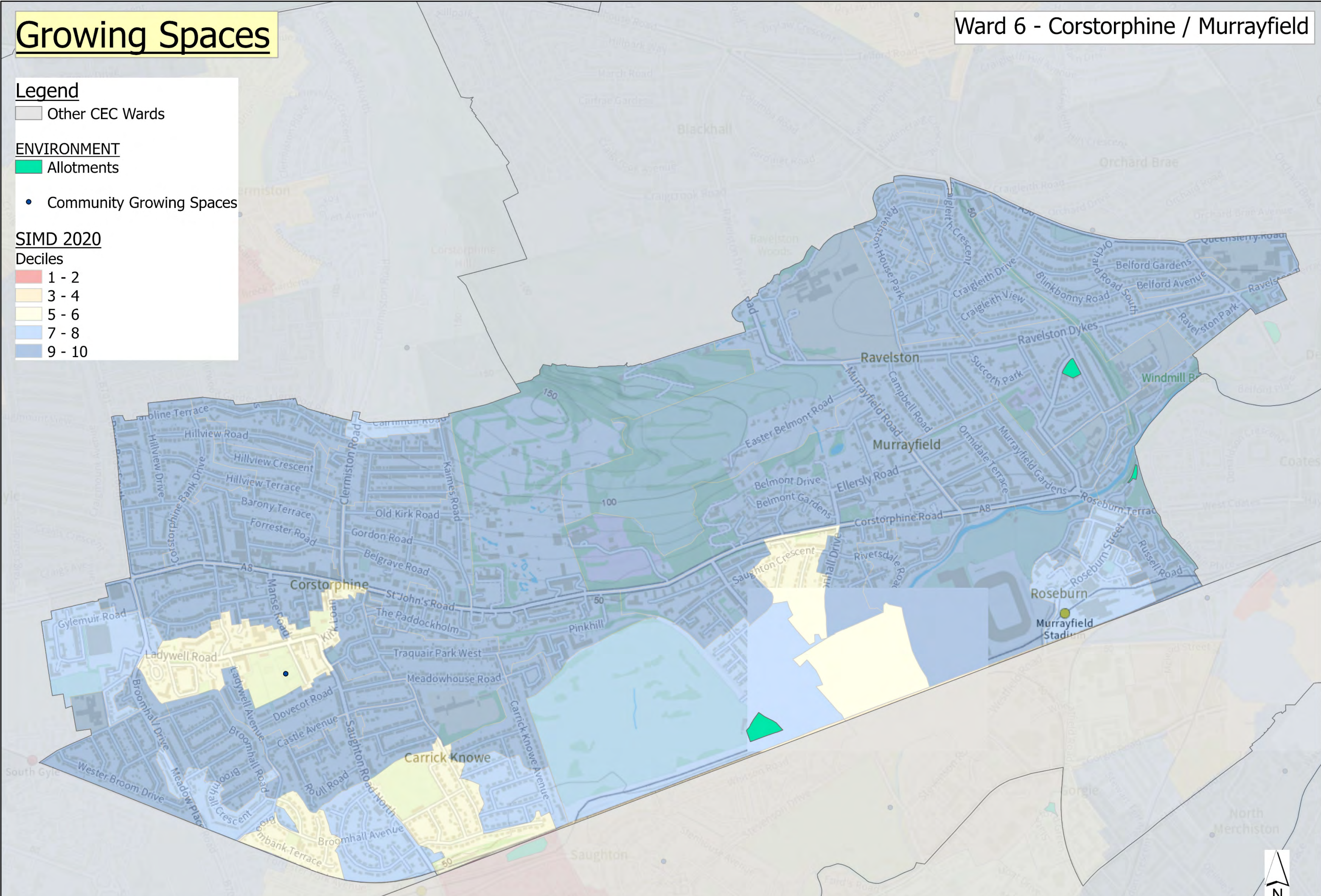
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Community Growing Spaces

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Considerations

- Existing green blue corridors in the ward are centred on Corstorphine Hill, the Water of Leith and the North Edinburgh Path Network providing good access to open space, water and biodiversity. Enhancements are proposed at Roseburn Park to improve the standard of play facilities.
- Opportunities for public or community food growing are rare which may reflect the low levels of deprivation and population density, meaning more households have access to growing space at home.
- Young people feel that green spaces in their area are in fair condition but mention that facilities such as toilet provision could be improved.
- Play equipment is mentioned to be in short supply, and existing facilities in a poor condition that requires repainting or replacement.
- Safety is generally good for young people, with 56% sometimes feeling safe, and 44% always feeling safe in their environment. Lack of lighting is noted as a concern.
- An increase in biodiversity/habitat is desired.

Appendix

This report details the consultation and engagement information utilised when creating the Corstorphine/Murrayfield 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 57 responses were received for Corstorphine/Murrayfield Ward. Out of these, 38 were from public at large and 19 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?

- 21 Very happy
- 15 Happy
- 0 Neutral
- 1 Unhappy
- 0 Very unhappy

If you could change one thing, comments

- A bigger place.
- Change nothing.

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

- 13 Very good
- 21 Good
- 2 Neutral
- 1 Bad
- 0 Terrible

Homes in the area, comments

- **Good:** Varied sizes, types and ownership of homes. Portion of houses have gardens.
- **Bad/change:** More affordable/social housing, instead of hotels and student accommodation. Area doesn't feel safe.

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

- 7 Very good
- 23 Good
- 3 Neutral
- 4 Bad
- 0 Terrible

Shops and services, comments

- **Good:** Availability of mostly food shops in close proximity. Generally good transport links to other major destinations. Corstorphine High St has slightly bigger variety.
- **Bad/change:** Bigger variety of shops and some areas underserved even for food shops. Better public transport links as some areas struggle to access shopping without relying on cars. Support for independent small businesses.

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

- 15 Yes
- 19 No
- 0 Don't know

What there is too much of, comments

- Takeaways. Beauty services.

Children and Young People

Are you happy with your home (the building)?

- 11 Yes
- 7 It's OK
- 1 It's not good

If you could change one thing, comments

- Bigger place, own bedroom.
- House not a flat, own garden.

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

- 0 Too many
- 15 Right amount
- 4 Not enough
- 0 None

Shops and things, comments

- Add big food shop.
- Add skatepark

Health

Public at large

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

- 6 Very good
- 21 Good
- 8 Neutral
- 2 Bad
- 0 Terrible

Healthcare facilities, comments

- **Good:** GPs nearby. Some dentists in the area although some went private.
- **Bad/change:** More NHS dentists. More GPs – hard to get appointments. Current system of morning calls is not convenient and practises need to be available for extended hours.

Transport

Public at large

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

- 13 Very easy
- 13 Easy
- 3 Neutral
- 6 Difficult
- 2 Very difficult

Walk, wheeling, cycling, comments

- **Good:** Good availability of off-roads walking and cycling paths. Some quiet roads. Roseburn Path is in the area and is very positive.
- **Bad/change:** Pavements and roads are in a poor state. Less car traffic. More segregated cycle lanes as currently cycling is unsafe due to number of cars; cycling creating conflicts with pavements. Keep Roseburn path unchanged.

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

- 20 Very easy
- 9 Easy
- 4 Neutral
- 3 Difficult
- 1 Very difficult

Public transport, comments

- **Good:** Buses are great. Tram in the area. Easy link to Centre and Airport.
- **Bad/change:** Some neighbourhoods don't have bus links/any public transport link. Trams are often too full to use, trams have limited connections as one line only and expensive if needed change to bus. Introducing buses travelling not to/through City Centre – orbital route, hospitals, etc.

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

- 1 Very happy
- 10 Happy
- 12 Neutral
- 12 Unhappy
- 2 Very unhappy

Traffic and parking comments

- **Good:** Generally parking available. Events at Murrayfield congest area although management of it has improved.
- **Bad/change:** Reducing the number of cars by improving public transport and walking/cycling. Better parking – cheaper for visitors and residents.

Corstorphine Connections – Low Traffic Neighbourhood (2021)

- Introduces traffic-calming and modal filters to cut through-traffic on residential streets.
- Focuses on walking, wheeling, and cycling improvements.
- Feedback supported slower speeds and safer crossings but raised access and delivery concerns.
- Balances local access, bus priority, and environmental quality.
- Developed through workshops with residents, schools, and local groups.
- Focused on safer school travel, inclusion of older people, and business access.

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
- Too far/ takes too long
- 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?

- It's great - I use it a lot
- Prefer to go by car instead
- Not always on time

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?

- 8 Yes
- 1 No
- 8 Don't know
- 1 Don't care

Economy

Public at large

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

- 5 Very good
- 6 Good
- 21 Neutral
- 1 Bad
- 0 Terrible

Work, volunteering and training, comments

- **Good:** Majority unaware. Some say good opportunities for work and volunteering.
- **Bad/change:** Advertising. Creating opportunities for teenagers and young people to learn skills and gain experience.

Culture

Public at large

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

- 7 Very good
- 19 Good
- 7 Neutral
- 2 Bad
- 1 Terrible

Spaces to meet people, comments

- **Good:** Cafes, pubs etc. Parks. Some church halls.
- **Bad/change:** More community centres/activities. Better advertising.

How is the community space in your area?

- 4 Very good
- 10 Good
- 16 Neutral
- 2 Bad
- 2 Terrible

Community spaces, comments

- **Good:** Some community halls/church halls. A lot of respondents unaware of any/don't have any close.
- **Bad/change:** More community spaces free to use. More options with hire opportunities for community.

Children and Young People

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

- Friend's house
- Playgrounds
- Parks & greenspaces near my home

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

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

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

- MMA, netball, golf
- Dance class

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

- 9 Yes
- 3 Sometimes
- 1 No
- 4 Don't know

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

- 1 Often
- 4 Sometimes
- 11 Very rarely
- 2 Never

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

- Boring/not interested
- Hard to get to
- No one to take me

Environment

Public at large

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

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

Open and natural spaces, comments

- **Good:** Great access to different parks/open spaces – e.g. Water of Leith, Roseburn Path, Saughton, Murrayfield, Corstorphine Hill, golf course.
- **Bad/change:** Keeping them not developing, incl. tram extension to Roseburn Path. More trees and more benches, activities, amenities for community in these spaces.

What is the access to growing spaces like now?

- 4 Very happy
- 2 Happy
- 19 Neutral
- 5 Unhappy
- 5 Very unhappy

Growing spaces, comments

- **Good:** Allotments is a positive for individuals and community. No or very few allotments in the area.
- **Bad/change:** More allotments in the area.

Climate change, comments

- Surface flooding. Too much traffic. Not enough trees/shade.

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.?

- 7 Very happy
- 12 Happy
- 11 Neutral
- 4 Unhappy
- 3 Very unhappy

Ball game spaces, comments

- **Good:** Some areas have good access to big parks.
- **Bad/change:** More locally. More variety, not just football, not just ball games.

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?

- 4 Very happy
- 11 Happy
- 12 Neutral
- 2 Unhappy
- 6 Very unhappy

Outdoor play spaces, comments

- **Good:** Some spaces for kids/green spaces exist.
- **Bad/change:** Better maintenance. Spaces sometimes feel unsafe. More spaces for older kids/teenagers.

Children and Young People

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

- 5 Almost every day
- 4 A few days a week
- 5 Once a week
- 3 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?

- 5 Yes, there are lots
- 11 There are a few
- 2 No, there aren't enough
- 1 No, there aren't any

What is your favourite park or greenspace in Edinburgh?

- Saughton park
- Union Park

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

- It is fun
- It is close to home
- The play equipment is cool

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

- Not enough people to do things with
- Bad weather/too dark in winter
- No toilets, no cafes

How could the places where you hang out be better?

- More things to do
- Toilet

Are the outdoor spaces you go to clean?

- 0 Very clean
- 4 Clean
- 13 OK
- 1 Dirty
- 1 Very Dirty

Outdoor play equipment

- 3 In good condition
- 2 Needs fixing
- 4 Needs cleaned/painted
- 4 Needs replacing
- 6 There is not enough or any play equipment

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

- 8 I always feel safe
- 10 I sometimes feel safe
- 0 I never feel safe

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

- Not safe when dark
- Don't know the way around

How close are you with nature?

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

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

- More trees/more wildlife
- Less litter

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

- No, n/a.
- Not enough habitat for wildlife.

Place

Public at large

How happy are you with your area?

- 10 Very happy
- 19 Happy
- 7 Neutral
- 0 Unhappy
- 1 Very unhappy

What would you change, comments

- Improve traffic flow. Repair/maintain roads.

Any other comments

- Too congested/worries about new developments and its impact to existing infrastructure.

Corstorphine Connections (2021)

- Consultation included residents, schools, and businesses.
- Participants emphasised safer streets, greenery, and accessible spaces.

Children and Young People

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

- It is dirty around where I live

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