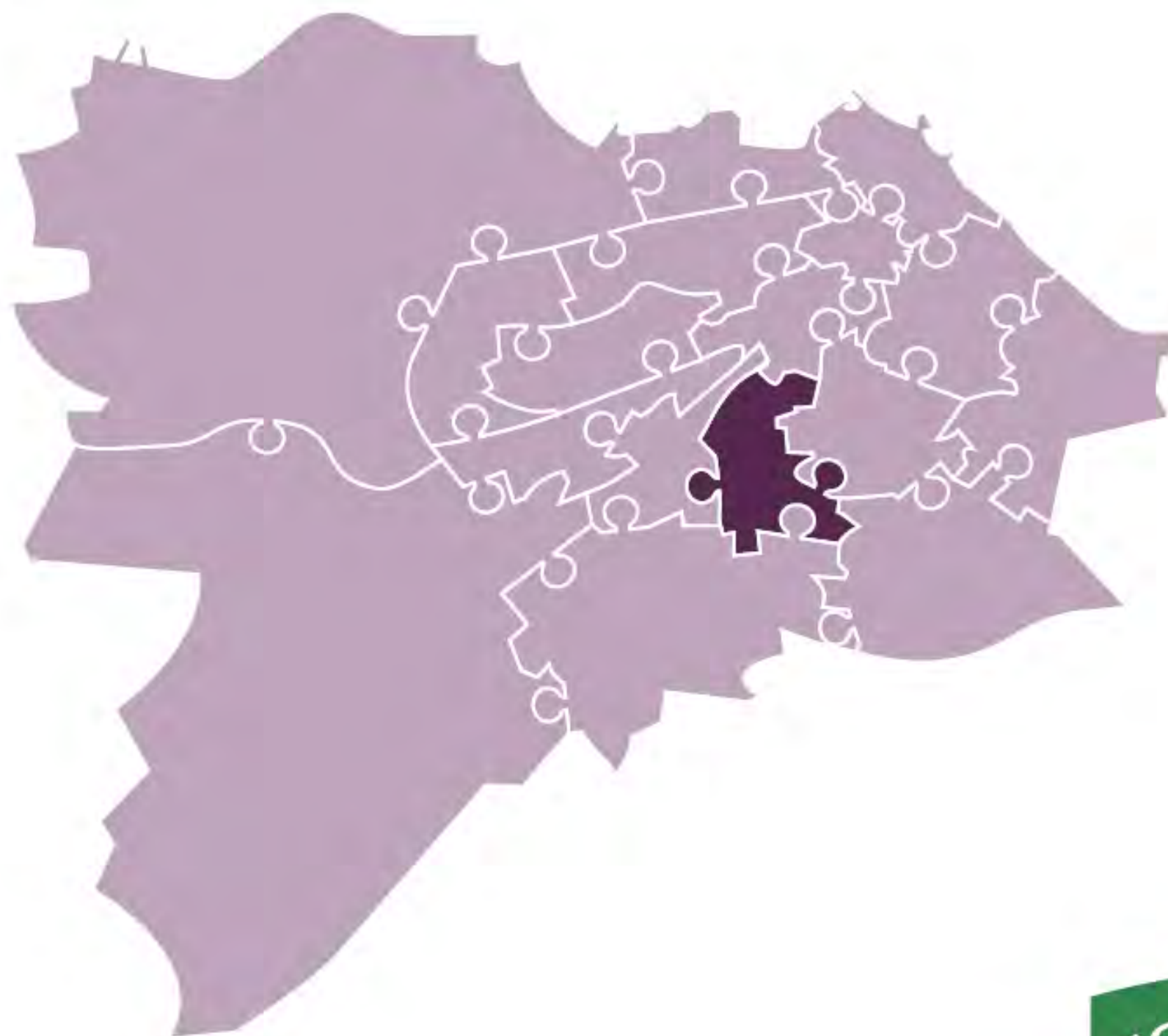


Evidence Report Place Profile

Ward 10 Morningside



Introduction

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

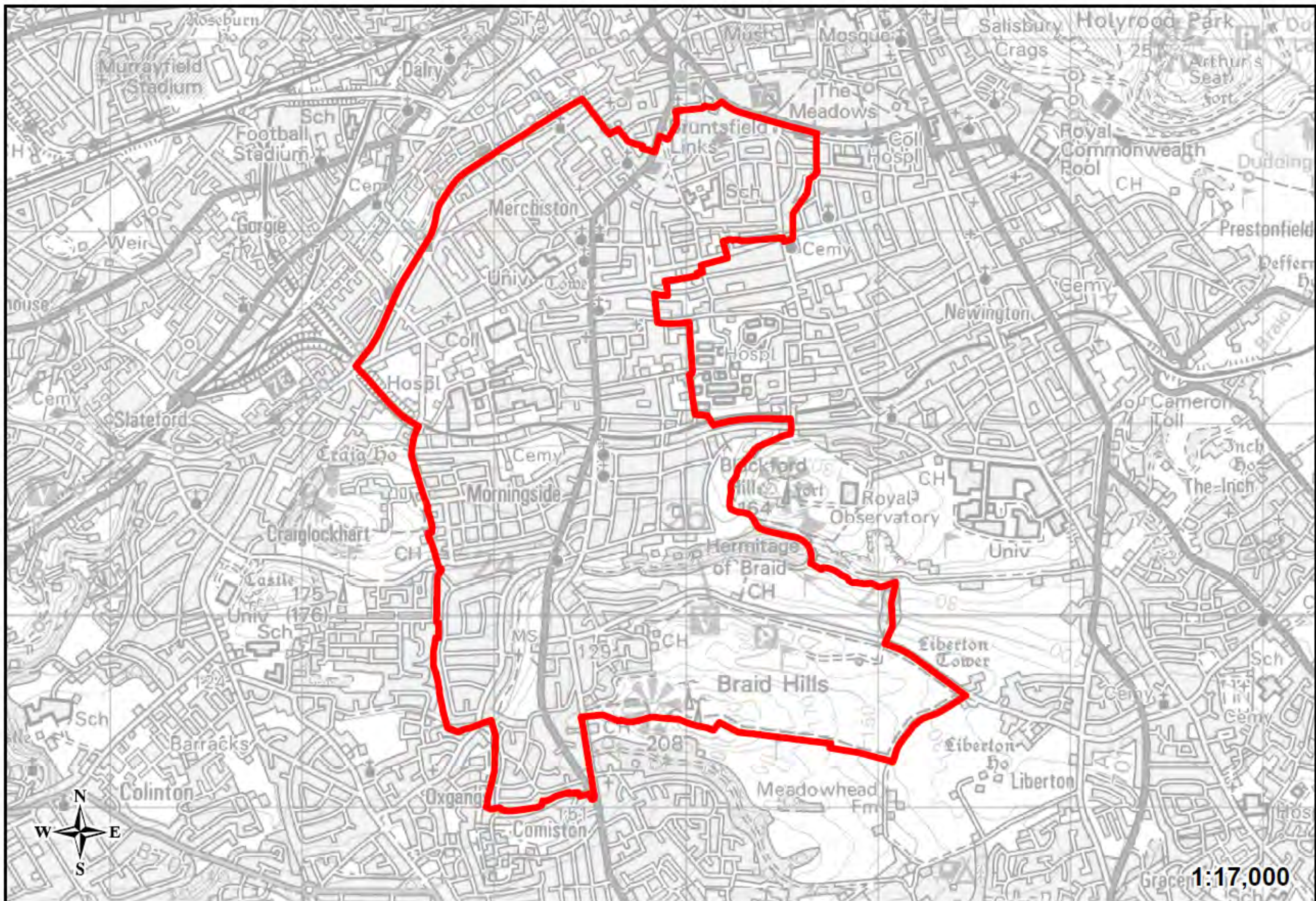
In line with NPF4 and related guidance, new Local Development Plans in Scotland need to be place-based, people-centred and delivery-focussed.

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 people feel happy or very happy with their area - Housing broadly is very suitable for the requirements of the population - The provision and variety of shops and services within the ward is thought of as good - The ward is in close proximity to the city centre and therefore benefits from easy access to large numbers of employers, yet still contains town and local centres for local work opportunities - Royal Edinburgh Hospital and Edinburgh Napier University Merchiston Campus are key employers and destinations within the ward - Access to public transport is good and is concentrated along the Bruntsfield-Morningside corridor - Active travel routes are present in the ward including quiet routes and traffic mitigation - There is a significant number of greenspaces in the ward including larger spaces, and these are well dispersed - Adults are very happy with the provision of community and socialising spaces	- Some residents have a concern about the overprovision of cafes in the area - There is poorer access to public transport in the east and west of the ward away from the Bruntsfield-Morningside corridor and towards the south near Greenbank and the Braids - High traffic congestion is a concern in the ward - Allotments and growing spaces are not evenly distributed throughout the ward. There is less provision towards the north-east and south-west and existing spaces are not advertised well - The impact of climate change is a concern regarding surface water flooding and biodiversity - The closure of the Reid Memorial is creating uncertainty for the continuation of some community youth clubs and groups
Implications	
- Explore the possibility to include healthcare infrastructure in any future development - Opportunity to diversify the housing stock to include greater levels of affordable and social housing and accommodation suited for elderly living and to improve energy efficiency - Opportunities to explore the retention and support of independent businesses - Improvements to the public realm and active travel routes to provide a better and safer environment for walkers, wheeler and cyclists - Explore the improvement of public transport journey times and connectivity to non-city centre areas - Opportunities for the retention and improvement of public open space facilities including play equipment and public toilets - There is a desire for greater numberers of libraries and other community spaces that are affordable to access and offer learning classes - Explore the provision and publicity of community growing spaces	

Place

Background

Morningside Ward has mixed residential development with large amounts of public open space.

Much of the ward was developed in the 19th century as new suburbs for the growing middle-class in Edinburgh, providing cleaner and greener surroundings away from the inner-city slums and industry.

Marchmont and **Bruntsfield** and **Polwarth** are historic high-density tenement areas to the north.

Merchiston and **Churchill** are largely Victorian villas with some terraced and newer development.

Morningside is a former village that turned into a suburb in 19th century. Today the area is a mix of mid and high-density primarily residential development.

Greenbank is an area of inter-war, primarily bungalow residential development.

The Morningside/Bruntsfield Town Centre is located along this road with local shopping centres at Polwarth, Viewforth, Marchmont South, Marchmont North and Comiston.

Historically, the biggest impact to new development was the opening of the Edinburgh Suburban and South Side Junction Railway in 1885. The South Suburban railway line is still in place and primarily used for freight. Although no plans are currently committed, City Plan 2030 has safeguards in place for the potential reopening of this route for passengers.

Comiston Road-Morningside Road-Bruntsfield Place is the key arterial and public transport route through the ward.

The ward has significant areas of green space: western section of The Meadows, Bruntsfield Links, Morningside Cemetery, Braidburn Valley Park, the Hermitage, Midmar Paddock and the western edge of Blackford Hill including Blackford Pond.

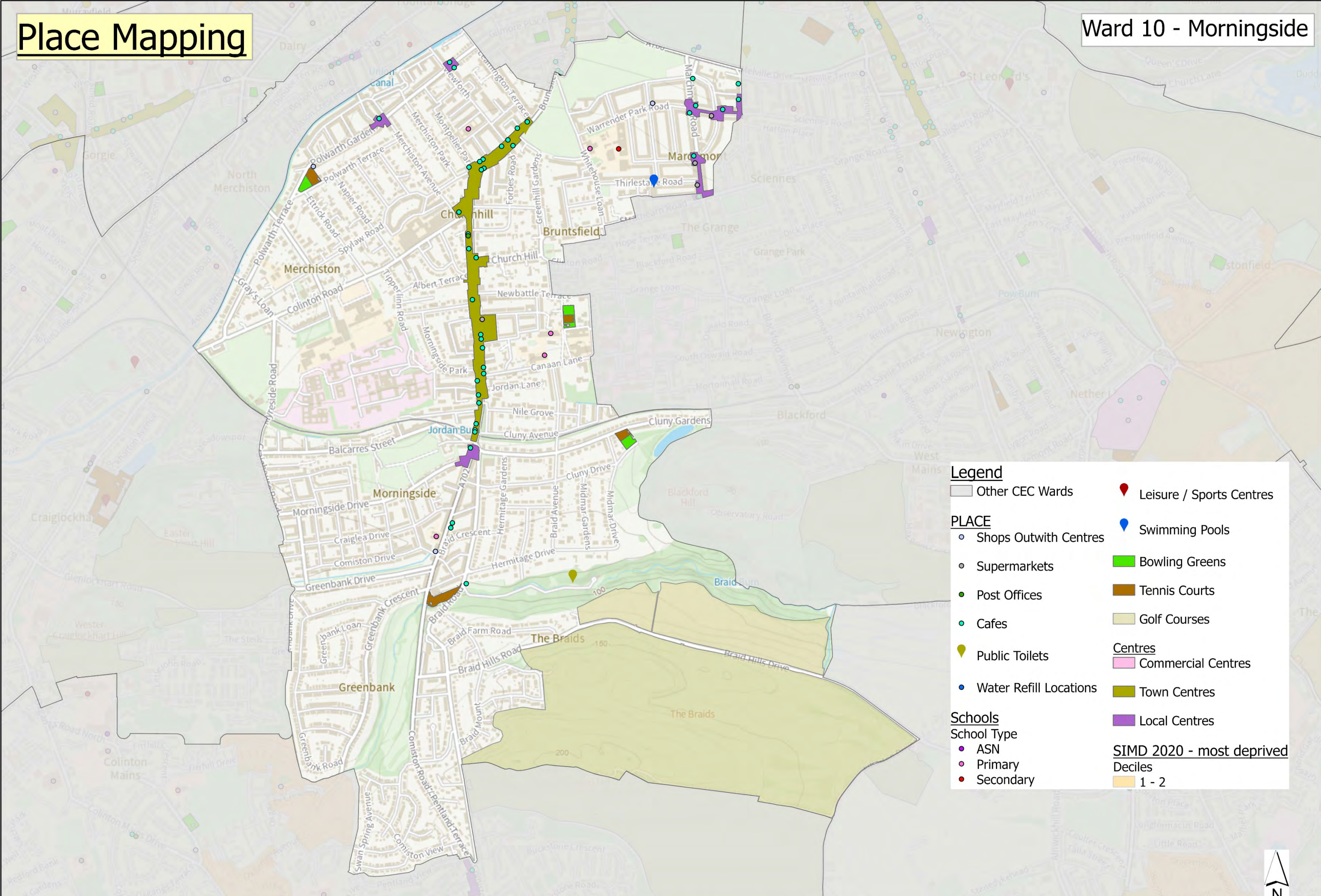
Apart from residential other larger land uses are Royal Edinburgh Hospital and George Watson's College.

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 10 - Morningside



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

Water Refill Locations

Commercial Centres

Town Centres

Local Centres

Schools

School Type

ASN

Primary

Secondary

SIMD 2020 - most deprived

Deciles

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Culture and Community Infrastructure

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Other CEC Wards

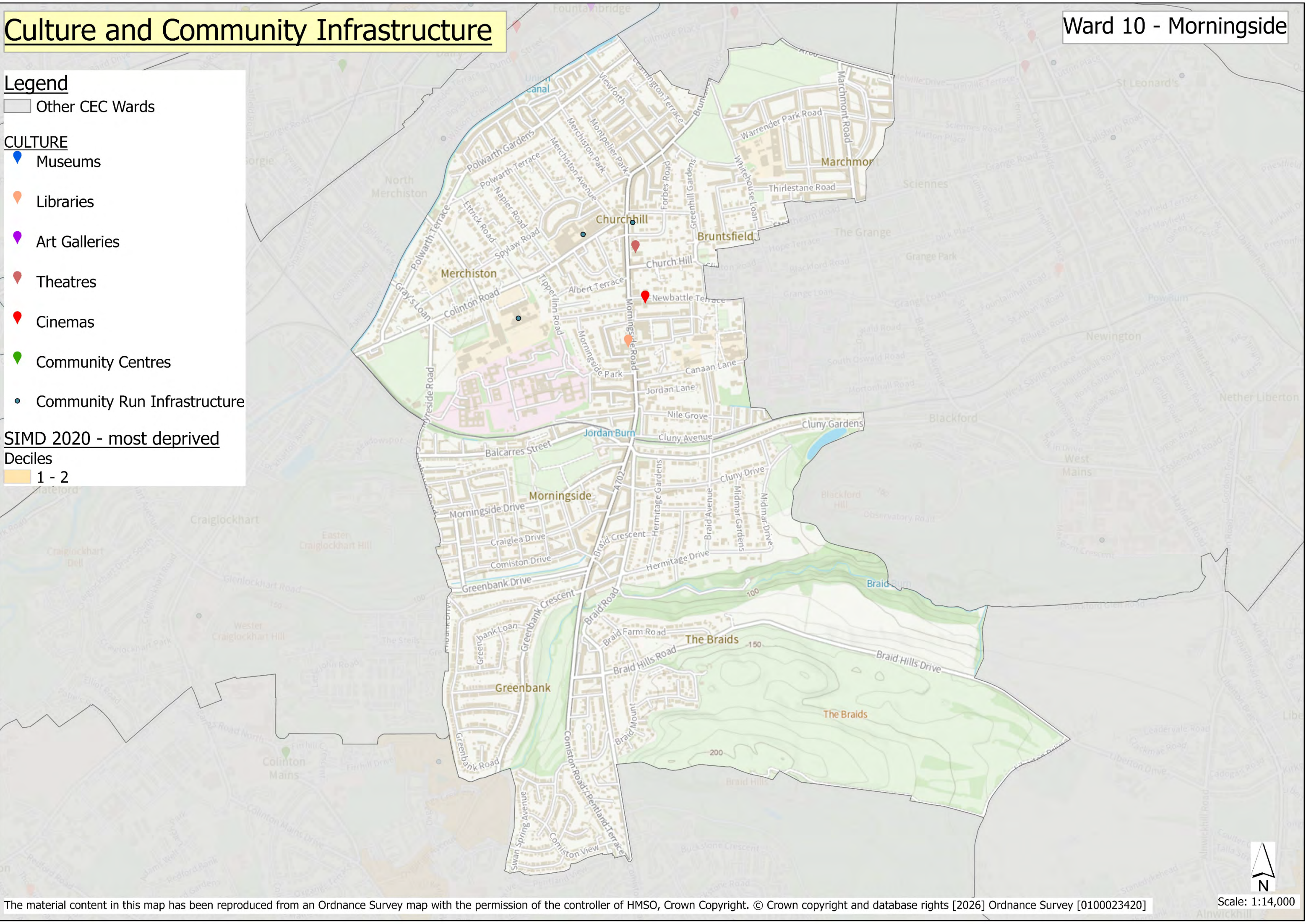
CULTURE

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

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Considerations

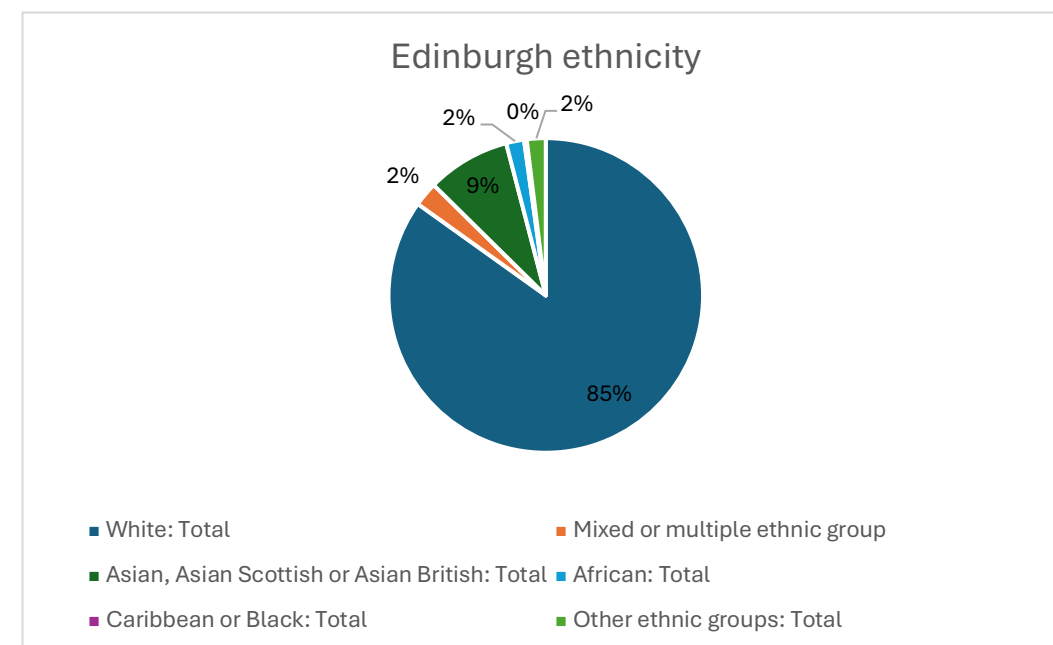
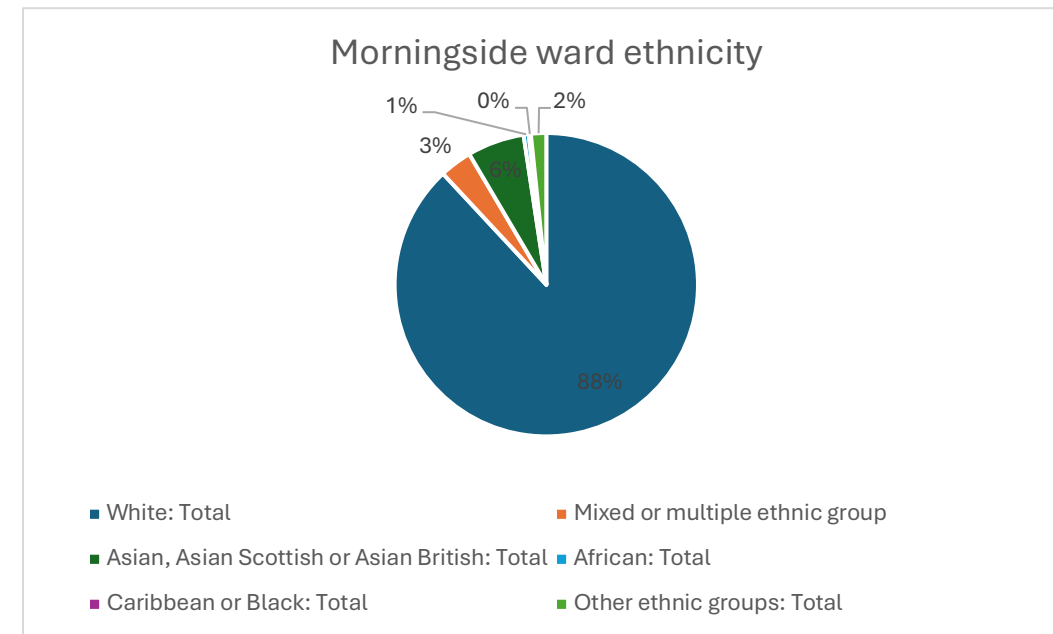
- Place mapping shows that amenities located along the town and local centres of Bruntsfield, Morningside, Polwarth and Marchmont tend to align with population density and transport access, forming part of compact neighbourhoods where mixed uses and tenement development are common. This urban form is relatively continuous with the city centre to the north.
- Overall, the culture and community spaces in this ward are located close to Bruntsfield and Morningside. The north of the ward is close to culture and community spaces in the city centre. There is relatively lower access in the south of the ward.
- Shopping is good in the area, however some feel there are too many cafes. Young people would like to see more libraries in the area.
- Adults in the area felt there are plenty of food/drink places to meet and socialise, with most young people said they go to food/drink place to hang out too.
- While there are good community centres and church halls, it is felt that a community centre with classes and opportunity to meet up affordably was needed.
- People felt there is a need for more indoor/outdoor spaces for older kids and improvements to public realm to create more places to meet.

People

Demographics

- The population of Morningside is 33,106 which is **6.4%** of the Edinburgh total of 514,543.
- This population is housed in 14,003 households, which is **5.9%** of the Edinburgh total of 238,944 households.
- The following sites located within the ward boundary are allocated within the adopted City Plan 2030.
 - H9 Falcon Road West – 11 homes.
 - H12 Temple Park Crescent – 46 homes.
 - City Plan 2030 allocates a total 57 which would be a **0.4%** 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 4,443 which is **13.8%** of the ward population compared to **14.58%** for the Edinburgh total.
 - The population aged 16-64 is 22,471 which is **70%** of the ward population compared to **69.5%** for the Edinburgh total.
 - The population aged 65+ is 5,185 which is **16.2%** 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 (1,098)
 - Chinese, Chinese Scottish or Chinese British (798)
 - Indian, Indian Scottish or Indian British (450)

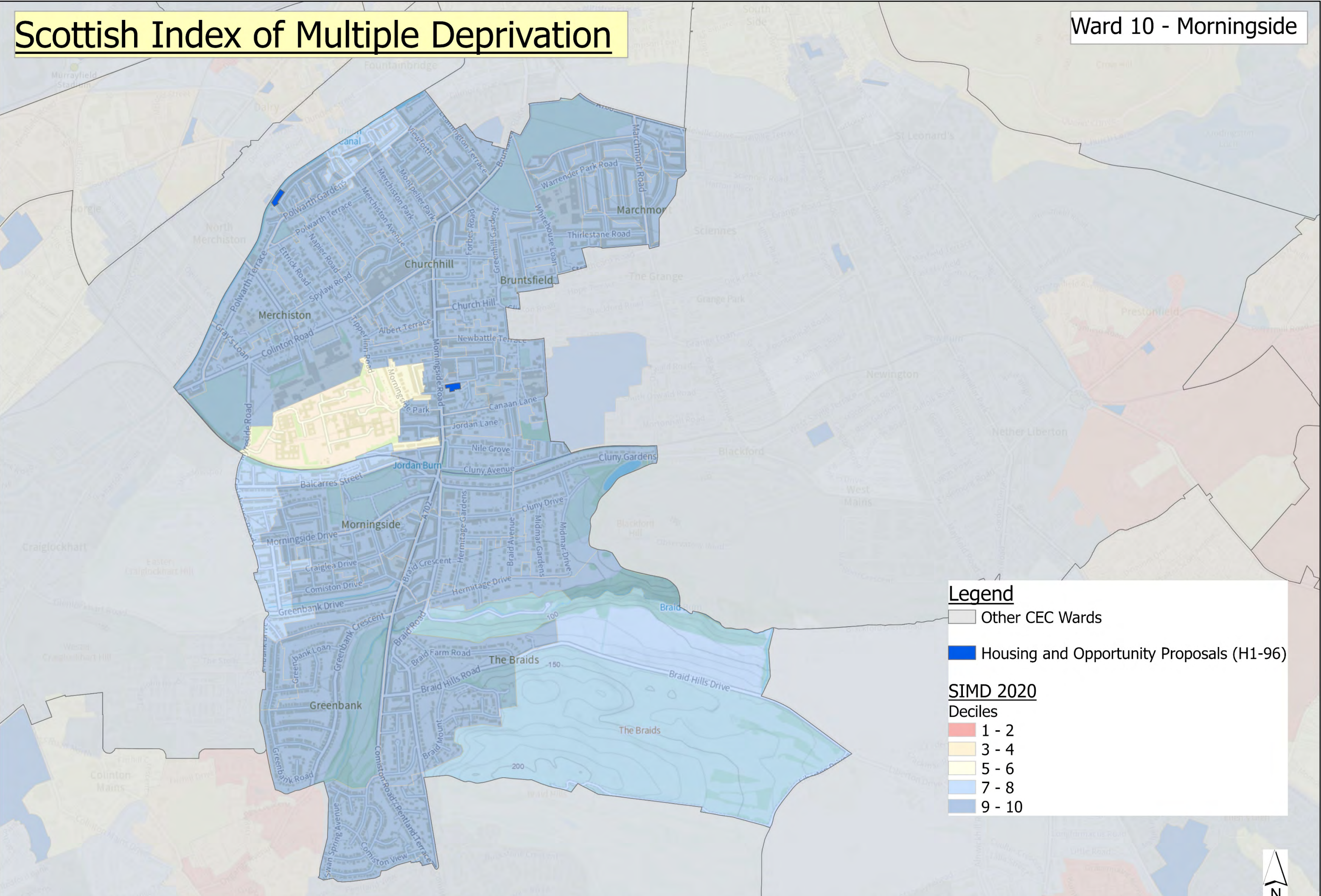


Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD)

- SIMD mapping below shows this as a ward with relatively little deprivation and many parts of the ward are within the 20% least deprived in Scotland.

Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation

Ward 10 - Morningside



Legend

Other CEC Wards

Housing and Opportunity Proposals (H1-96)

SIMD 2020

Deciles

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3 - 4

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7 - 8

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Considerations

- The population is expected to grow much slower than the Edinburgh average.
- The age breakdown of the ward is generally in line with the Edinburgh average with only small variations of around 1%.
- The population is somewhat less diverse than Edinburgh as a whole.
- Many areas of the ward are identified as being within the least 20% deprived in Scotland. An area of somewhat higher deprivation is identified adjacent to the Royal Edinburgh Hospital.
- Consultation showed that almost all respondents are happy or very happy with their area.
- People would like to see traffic reduced and pavements improved. Public toilets are needed and greenspace should be retained.
- Young people mentioned the Reid Memorial in the area is shutting making the future of clubs and groups that meet there uncertain.

Health

Demographics

- **15.7%** of the ward population reported having a long-term illness or disease, compared to **18.1%** of the Edinburgh total.
- **10.8%** of the ward population reported having a long-term mental health condition, compared to **11.9%** of the Edinburgh total.
- **89.5%** 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 **44,292**, greater than the ward population of **33,106**. 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 3454.1 people** based on mid-2024 estimates compared to **1 pharmacy per 5006.4 people** for Edinburgh as a whole.
- It is estimated based on A&E attendances that **13.76%** of the ward have accessed A&E services in 2025, compared to **17.59%** for Edinburgh as a whole.
- For pregnant people between 2020 and 2025, **22.62%** were overweight and **7.85%** 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, **32.2%** were overweight and **17.63%** 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 20203 of the intermediate zones all or partially within this ward are as follows:
 - In Bruntsfield – Male life expectancy was **81.6 years** and female life expectancy was **84.3 years**.
 - Comiston & Swanston – Male life expectancy was **86.2 years** and female life expectancy was **87.9 years**.
 - Craiglockhart – Male life expectancy was **81.3 years** and female life expectancy was **84.5 years**.
 - Dalry & Fountainbridge – Male life expectancy was **77.1 years** and female life expectancy was **80 years**.
 - Greenbank & The Braids – Male life expectancy was **83.5 years** and female life expectancy was **91.2 years**.
 - Liberton West & Braid Hills – Male life expectancy was **77.8 years** and female life expectancy was **77.8 years**.

- Marchmont East & Sciennes – Male life expectancy was **78.7 years** and female life expectancy was **83.3 years**.
- Marchmont West – Male life expectancy was **79.1 years** and female life expectancy was **84.1 years**.
- Meadows & Southside – Male life expectancy was **91.3 years** and female life expectancy was **87 years**.
- Merchiston & Greenhill – Male life expectancy was **79.5 years** and female life expectancy was **80.8 years**.
- Morningside – Male life expectancy was **84.1 years** and female life expectancy was **88.5 years**.
- Morningside & Craighouse – Male life expectancy was **78.9 years** and female life expectancy was **84.4 years**.
- Polwarth – Male life expectancy was **76.2 years** and female life expectancy was **79.1 years**.
- Shandon – Male life expectancy was **79.7 years** and female life expectancy was **85.6 years**.
- The Grange – Male life expectancy was **79.8 years** and female life expectancy was **84.5 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 mainly located along the Bruntsfield-Morningside corridor.

Hot Food Takeaways

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Legend

Other CEC Wards

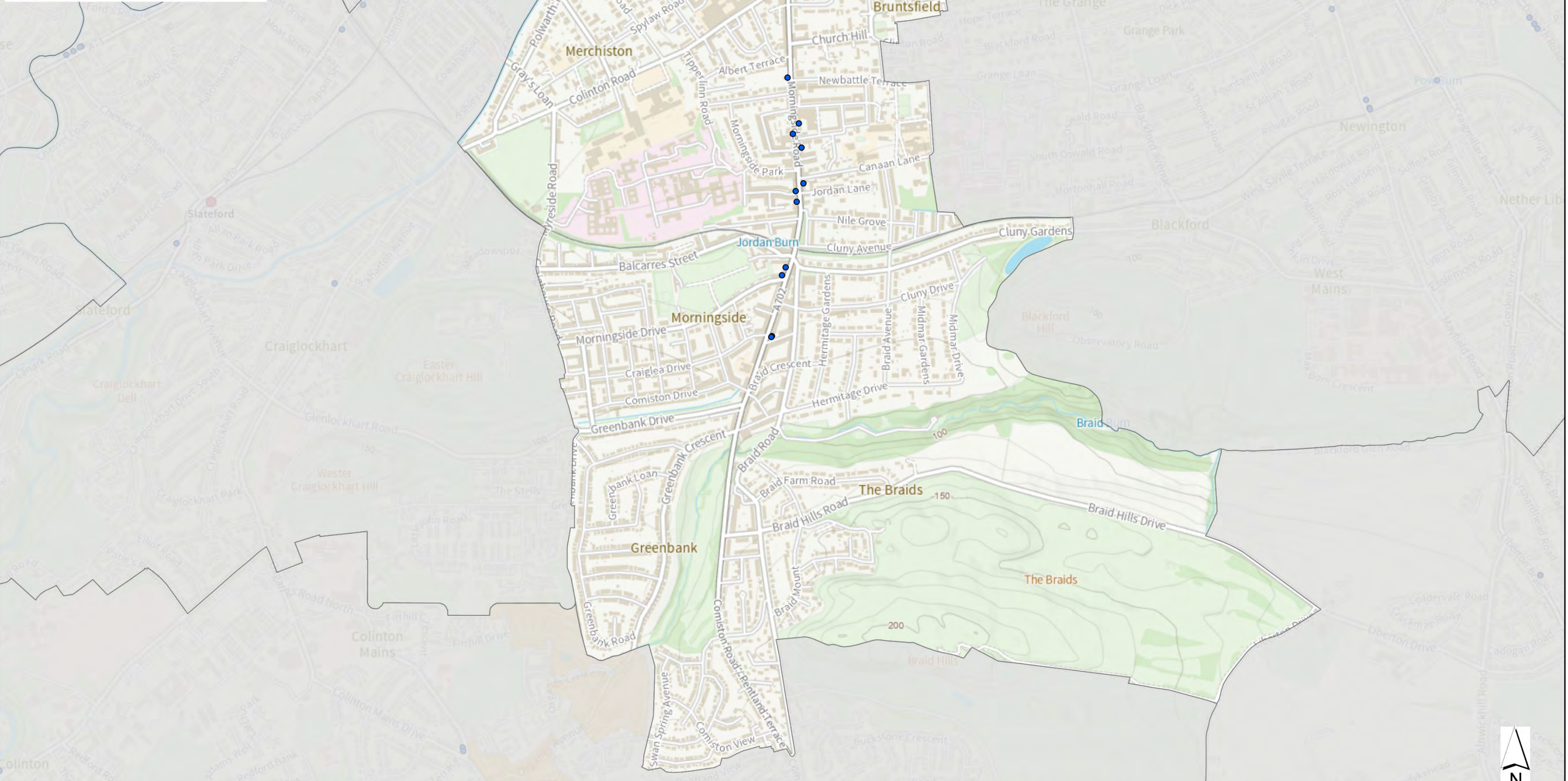
HEALTH

Hot Food Takeaways

SIMD 2020 - most deprived

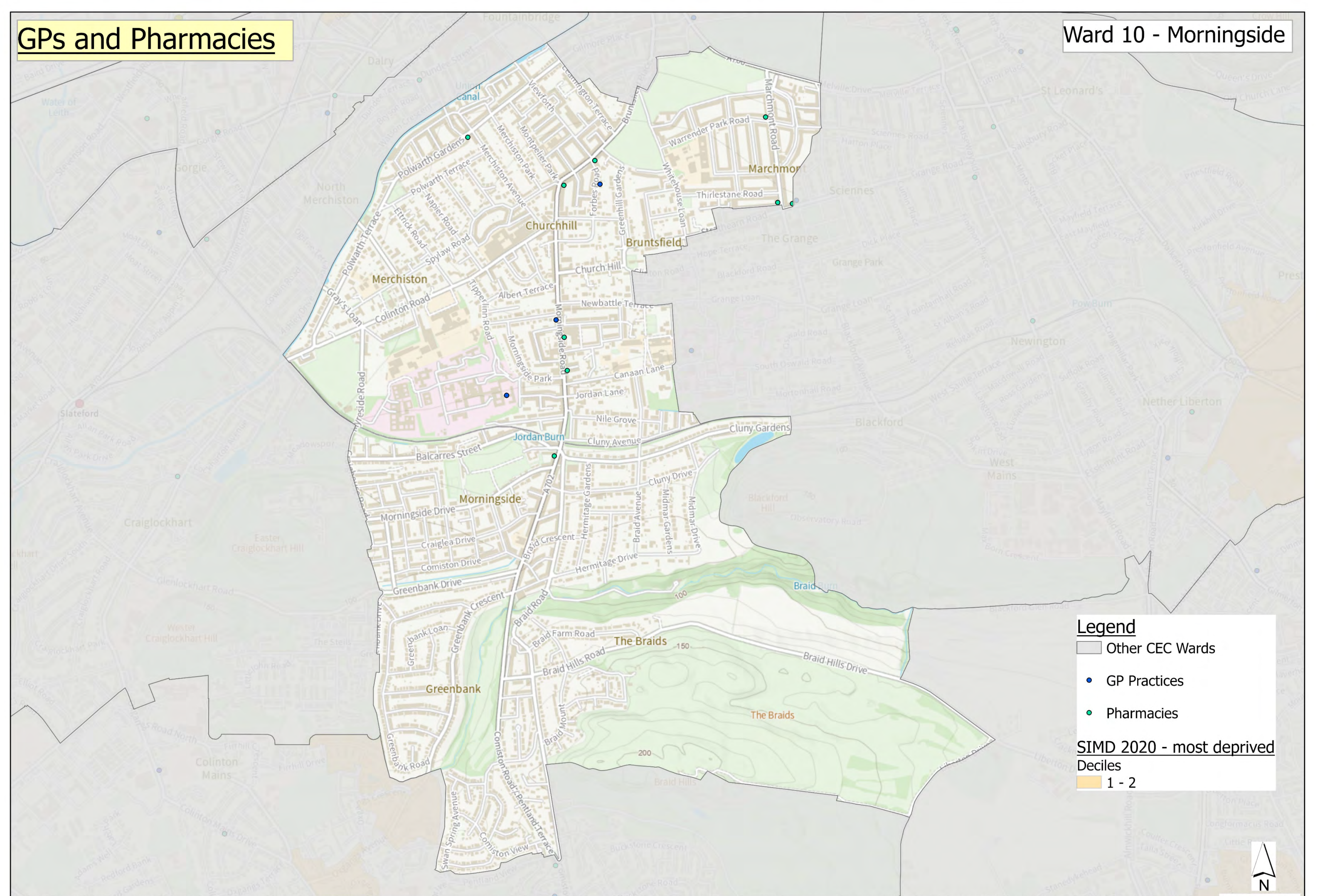
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GPs and Pharmacies

Ward 10 - Morningside



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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 lower percentage of people having a long-term illness/disease.
- 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 population density and transport access around Marchmont, Bruntsfield and Morningside.
- People are overall happy with provision of health services in the area however feel that new development should also include new health infrastructure.

Housing

Housing type and density

- 3,415 households live in houses, which is **24.4%** compared with **36.8%** of the Edinburgh total, while 10,589 which is **75.6%**, 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 higher on average than the Edinburgh total, mapping shows this to be concentrated in the north of the ward with traditional tenement areas such as Marchmont, Viewforth and Bruntsfield contributing to this.
- Population density as measured by households per hectare is higher in the areas detailed.

Housing tenure and overcrowding

- The housing tenure breakdown of the ward is listed below:
 - **65.6%** households in the ward report their housing tenure as Owned, compared to **60.1%** for the Edinburgh total.
 - **1.9%** households in the ward report their housing tenure as Social Rented, compared to **15.7%** for the Edinburgh total.
 - **31.4%** households in the ward report their housing tenure as Private Rented, compared to **23.1%** for the Edinburgh total.
- The level of owner occupation and private rent is greater than the Edinburgh average, with levels of socially rented accommodation much lower than the Edinburgh average.
- The level of overcrowding as measured by census reporting of number of people within occupiable rooms per household is generally lower than in wards with greater deprivation and levels of social housing, although some overcrowding can be seen in the denser northern parts of the ward.

Density (Households per Hectare)

Ward 10 - Morningside

Legend

Other CEC Wards

Public Transport Stops

Type

- Bus
- Coach
- Rail
- Tram

Open Space

Centres

Commercial Centres

Town Centres

Local Centres

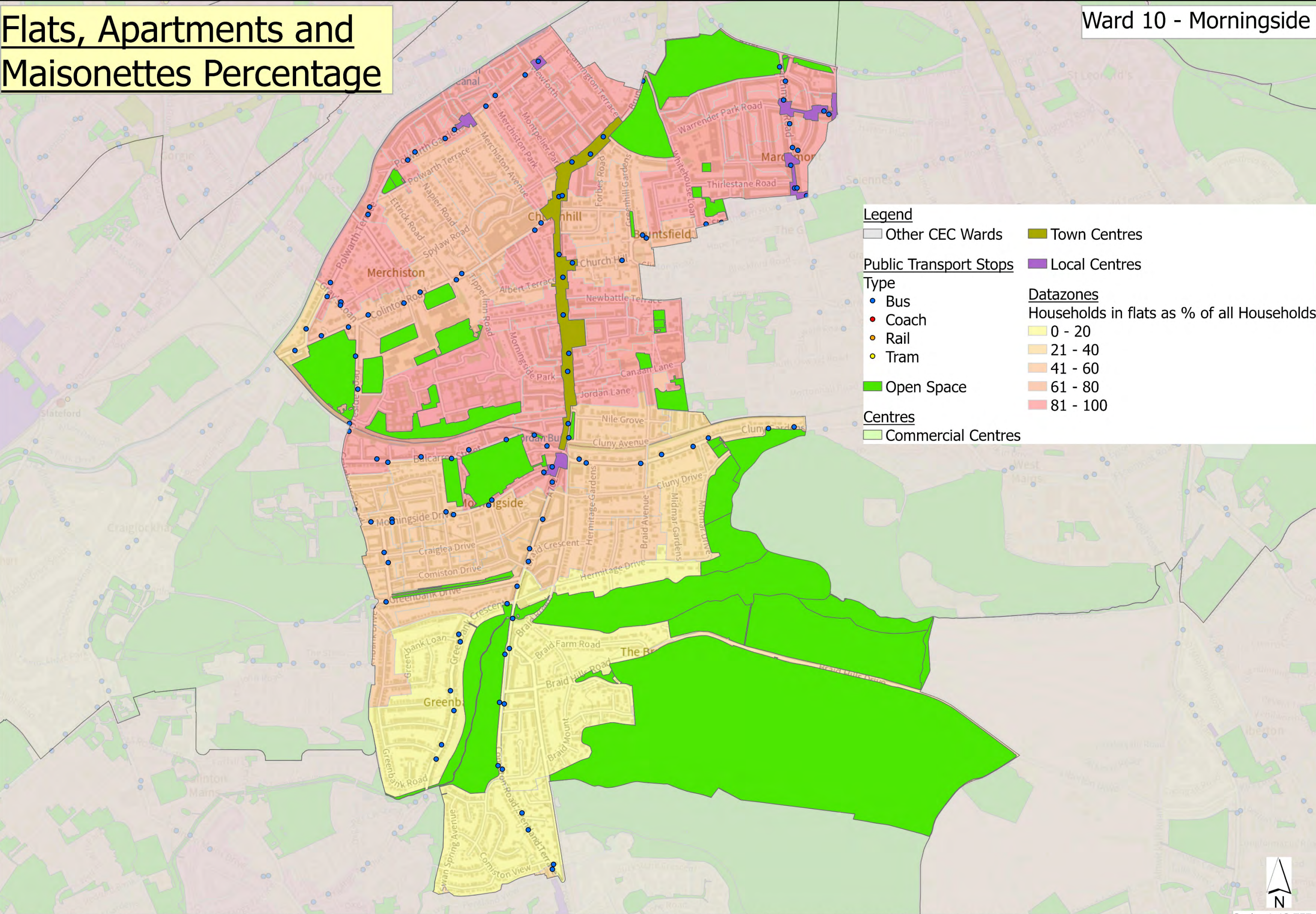
Datazones

Households Per Hectare

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

Flats, Apartments and Maisonettes Percentage

Ward 10 - Morningside



Households in Social Accommodation Percentage

Ward 10 - Morningside

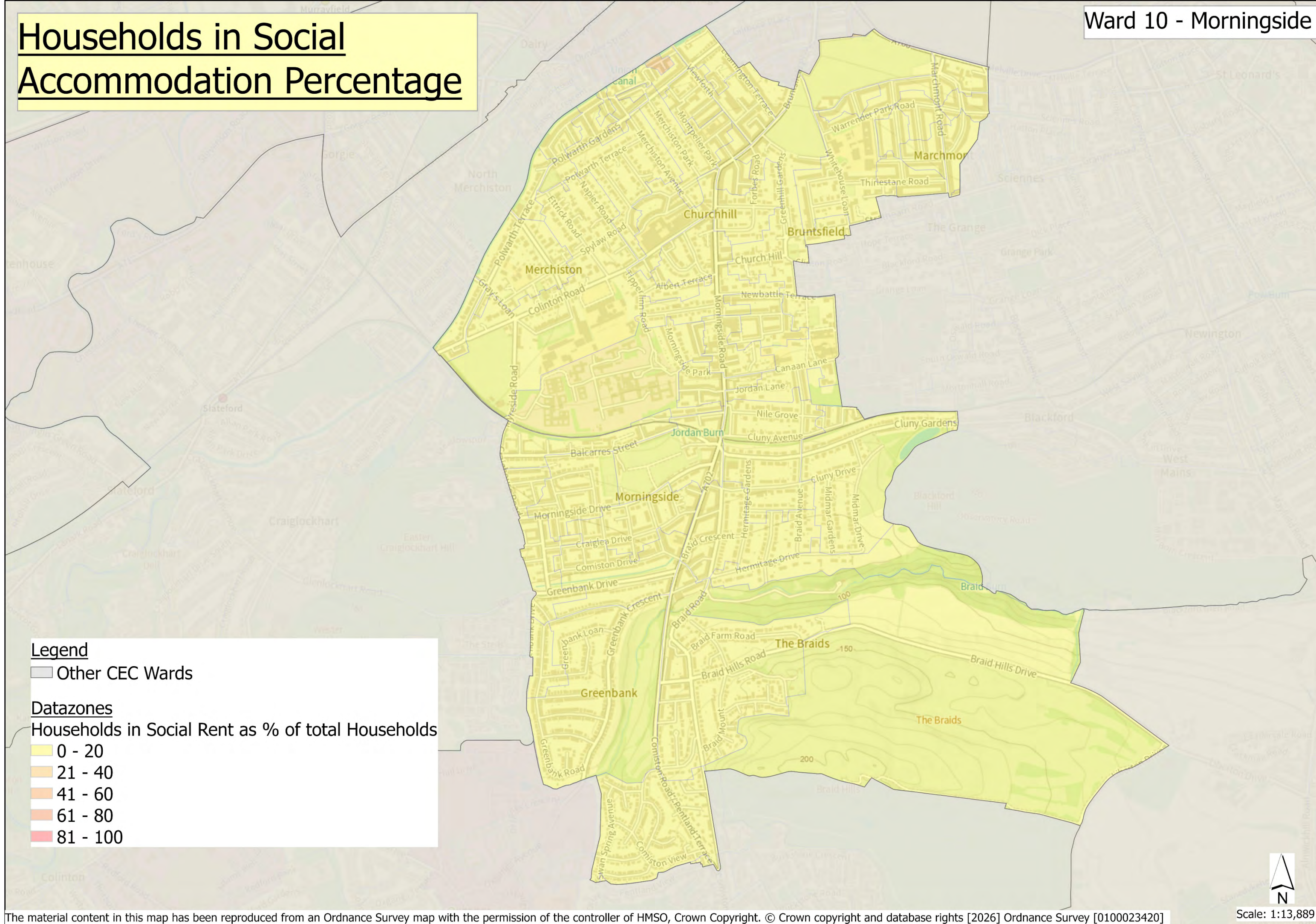
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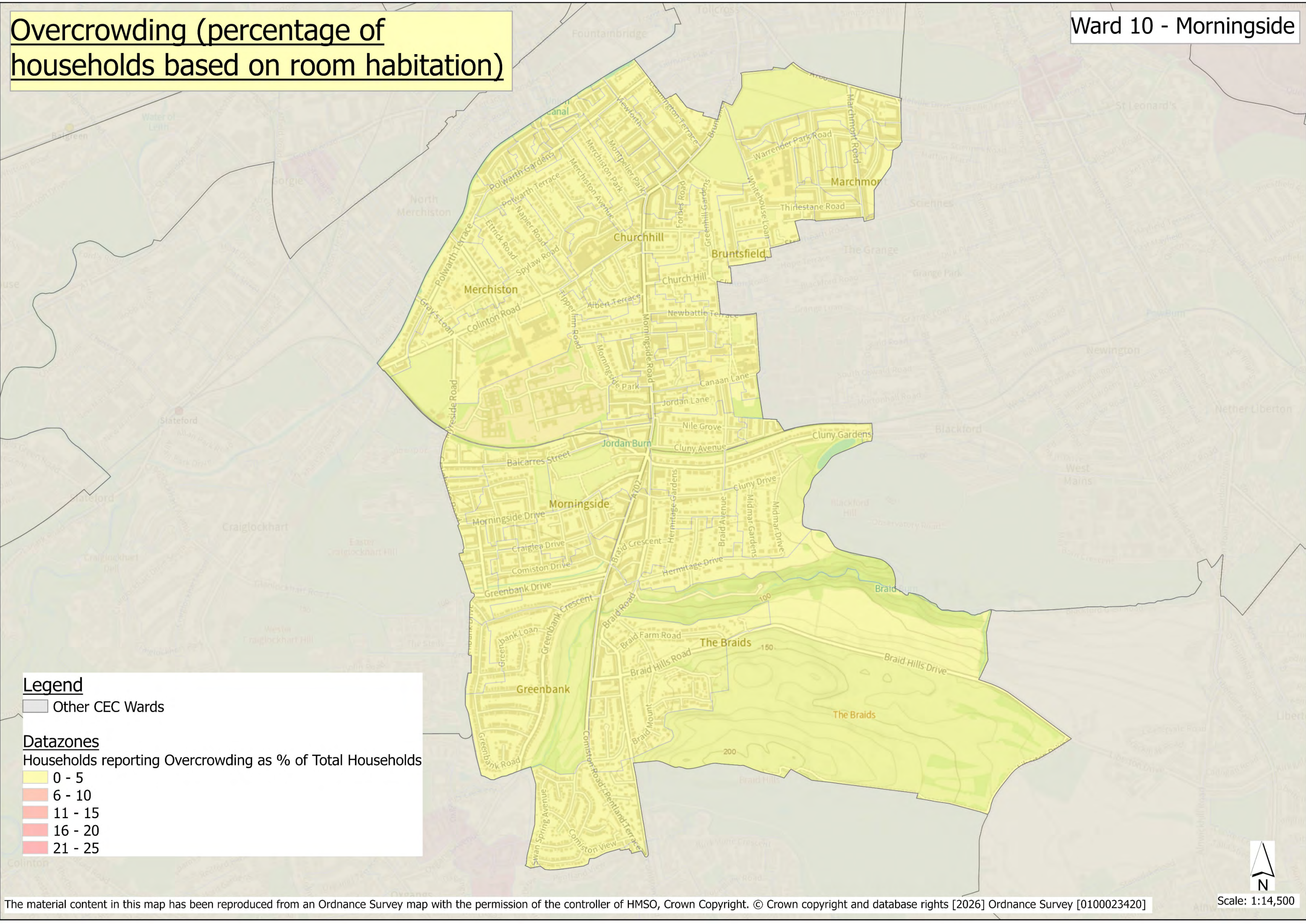
Households in Social Rent as % of total Households

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



Overcrowding (percentage of households based on room habitation)

Ward 10 - Morningside



Legend

Other CEC Wards

Datazones

Households reporting Overcrowding as % of Total Households

- 0 - 5
- 6 - 10
- 11 - 15
- 16 - 20
- 21 - 25

Considerations

- Flatted accommodation is concentrated in the denser areas of Marchmont, Bruntsfield, Viewforth and Morningside, typically arranged in compact traditional tenement areas close to town, local centres and transport corridors.
- Social housing is generally rare in this ward and overcrowding is lower than in many other wards which have greater levels of social housing and deprivation.
- People are very happy with their homes. When asked what they would like to change, warmer/less damp and less traffic noise were the most common responses. Young people would like to live in a bigger place or have their own bedroom.
- In terms of housing, more affordable and social housing as well as housing for people with lower mobility are needed.

Economy

Demographics

- The occupation breakdown of the ward is listed below:
 - **9.6%** 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.
 - **42%** 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.
 - **6.5%** 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.
 - **3.8%** 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.
 - **4.8%** 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.
 - **5.7%** 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.
 - **2.2%** of people aged 16 or over in employment in the ward report their occupation as Process, Plant and Machine Operatives, compared to **4.3%** for the Edinburgh total.
 - **8.9%** 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:
 - **3.2%** of residents in the ward report their highest qualification level as No qualifications, compared to **9.7%** for the Edinburgh total.
 - **7%** of residents in the ward report their highest qualification level as Lower school qualifications, compared to **14.3%** for the Edinburgh total.
 - **15.6%** of residents in the ward report their highest qualification level as Upper school qualifications, compared to **4.4%** for the Edinburgh total.
 - **1.6%** of residents in the ward report their highest qualification level as Apprenticeship qualifications, compared to **4.4%** for the Edinburgh total.
 - **6.6%** 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.

- **65.9%** 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 10 - Morningside

Legend

Other CEC Wards

Public Transport Stops

Type

- Bus
- Coach
- Rail
- Tram

Economy

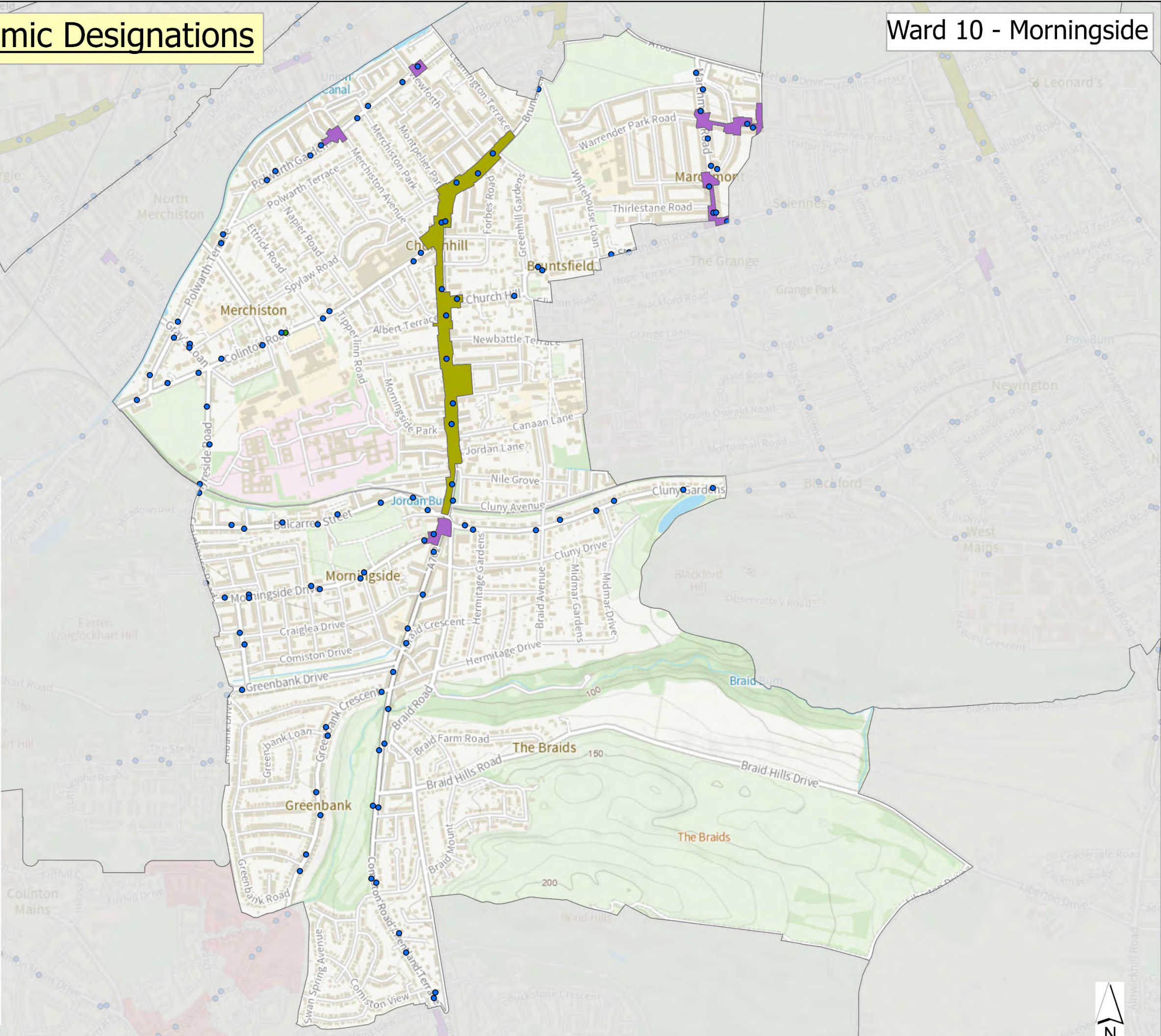
- Largest Businesses - By parking space total

- Strategic Business Centres
- Business and Industry Areas
- Areas of Economic Importance
- Commercial Centres
- Town Centres
- Local Centres

SIMD 2020 - most deprived

Deciles

- 1 - 2



Considerations

- There are no economic or employment designations within the ward but the north of the ward is adjacent to the city centre which is of regional economic importance and contains many employers.
- Bruntsfield/Morningside Town Centre runs north-south through the ward along a major transport corridor and close to areas of higher population density, forming an important centre for the ward. There are a number of local centres outside of this but relatively little provision in the south of the ward where density is lower.
- The Royal Edinburgh Hospital and Napier University Merchiston Campus are key institutions and destinations within this ward.
- There are some volunteering opportunities in the area and people feel that small businesses should be supported and rates for them should be lower.

Transport

Demographics

- The breakdown of the primary method of travel to work is listed below:
 - **42.7%** of the working population report mainly working from or at home, compared to **39%** of the Edinburgh total.
 - **17.6%** of the working population report driving a car or van, compared to **25.1%** of the Edinburgh total.
 - **12.4%** 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.
 - **6.8%** of the working population report travelling by bike, compared to **3.8%** of the Edinburgh total.
 - **18%** of the working population report travelling on foot, compared to **12%** of the Edinburgh total.
- **65.4%** 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 Viewforth, Marchmont and Morningside, aligning with higher population density and better public transport access.
- Use of cars for driving to work is broadly higher in the southern part of the ward which is further from the city centre and is lower in population density.

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 Bruntsfield-Morningside corridor and Polwarth which form compact neighbourhoods with amenities.
- Poor access is concentrated to the east and west, away from the main corridor, and to the south of the ward where population density and service patterns begin to reduce. Marchmont is a relatively high density area with poor access.

Active travel

- The key active travel paths are a north-south route through the ward incorporating quiet roads and Spaces for People infrastructure to increase space for walking, wheeling and cycling on the road, although this results in some gaps and non-segregated sections. These are intended to be made permanent and more safe through the City Mobility Plan. This route provides access to the city centre.

Households with no car or van access percentage

Ward 10 - Morningside

Legend

Other CEC Wards

Datazones

% Households with no Car or Van Access

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

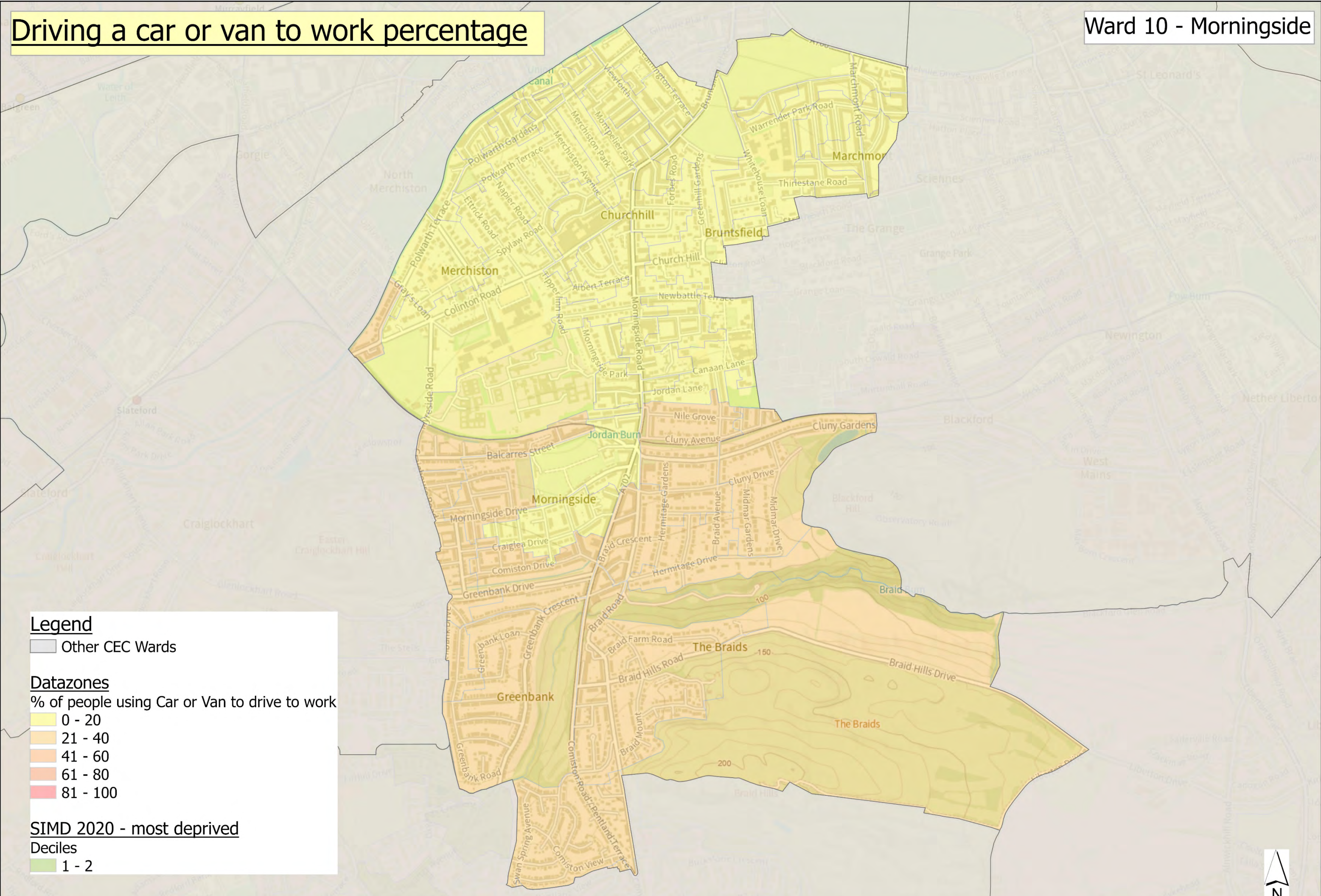
SIMD 2020 - most deprived

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Driving a car or van to work percentage

Ward 10 - Morningside



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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

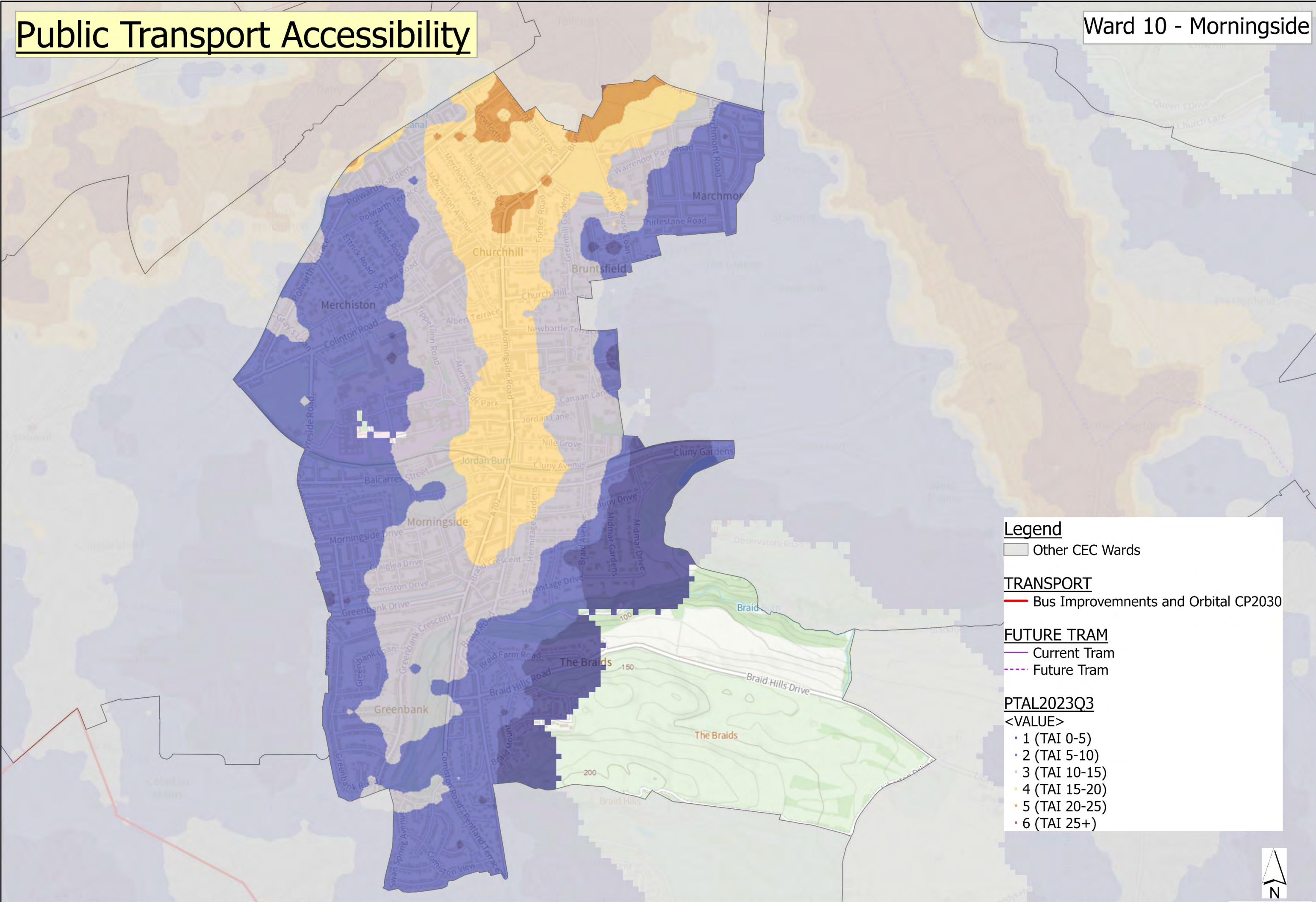
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Public Transport Accessibility

Ward 10 - Morningside



Scale: 1:14,453

Active Travel Mapping

Ward 10 - Morningside

Legend

Other CEC Wards

Public Transport Stops

Type

Bus

Coach

Rail

Tram

Bus Improvemments and Orbital CP2030

FUTURE TRAM

Current Tram

Future Tram

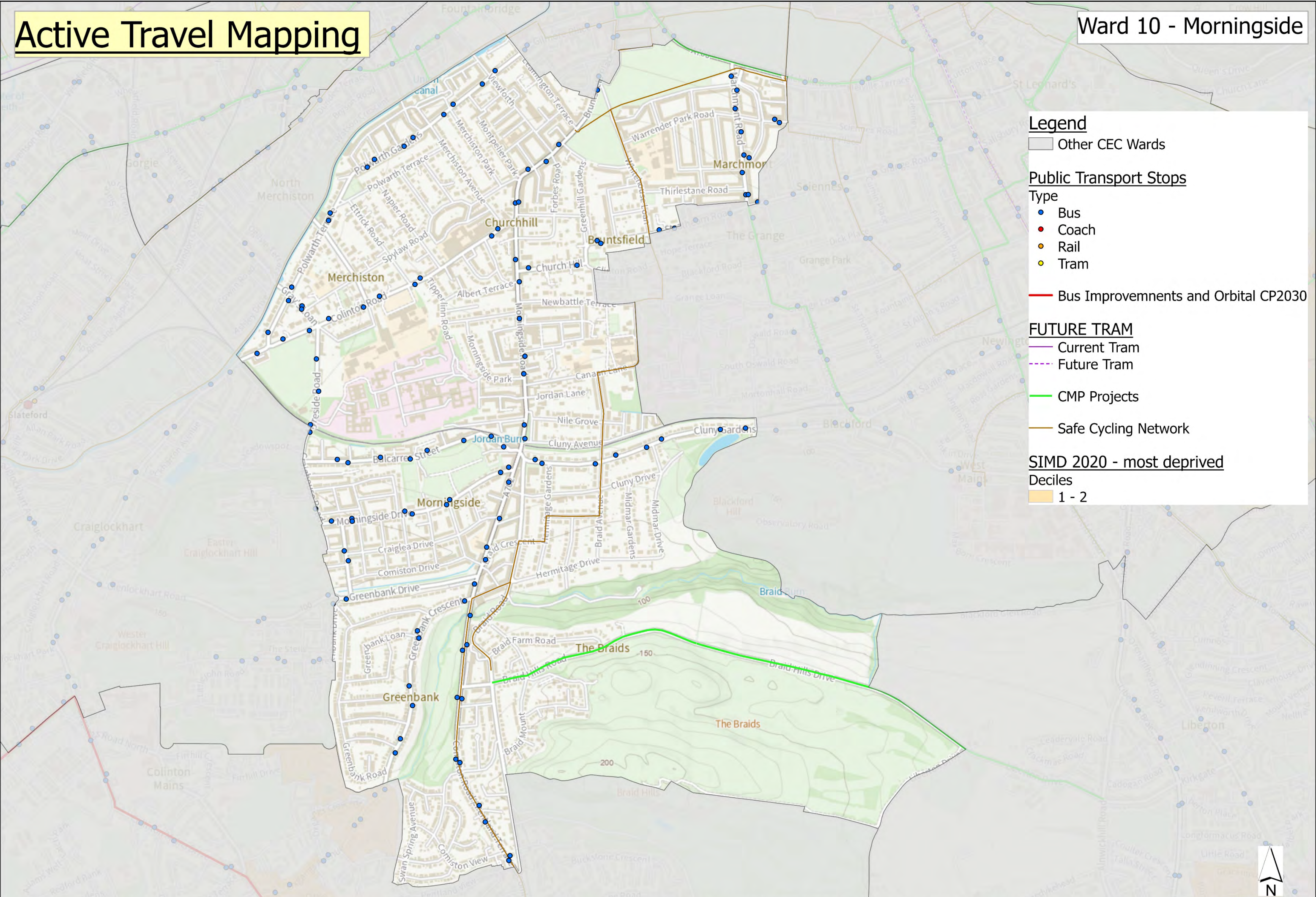
CMP Projects

Safe Cycling Network

SIMD 2020 - most deprived

Deciles

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Considerations

- A higher percentage of people in the ward walk and cycle to work, despite car ownership level being higher than the Edinburgh average. Public transport usage is lower than the Edinburgh average.
- Areas of lower of access to a car or van broadly line up with areas of higher population density and proximity to the city centre.
- Public transport accessibility is concentrated in the central part of the ward, along the Bruntsfield-Morningside corridor, although access drops off a short distance from this corridor.
- City Mobility Plan improvements are proposed to be brought forward to improve existing active travel routes through the ward.
- Most people feel the area is too congested and would like to see less passing traffic and more speed restrictions.
- While there are some walking/cycling routes, the pavements need to be much better, and cyclists, including young people, feel unsafe because of the amount of traffic and lack of segregated cycle lanes.
- Public transport is good however often stuck in traffic. Young people feel buses take too long too. More cross-city routes that do not go to Princess St is supported.

Environment

Green blue network and biodiversity

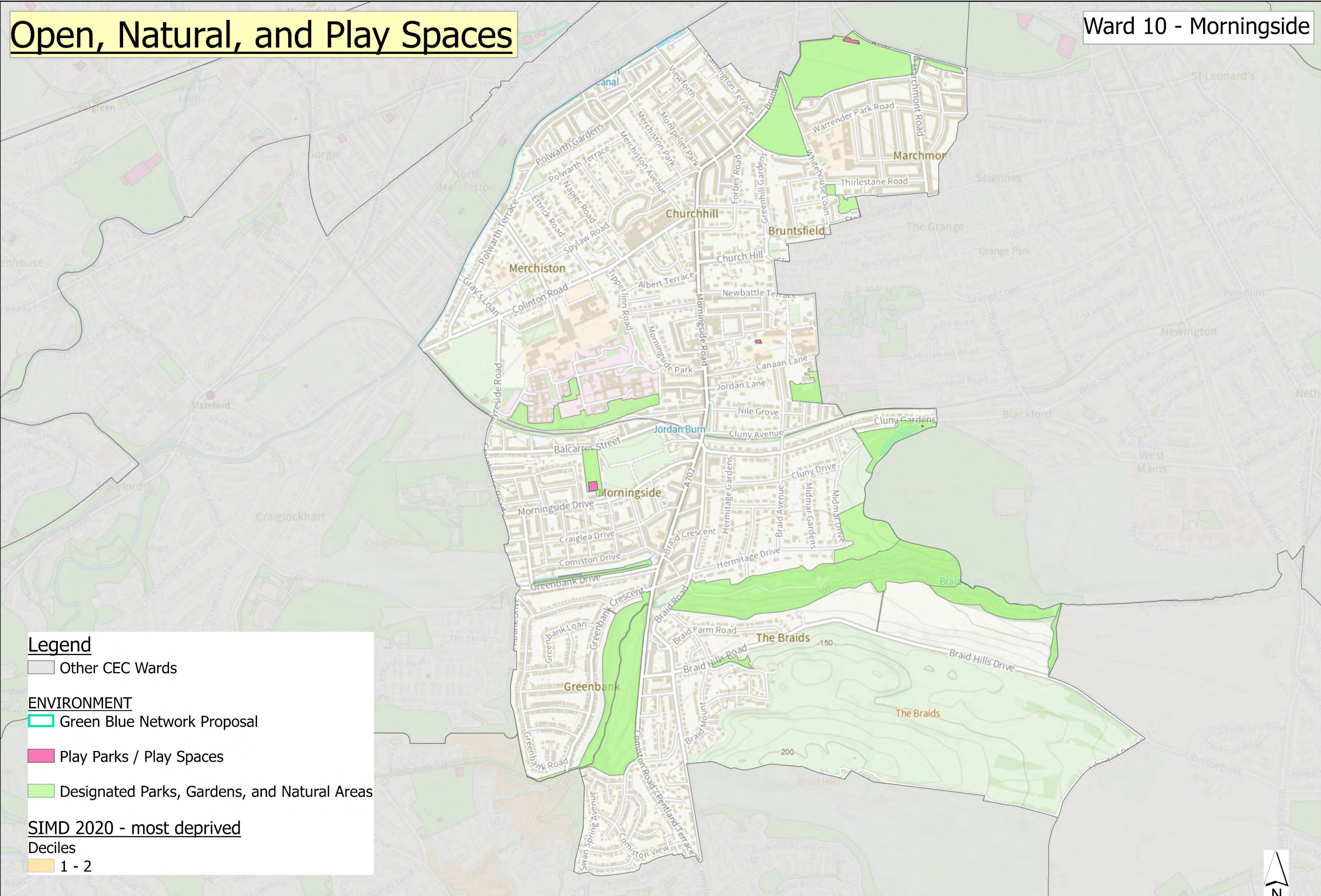
- Open spaces are well dispersed throughout the ward with the Meadows and Braid Hills forming two larger spaces to the north and south of the ward. There are relatively fewer small open spaces within the central parts of Merchiston and Bruntsfield.
- Mapping has been produced showing Edinburgh's Green 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.
- The Braid Burn and Braid Hills form a major part of the green blue network in this ward. The corridor of the Union Canal is another part of this network running along the north-west boundary of the ward. These provide spaces for recreation and habitats as well as connections from the ward to other parts of Edinburgh.

Growing Spaces

- Growing spaces mapped include Council-run allotments and community-run growing spaces, which are displayed together to show opportunities for food and other growing in the ward.
- Allotments are found on one large site adjacent to Blackford Hill and community-run growing spaces can also be found close to the main Bruntsfield-Morningside corridor as well as adjacent to the north-west of the ward in the Fountainbridge/Craiglockhart Ward. Opportunities for food growing are less common in the south-west of the ward, or the north-east, closer to the city centre.

Open, Natural, and Play Spaces

Ward 10 - Morningside



Strategic Blue Green Network

Ward 10 - Morningside

Legend

Other CEC Wards

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Green Blue Network Proposal

Blue Network

Blue Opportunity Areas

Key River Corridor

OS Rivers

Waterbodies

Tidal Water

Wetland

Wetland HotSpot

Wetland Network

Biodiversity Network

Protected Habitats

GBN Ranking Biodiversity Point data

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Low

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Priority Habitats

GBN Accessible Open Space

Enhanced Proposed Local Biodiversity Connections

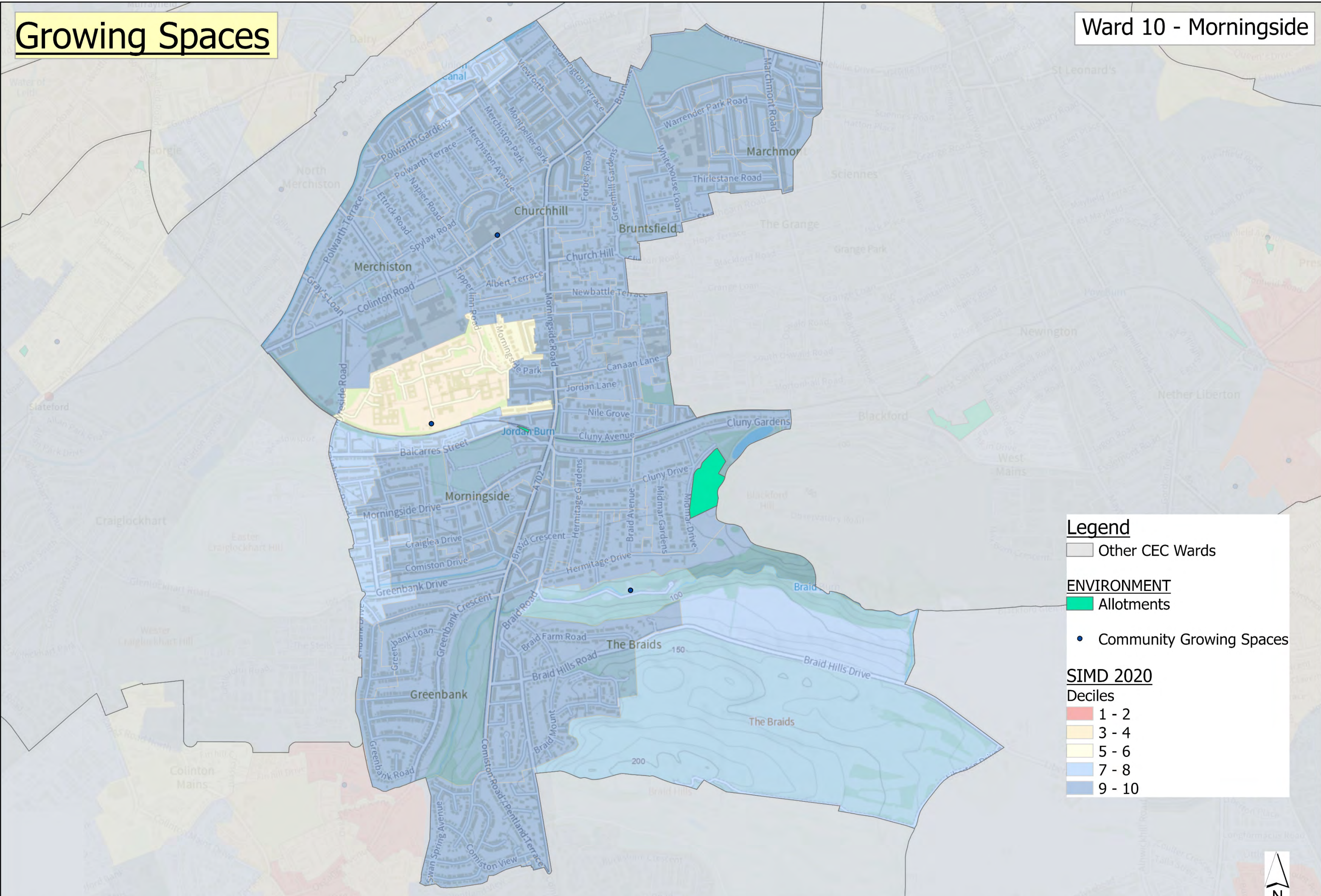
Enhanced Proposed Strategic Biodiversity Connections



Scale: 1:14,500

Growing Spaces

Ward 10 - Morningside



Legend

Other CEC Wards

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Allotments

Community Growing Spaces

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Considerations

- Primary existing green blue corridors are found around the Braid Burn and Braid Hills, as well as around the Union Canal.
- Opportunities for food growing are somewhat spread around the ward, with fewer opportunities found in the south-west and north-east, and there are fewer opportunities overall than in some other wards.
- People are happy about the green spaces in the area and would like them to be kept preserved. Young people named the Meadows and Hermitage of Braid as their favourite parks.
- Engagement shows support for play spaces in the area, especially for older kids. Young people would like to see more equipment as well as toilets and cafes in the hangout areas.
- Surface flooding was a concern related to climate change and young people were worried about its impact on the animals and habitat. People said the houses should be better insulated and sustainable transport options improved.
- People were unhappy with growing spaces in the ward as most were not aware of any or did not have access to any. More of these are needed.

Appendix

This report details the consultation and engagement information utilised when creating the Morningside 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 102 responses were received for the Morningside Ward. Out of these, 42 were from public at large and 60 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 the children and young people where similar questions were asked.

Housing

Public at large

How happy are you with your home?

- 28 Very happy
- 21 Happy
- 3 Neutral
- 0 Unhappy
- 0 Very unhappy

If you could change one thing, comments

- Warmer, less damp/cold
- Quieter (esp. because of traffic)

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

- 20 Very good
- 22 Good
- 14 Neutral
- 4 Bad
- 0 Terrible

Homes in the area, comments

- **Good:** Good variety of housing. Well established area with services and places.
- **Bad/change:** More affordable housing. More social housing. More houses for people with limited mobility.

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

- 37 Very good
- 18 Good
- 4 Neutral
- 1 Bad
- 0 Terrible

Shops and services, comments

- **Good:** Great variety, including many independent shops.
- **Bad/change:** Widen and maintain pavements (incl. for accessibility), less cars.

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

- 27 Yes
- 26 No
- 3 Don't know

What there is too much of, comments

- Coffee shop, beauty shops, vape shops.

Children and Young People

Are you happy with your home (the building)?

- 27 Yes
- 15 It's OK
- 0 It's not good
- 0 None

If you could change one thing, comments

- Bigger place.
- Have own bedroom.

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

- 1 Too many
- 30 Right amount
- 10 Not enough

Shops and things, comments

- Add library nearby
- Too many cafes

Health

Public at large

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

- 12 Very good
- 22 Good
- 17 Neutral
- 7 Bad
- 1 Terrible

Healthcare facilities, comments

- **Good:** Mostly good availability of GPs, dentists, pharmacies.
- **Change/bad:** Provision of healthcare when new schemes built.

Transport

Public at large

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

- 17 Very easy
- 17 Easy
- 12 Neutral
- 11 Difficult
- 2 Very difficult

Walk, wheeling, cycling, comments

- **Good:** There are some segregated routes for walking/cycling.
- **Change/bad:** Very congested area with conflicts between cycles/motor traffic. More segregated cycle lanes, much better pavements. Less transient traffic and more speeding control.

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

- 20 Very easy
- 26 Easy
- 8 Neutral
- 3 Difficult
- 1 Very difficult

Public transport, comments

- **Good:** Great bus services with plenty of routes
- **Change/bad:** Buses not stuck in traffic. Addition of routes not to/through Princes Street.

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

- 2 Very happy
- 12 Happy
- 21 Neutral
- 14 Unhappy
- 9 Very unhappy

Traffic and parking comments

- **Good:** Ok, with some areas too congested.
- **Change/bad:** Restrictions on transient traffic. Encourage parents to not drive kids to school. Encourage alternatives to driving.

Braid Road & Comiston Road Engagement (2021)

- Residents and business groups engaged in consultation.
- Focus on traffic impacts and local access.
- Four options consulted; Option 4 (most support), Option 2 (chosen).
- Mix of southbound access and modal filter.
- Feedback on bus lanes, cycleways, loading restrictions.

Greenbank to Meadows (2023)

- Feedback on materials, wayfinding, traffic impacts.
- Two areas highlighted: Braid Estate and Clinton Road/Whitehouse Loan.

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?

- I am not allowed to go on my own
- Not enough safe paths for cycling/scooting
- No, nothing

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

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

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?

- 12 Yes
- 5 No
- 17 Don't know
- 7 Don't care

Economy

Public at large

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

- 3 Very good
- 18 Good
- 35 Neutral
- 2 Bad
- 1 Terrible

Work, volunteering and training, comments

- **Good:** Some volunteering opportunities.
- **Change/bad:** Smaller rates for small businesses.

Culture

Public at large

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

- 18 Very good
- 25 Good
- 12 Neutral
- 2 Bad
- 0 Terrible

Spaces to meet people, comments

- **Good:** Plenty cafes, green spaces.
- **Change/bad:** Community centre/community space with classes and opportunity to meet up with friends for free/cheaply. Maintaining green spaces – benches, lights.

How is the community space in your area?

- 5 Very good
- 26 Good
- 18 Neutral
- 6 Bad
- 0 Terrible

Community spaces, comments

- **Good:** Eric Liddel and newly opened St Oswald's. Plenty of well utilised church halls in the area.
- **Change/bad:** More spaces for kids indoors and outdoors (and their carers).

Children and Young People

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

- Food & drink places
- Friend's house
- Parks & greenspaces near my home

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

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

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

- Sports clubs – netball, football, basketball, swimming, etc.
- Dance, coding clubs.

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

- 19 Yes
- 20 Sometimes
- 0 No
- 2 Don't know

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

- 2 Often
- 18 Sometimes
- 17 Very rarely
- 4 Never

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

- Boring/not interested
- No one to go with
- No one to take me

Environment

Public at large

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

- 33 Very happy
- 20 Happy
- 4 Neutral
- 2 Unhappy
- 0 Very unhappy

Open and natural spaces, comments

- **Good:** Plenty nearby.
- **Change/bad:** Keeping them undeveloped. (e.g. Astley Ainslie Hospital). Better non motor access to existing.

What is the access to growing spaces like now?

- 6 Very happy
- 4 Happy
- 31 Neutral
- 12 Unhappy
- 3 Very unhappy

Growing spaces, comments

- **Good:** Most unaware of any or don't have access. Long waiting list.
- **Change/bad:** More of them and reduce waiting list.

Climate change, comments

- Flooding is a problem. Old houses are badly insulated. Environmentally friendly transport options are lacking.

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.?

- 11 Very happy
- 15 Happy
- 21 Neutral
- 8 Unhappy
- 1 Very unhappy

Ball game spaces, comments

- **Good:** Good availability of green spaces in some parts of Morningside.
- **Change/bad:** Not enough specialised spaces that are not flat grass. Some areas lacking flat grass spaces too.

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?

- 3 Very happy
- 20 Happy
- 28 Neutral
- 4 Unhappy
- 0 Very unhappy

Outdoor play spaces, comments

- **Good:** There are some.
- **Change/bad:** More spaces. Better maintained and managed. More spaces for older children specifically.

Children and Young People

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

- 9 Almost every day
- 16 A few days a week
- 7 Once a week
- 10 Rarely
- 0 I don't go outdoors to play or hang out

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

- 10 Yes, there are lots
- 24 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?

- Meadows
- Blackford Hill/Hermitage of Braid

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
- It is easy to get to

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

- Bad weather/too dark in winter
- Hard to organise meeting up with friends
- No toilets, no cafes

How could the places where you hang out be better?

- Add toilets
- More equipment

Are the outdoor spaces you go to clean?

- 2 Very clean
- 16 Clean
- 20 OK
- 1 Dirty
- 0 Very Dirty

Outdoor play equipment

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

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

- 24 I always feel safe
- 16 I sometimes feel safe
- 0 I never feel safe

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

- Creepy people
- Afraid to get kidnapped

How close are you with nature?

- 7 7 (closest to nature)
- 5 6
- 11 5
- 12 4
- 7 3
- 0 2
- 0 1 (furthest away from nature)

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

- More trees and habitats for wildlife
- Cleaner/less litter

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

- No
- Worried for animals and their habitat

Midmar Paddock Local Place Plan (2025)

- Overwhelming majority of respondents (3,197 out of 3,218) wants Midmar Paddock to remain publicly accessible open green space and have the same designations in the Edinburgh City Plan 2040 as Midmar Paddock has in the Edinburgh City Plan 2030.

Place

Public at large

How happy are you with your area?

- 25 Very happy
- 29 Happy
- 5 Neutral
- 0 Unhappy
- 0 Very unhappy

What would you change, comments

- Less traffic. Maintained pavements.

Any other comments

- Public toilets needed. Retention of green space from developing.

Children and Young People

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

- The local church (the Reid Memorial) is shutting down, throwing the future of the groups that meet there (scouts, guides, badminton, choirs, knitting, toddler group, etc) into doubt

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