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1 Introduction and summary

1.1 This bulletin presents a summary of the results from the 2002 Scottish Vacant and Derelict Land Survey (SVDLS). It is the twelfth survey in the series including the pilot study in 1988, the first completed survey in 1990, and enhanced surveys conducted annually since 1993. The survey is the only national data source for vacant and derelict land. The survey covers vacant land in, or close to, urban areas and derelict land throughout Scotland, subject to agreed exclusions and to interpretation by those carrying out the survey (see Annex A.9 for note about areas surveyed in Highland).

1.2 The survey is a co-operative effort between local authorities and the Scottish Executive Development Department. Where data were not provided in 2002 by some local authorities, data from previous surveys were carried forward to provide a best estimate. Such cases are indicated in the tables, and Annex Table D shows annual participation rates by local authorities since 1994.

1.3 The following main points emerge from the 2002 survey:

- There were 11,053 hectares of vacant and derelict land recorded in 2002, of which 3,258 hectares were vacant and 7,796 hectares were derelict.
- Since 1993, there has been a decrease in the amount of vacant and derelict land recorded in the survey, from 15,400 hectares to 11,053 hectares in 2002. This is partly attributable to land being brought back into productive use, and partly due to land being removed for definitional reasons or due to naturalisation.
- The 2002 survey recorded an overall increase of 536 hectares compared with figures published for 2001. While the area of vacant land decreased by 434 hectares, derelict land increased by 971 hectares. This increase occurred mainly in two local authority areas. In Renfrewshire an existing derelict site increased by 566 hectares. In Highland, recorded derelict land increased from 315 hectares in 2001 (based on the results of the 1993 survey) to 950 hectares in 2002 representing nine years of potential changes.
- 547 sites (684 ha) were reclaimed or brought back into use and a further 167 sites (352 ha) redefined as no longer vacant or derelict. 84 sites (217 ha) that were formerly classified as being vacant or derelict were removed from the survey due to naturalisation. 336 distinct new sites (1,142 ha) were added.
- North Lanarkshire, Glasgow City, Highland and Renfrewshire together contain 47 per cent of recorded vacant and derelict land.
- Where the length of time for which land had lain unused was known, 21 per cent of urban vacant and derelict land and 44 per cent of rural derelict land had been unused since before 1981.
- The most common new use for derelict land reclaimed in the year since the previous survey was residential development (28 per cent). For vacant land brought back into use during the same period, the most common new use was also residential development (50 per cent).

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Availability of the bulletin

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2 Vacant and derelict land

Table 1: Vacant and derelict land¹ by local authority area, 2002

Local Authority	Derelict Land			Vacant Land			Total Vacant and Derelict Land		
	Area (ha)	% of Derelict Land (by Area) ²	No. of Sites	Area (ha)	% of Vacant Land (by Area) ²	No. of Sites	Area (ha)	% of Total V&D Land (by Area) ²	No. of Sites
Aberdeen City ³	77	1	25	75	2	53	152	1	78
Aberdeenshire	78	1	21	44	1	29	122	1	50
Angus	179	2	32	36	1	23	216	2	55
Argyll & Bute	14	*	17	32	1	47	46	*	64
Clackmannanshire	48	1	23	27	1	19	76	1	42
Dumfries & Galloway	307	4	37	52	2	20	360	3	57
Dundee City	49	1	21	197	6	199	247	2	220
East Ayrshire	275	4	63	80	2	70	355	3	133
East Dunbartonshire	85	1	21	49	2	23	135	1	44
East Lothian	99	1	42	28	1	18	127	1	60
East Renfrewshire	19	*	5	21	1	26	40	*	31
Edinburgh, City of ⁴	111	1	26	56	2	32	167	2	58
Eilean Siar	1	*	2	10	*	8	11	*	10
Falkirk	132	2	42	147	5	94	279	3	136
Fife	582	7	72	85	3	69	667	6	141
Glasgow City	767	10	289	616	19	624	1,383	13	913
Highland ⁵	950	12	225	231	7	181	1,181	11	406
Inverclyde	64	1	43	63	2	84	127	1	127
Midlothian	257	3	89	38	1	21	295	3	110
Moray ⁶	34	*	36	6	*	11	41	*	47
North Ayrshire ⁷	270	3	105	158	5	111	428	4	216
North Lanarkshire	1,090	14	227	513	16	215	1,603	14	442
Orkney Islands	12	*	14	10	*	13	22	*	27
Perth & Kinross	68	1	19	43	1	14	111	1	33
Renfrewshire	823	11	53	167	5	126	989	9	179
Scottish Borders ⁸	41	1	39	27	1	45	69	1	84
Shetland Islands	-	-	-	2	*	5	2	*	5
South Ayrshire	122	2	33	31	1	20	152	1	53
South Lanarkshire	479	6	130	172	5	140	651	6	270
Stirling	161	2	27	43	1	39	203	2	66
West Dunbartonshire	150	2	70	74	2	70	224	2	140
West Lothian	449	6	47	124	4	30	573	5	77
Scotland	7,796	100	1,895	3,258	100	2,479	11,053	100	4,374

1. Figures may not sum due to rounding
2. Refers to the percentage of vacant/derelict land recorded in Scotland
3. 2001 data have been used for this authority (Aberdeen City)
4. 2001 data have been used for this authority (Edinburgh, City of)
5. A partial survey was completed for Highland - see Annex 9
6. 2000 data have been used for this authority (Moray)
7. 2001 data have been used for this authority (North Ayrshire)
8. 2001 data have been used for this authority (Scottish Borders)

2.1 Sites covering less than 0.1 hectare are excluded unless a group of adjacent sites exceeds 0.1 hectare and can be counted as a single contiguous site. The information recorded in the survey is listed in the Annex.

2.2 Derelict land (and buildings) is that which has been so damaged by development or use that it is incapable of being developed for beneficial use without rehabilitation, and which is not being used for either the purpose for which it is held, or for a use acceptable in a local plan. The main exceptions are operational sites where rehabilitation would not be possible or appropriate within five years, and land which is derelict through natural causes (for example neglected woodland or farmland) and which appears to have blended into the landscape. All sites where contamination is known or suspected are classed as derelict.

2.3 Vacant land is located in urban settlements (defined here as possessing a population of 2,000 or more) or within one kilometre of the edge of such settlements which is considered to display the characteristics of urban vacant land; that is, land which is unused or unsightly, or which would benefit from development or

improvement. The main exceptions to this definition are for land held for operational needs, agricultural land, urban fringe land and open space within the built up area, even where these offer the prospects of future development. Full details of the definitions are given in the Annex.

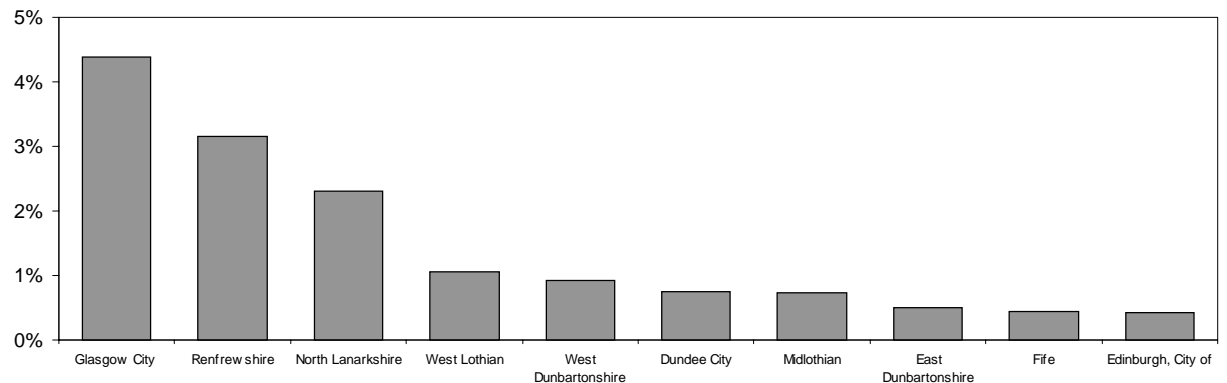
Vacant and derelict land by council

2.4 Table 1 shows that in 2002 there were 11,053 hectares of vacant and derelict land, of which 71 per cent was classified as derelict (7,796 hectares). Four councils, North Lanarkshire, Glasgow City, Highland and Renfrewshire together contain 47 per cent of the recorded vacant and derelict land. The same four councils make up 47 per cent of all derelict land while Glasgow City and North Lanarkshire make up 35 per cent of all vacant land.

Derelict Land

2.5 Chart 2 shows the ten councils with the highest percentage of derelict land in relation to their administrative area. The figures for all councils can be found in Annex Table A.

Chart 2: Derelict land as a percentage of local authority administrative area, 2002

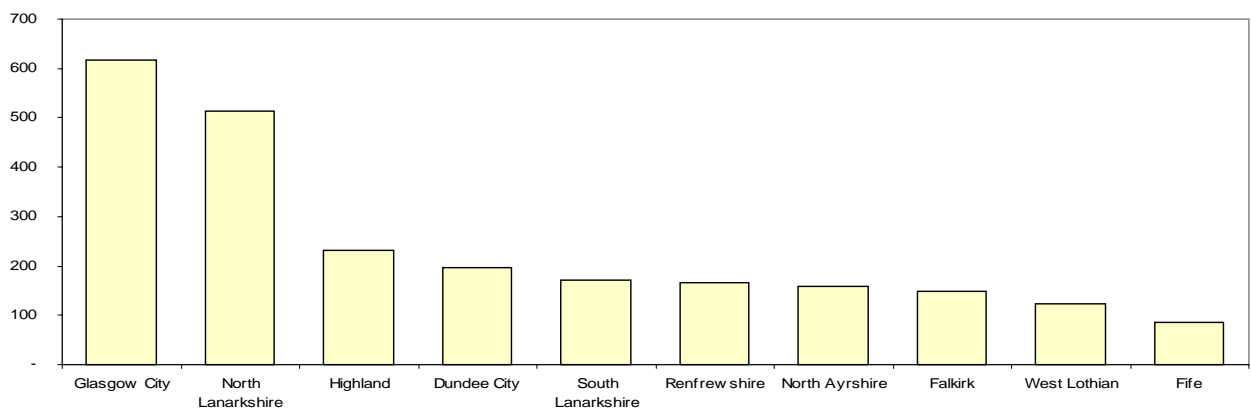


2.6 Approximately 4.4 per cent of Glasgow City’s, 3.2 per cent of Renfrewshire’s and 2.3 per cent of North Lanarkshire’s land area is recorded as derelict. Together, they account for 35 per cent of all recorded derelict land in Scotland.

Vacant Land

2.7 Chart 3 shows the ten councils with the highest amount of vacant land.

Chart 3: Vacant land (hectares) by local authority, 2002



2.8 Glasgow City and North Lanarkshire together account for 35 per cent of all recorded vacant land in Scotland.

Comparison of vacant and derelict land (hectares) between 1996-2002

2.9 Table 2 shows the trend in the area of recorded vacant and derelict land in the years 1996-2002. It should be noted that some of the councils did not participate in the 2002 and/or earlier surveys. In these cases the most recent available data have been used to provide an estimate for the appropriate year.

2.10 Since 1996, the total amount of vacant and derelict land decreased by 2,048 hectares. However, in the past year the area of vacant and derelict land has increased by 536 hectares. This increase was confined entirely to derelict land, which grew by a total of 971 hectares, while vacant land fell by 434 hectares.

2.11 The increase can be largely attributed to two local authorities, which both experienced large increases in the area of derelict land. In Highland, the amount of derelict land since the previous survey (conducted in 1993) increased by 635 hectares (through the addition of a number of sites), while in Renfrewshire one derelict site increased by 566 hectares compared to 2001. Highland experienced a decrease in vacant land by 267 hectares and North Lanarkshire witnessed a decrease of 94 hectares of vacant land and 242 hectares of derelict land.

Table 2: Vacant and derelict land¹ by local authority area, 1996-2002²

Local Authority	Derelict Land Area (ha)							Vacant Land Area (ha)							Total Vacant and Derelict Land Area (ha)						
	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Aberdeen City	78	77	77	68	68	77	77	112	106	106	71	61	75	75	190	184	184	139	129	152	152
Aberdeenshire	132	131	93	93	92	90	78	58	60	59	59	53	53	44	190	191	152	152	145	143	122
Angus	337	333	339	227	186	184	179	52	42	43	29	29	34	36	389	375	381	257	215	217	216
Argyll & Bute	22	22	17	17	17	17	14	50	41	38	38	37	37	32	73	63	55	55	54	54	46
Clackmannanshire	49	36	36	36	30	35	48	22	21	28	28	27	20	27	71	57	64	63	57	55	76
Dumfries and Galloway	304	305	305	303	306	307	307	61	65	67	61	55	58	52	365	371	372	364	361	364	360
Dundee City	79	79	71	60 ^{R1}	60 ^{R1}	46 ^{R1}	49	203	200	217	193 ^{R1}	193 ^{R1}	213 ^{R1}	197	282	279	288	254 ^{R1}	254 ^{R1}	259 ^{R1}	247
East Ayrshire	445	445	453	400	349	349	275	119	119	114	77	92	77	80	564	564	568	477	441	426	355
East Dunbartonshire	57	66	66	64	66	68	85	52	47	43	36	27	25	49	109	113	109	100	94	94	135
East Lothian	218	210	197	80	101	100	99	43	40	39	26	39	34	28	261	250	236	106	139	134	127
East Renfrewshire	18	18	15	13	13	13	19	32	36	28	24	20	19	21	50	54	42	37	33	32	40
Edinburgh, City of	84	79	80	68	111	111	111	70	66	63	54	51	56	56	154	145	143	122	162	167	167
Eilean Siar	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	14	11	12	10	10	10	10	16	13	13	11	11	11	11
Falkirk	184	183	110	103	103	102 ^{R2}	132	218	195	123	101	101	154 ^{R2}	147	402	378	233	204	204	256 ^{R2}	279
Fife	614	620	798	772	613	584	582	153	135	150	203	154	81	85	767	754	948	975	767	665	667
Glasgow City	894	899	883	831	804	756	767	726	691	709	737	682	646	616	1,620	1,590	1,592	1,568	1,486	1,402	1,383
Highland	315	315	315	315	315	315	950	498	498	498	498	498	498	231	813	813	813	813	813	813	1,181
Inverclyde	50	69	72	65	67	65	64	80	53	52	58	60	67	63	131	122	124	123	126	132	127
Midlothian	400	363	332	342	333	256	257	58	61	60	52	49	38	38	458	424	393	394	382	294	295
Moray	34	34	34	34	34	34	34	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	41	41	41	41	41	41	41
North Ayrshire	243	239	230	245	237	270	270	129	153	153	168	164	158	158	372	392	383	414	401	428	428
North Lanarkshire	2,179	1,651	1,385	1,335	1,335	1,332	1,090	579	716	572	686	686	607	513	2,757	2,367	1,958	2,021	2,021	1,939	1,603
Orkney Islands	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	13	13	11	25	14	10	10	25	25	23	38	26	22	22
Perth and Kinross	75	78	86	101	98	79	68	44	46	72	73	66	52	43	119	123	157	174	164	131	111
Renfrewshire	95	61	244	242	243	256	823	252	198	177	171	158	172	167	347	259	421	413	400	428	989
Scottish Borders	54	57	55	48	48	41	41	22	33	33	31	31	27	27	76	90	87	79	79	69	69
Shetland Islands	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
South Ayrshire	21	25	28	28	132	124	122	89	108	123	123	32	32	31	111	133	152	152	164	156	152
South Lanarkshire	514	463	457	486	497	502	479	233	220	205	203	205	185	172	747	684	662	689	702	686	651
Stirling	125	125	120	146	170	165	161	48	48	41	73	41	35	43	173	173	161	219	211	200	203
West Dunbartonshire	85	99	112	117	123	123	150	129	132	131	113	102	93	74	214	230	243	230	225	216	224
West Lothian	762	762	762	584	584	409	449	453	453	453	342	342	120	124	1,216	1,216	1,216	925	925	529	573
Scotland	8,482	7,858	7,787	7,237^{R1}	7,148^{R1}	6,825^{R1,R2}	7,796	4,618	4,612	4,425	4,371^{R1}	4,086^{R1}	3,692^{R1,R2}	3,258	13,101	12,470	12,212	11,608^{R1}	11,233^{R1}	10,517^{R1,R2}	11,053

1 Figures may not sum due to rounding

2 See Annex D for details of council participation in different years

R1 Revised to correct 2 Dundee City Sites included in error in 1999, 2000 and 2001

R2 Revised to remove a number of Falkirk sites include in error in 2001.

2.12 The amount of vacant and derelict land recorded in the survey can change between years for a number of reasons. Sites may increase in size or new sites may be added to the survey (Table 16), partial or complete sites may be brought back into productive use (Table 17), and sites may be removed for definitional reasons (Annex Table B) or due to naturalisation (Annex Table C). Because sites may be removed from the survey for definitional reasons, previous reductions in the amount of vacant and derelict land recorded may not necessarily indicate that all the land removed was brought back into productive use.

2.13 The distribution of vacant and derelict land by Local Enterprise Company (LEC) area is shown in Table 3. The four Local Enterprise Company areas with highest levels of vacant and derelict land are Scottish Enterprise Lanarkshire (2,254 hectares), Scottish Enterprise Glasgow (1,383 hectares), Scottish Enterprise Edinburgh and Lothian (1,162 hectares), and Scottish Enterprise Renfrewshire (1,157 hectares). Together, they contain 54 per cent of the recorded vacant and derelict land in Scotland.

Table 3: Vacant and derelict land¹ by Local Enterprise Company area, 2002^{2,3}

Local Enterprise Company	Derelict Land			Vacant Land			Total Vacant and Derelict Land		
	Area (ha)	% of Derelict Land (by Area)	No. of Sites	Area (ha)	% of Vacant Land (by Area)	No. of Sites	Area (ha)	% of Total V&D Land (by Area)	No. of Sites
Scottish Enterprise									
SE Ayrshire	667	9	201	268	8	201	936	8	402
SE Borders	41	1	39	27	1	45	69	1	84
SE Dumfries & Galloway	307	4	37	52	2	20	360	3	57
SE Dunbartonshire	241	3	97	132	4	98	373	3	195
SE Edinburgh & Lothian	916	12	204	246	8	101	1,162	11	305
SE Fife	582	7	72	85	3	69	667	6	141
SE Forth Valley	341	4	92	218	7	152	558	5	244
SE Glasgow	767	10	289	616	19	624	1,383	13	913
SE Grampian	155	2	46	118	4	82	274	2	128
SE Lanarkshire	1,569	20	357	685	21	355	2,254	20	712
SE Renfrewshire	906	12	101	250	8	236	1,157	10	337
SE Tayside	297	4	72	276	8	236	573	5	308
Highlands & Islands Enterprise									
Argyll & The Islands Enterprise	8	*	11	23	1	42	31	*	53
Caithness & Sutherland Enterprise	82	1	83	40	1	52	122	1	135
Inverness & Nairn Enterprise	87	1	19	58	2	40	146	1	59
Lochaber Limited	30	*	33	19	1	14	49	*	47
Moray, Badenoch & Strathspey Enterprise	47	1	60	18	1	25	65	1	85
Orkney Enterprise	12	*	14	10	*	13	22	*	27
Ross & Cromarty Enterprise	730	9	35	99	3	56	829	8	91
Shetland Enterprise	-	-	-	2	*	5	2	*	5
Skye & Lochalsh Enterprise	9	*	31	2	*	5	11	*	36
Western Isles Enterprise	1	*	2	10	*	8	11	*	10
Scotland	7,796	100	1,895	3,258	100	2,479	11,053	100	4,374

1 Figures may not sum due to rounding

2 2001 data have been used for Aberdeen City, Edinburgh City, North Ayrshire and the Scottish Borders

3 2000 data has been used for Moray

2.14 LEC areas provide the most closely consistent geographical boundaries upon which a time series can be constructed prior to 1996. The only major change following local government reorganisation in 1996 was the expansion of the Scottish Enterprise Lanarkshire boundary (See Annex A.10 for details). Table 4 shows the distribution of vacant and derelict land through time. The entire series has been adjusted so that Cumbernauld and Kilsyth are included in the figures for Scottish Enterprise Lanarkshire and not Scottish Enterprise Dunbartonshire. The footnotes to the table describe the treatment of other boundary changes. Where a local authority did not participate in the survey in any given year, the most recently collected data have been used to provide estimates for the relevant LEC area. Annex Table D shows participation rates by local authorities.

2.15 Since 1993, there has been a decrease in the amount of vacant and derelict land recorded from 15,400 hectares in 1993 to 11,053 in 2002 (Table 4). This is partly attributable to land being brought back into productive use, and partly due to land being removed for definitional reasons or due to naturalisation. The biggest decreases over time have been seen in Scottish Enterprise Lanarkshire (1,531 hectares), Scottish Enterprise Edinburgh and Lothian (1,012 hectares) and Scottish Enterprise Glasgow (754 hectares).

Table 4: Vacant and derelict land¹ by Local Enterprise Company area, 1993-2002²

Local Enterprise Company	Derelict Land Area (ha)								Vacant Land Area (ha)								Total Vacant and Derelict Land Area (ha)							
	1993	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	1993	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	1993	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Scottish Enterprise																								
SE Ayrshire	592	709	709	712	676	721	746	667	505	337	380	391	369	288	267	268	1,097	1,046	1,089	1,102	1,045	1,009	1,013	936
SE Borders	60	54	57	55	48	48	41	41	128	22	33	33	31	31	27	27	188	76	90	87	79	79	69	69
SE Dumfries & Galloway	346	304	305	305	303	306	307	307	67	61	65	67	61	55	58	52	413	365	371	372	364	361	364	360
SE Dunbartonshire ³	229	158	178	184	187	195	198	241	378	197	189	185	160	141	129	132	608	355	368	369	347	336	327	373
SE Edinburgh & Lothian	1,516	1,465	1,415	1,372	1,073	1,127	876	916	658	625	620	615	474	481	248	246	2,174	2,089	2,035	1,987	1,547	1,608	1,124	1,162
SE Fife	1,118	614	620	798	772	613	584	582	97	153	135	150	203	154	81	85	1,214	767	754	948	975	767	665	667
SE Forth Valley ^{R2}	299	358	344	266	285	303	303 ^{R2}	341	416	288	264	191	202	169	209 ^{R2}	218	714	646	608	457	487	472	512 ^{R2}	558
SE Glasgow ^{3,4}	1,073	894	899	883	840	813	756	767	1,063	726	691	709	753	700	647	616	2,137	1,620	1,590	1,592	1,593	1,513	1,403	1,383
SE Grampian	466	210	208	171	162	161	167	155	263	170	167	165	130	115	128	118	729	379	374	335	291	274	295	274
SE Lanarkshire ^{3,4}	2,808	2,693	2,114	1,842	1,812	1,823	1,834	1,569	977	812	936	778	873	874	790	685	3,785	3,504	3,050	2,620	2,686	2,697	2,624	2,254
SE Renfrewshire	143	163	148	331	320	322	334	906	448	364	287	257	253	237	259	250	591	527	434	587	573	559	593	1,157
SE Tayside ^{R1}	494	491	489	496	399 ^{R1}	355 ^{R1}	306 ^{R1}	297	311	299	288	331	359 ^{R1}	351 ^{R1}	289 ^{R1}	276	806	791	777	827	758 ^{R1}	707 ^{R1}	595 ^{R1}	573
Highlands & Islands Enterprise																								
Argyll & The Islands Enterprise	5	6	9	11	11	11	11	8	43	35	30	27	27	26	26	23	48	41	38	38	38	37	37	31
Caitness & Sutherland Enterprise	63	63	63	63	63	63	63	82	55	55	55	55	55	55	55	40	118	118	118	118	118	118	118	122
Inverness & Nairn Enterprise	62	62	62	62	62	62	62	87	181	181	181	181	181	181	181	58	242	242	242	242	242	242	242	146
Lochaber Limited	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	30	25	25	25	25	25	25	19	66	66	66	66	66	66	66	49	
Moray, Badenoch & Strathspey Enterprise	51	47	47	47	47	47	48	47	19	16	17	17	17	17	17	18	71	65	65	65	65	65	64	65
Orkney Enterprise	17	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	11	13	13	11	25	14	19	10	28	25	25	23	38	26	32	22
Ross & Cromarty Enterprise	128	128	128	128	128	128	128	730	225	225	225	225	225	225	225	99	352	352	352	352	352	352	352	829
Shetland Enterprise	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Skye & Lochalsh Enterprise	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11
Western Isles Enterprise	-	-	2	1	1	1	1	1	8	14	11	12	10	10	10	10	9	16	13	13	11	11	11	11
Scotland	9,522	8,482	7,858	7,787	7,251^{R1}	7,161^{R1}	6,825^{R1,2}	7,796	5,879	4,618	4,612	4,425	4,434^{R1}	4,149^{R1}	3,692^{R1,2}	3,258	15,400	13,101	12,470	12,212	11,685^{R1}	11,310^{R1}	10,517^{R1,2}	11,053

1 Figures may not sum due to rounding

2 See Annex Table D for details of council participation

3 The 'Northern Corridor' (part of the North Lanarkshire council area) was included in SE Dunbartonshire until 1995, after which it was transferred to SE Lanarkshire

4 Rutherglen and Cambuslang were included in the SE Glasgow until 1995, after which they were transferred to SE Lanarkshire.

R1 Revised to correct 2 Dundee sites included in error in 1999, 2000 and 2001

R2 Revised to correct a number of Falkirk sites include in error in 2001.

Summary Changes in the area of vacant and derelict land recorded in Scotland 2002.

2.16 Table 5 shows a summary of the changes in the area of vacant and derelict land recorded in Scotland in 2002. Overall, there were 1,142 hectares of new sites added to the survey (of which 68 per cent are situated in Highland where a survey was last conducted in 1993). 684 hectares of land were brought back into use, 352 were removed for definitional reasons and 217 hectares of land were removed due to naturalisation.

Table 5: Summary changes in the area of vacant and derelict land recorded in Scotland (hectares): 2002¹

New sites added to survey ²	1,142
Land removed and brought back into use	684
Land removed for definitional reasons	352
Land removed due to naturalisation	217
Reclaimed to vacant pending new use	1
Recorded total amount of vacant and derelict land	11,053

1 See Annex Table D for details of council participation in different years.

2 Sites that increase in size are not recorded separately in the survey, with the result that the total amount of vacant and derelict sites recorded in a particular year may be greater than that expected from the changes recorded since the previous year. This year, we estimate about 740 hectares have been added to the survey through sites increasing in size.

3 Ownership of vacant and derelict land

3.1 Table 6 shows ownership of vacant and derelict sites, including a comparison of data from 1996 and 2002. For those sites where ownership was known, there is a balance between public and private ownership. For derelict land, single private ownership is most significant (75 per cent in 2002, compared with 61 per cent in 1996). In 2002, 7 per cent of vacant or derelict land where ownership was known was in multiple ownership. 1,971 hectares of land (18 per cent of the total amount of vacant and derelict land recorded in 2002) had one or more unknown owners.

Table 6: Ownership of vacant and derelict land¹, 1996 and 2002²

Ownership	Derelict Land			Vacant Land			Total Vacant and Derelict Land		
	Area (ha)	% of Derelict Land (by Area)	No. of Sites	Area (ha)	% of Vacant Land (by Area)	No. of Sites	Area (ha)	% of Total Land (by Area)	No. of Sites
1996									
Single Owner: Public	2,172	33	436	1,691	45	1,058	3,863	37	1,494
Single Owner: Private	4,045	61	1,367	1,824	48	1,065	5,869	56	2,432
Multiple Owners: Public	136	2	27	53	1	40	189	2	67
Multiple Owners: Private	52	1	21	22	1	9	74	1	30
Mixed Owners ³	203	3	70	203	5	95	406	4	165
Single Owner: Unknown ⁴	1,796	-	598	694	-	656	2,490	-	1,254
Multiple Owners: Unknown ^{4,5}	78	-	27	132	-	25	210	-	52
1996 Total	8,482	100	2,546	4,618	100	2,948	13,101	100	5,494
2002									
Single Owner: Public	1,147	18	326	1,248	45	965	2,394	26	1,291
Single Owner: Private	4,763	75	986	1,231	45	908	5,994	66	1,894
Multiple Owners: Public	53	1	18	32	1	33	85	1	51
Multiple Owners: Private	89	1	31	21	1	19	110	1	50
Mixed Owners ³	278	4	70	222	8	91	499	5	161
Single Owner: Unknown ⁴	1,184	-	404	425	-	414	1,609	-	818
Multiple Owners: Unknown ^{4,5}	281	-	60	81	-	49	362	-	109
2002 Total	7,796	100	1,895	3,258	100	2,479	11,053	100	4,374

1 Figures may not sum due to rounding

2 See Annex Table D for details of council participation in different years

3 Mixed public and private ownership

4 Unknown values are excluded from the calculation of percentage values

5 At least one owner is unknown

4 Contamination of vacant and derelict land

4.1 Table 7 shows the contamination status of all recorded vacant and derelict land; under the definitions used in the survey, all sites that are known or suspected to be contaminated are defined as being derelict rather than vacant (paragraph 2.2). 647 derelict sites, covering 4,331 hectares, were either suspected or known to have contamination. The contamination status of 3,641 hectares of vacant and derelict land (33 per cent of the total) was unknown. The survey draws on existing sources of data regarding contamination and does not specifically require the testing of sites. The term 'contamination' used in the survey differs from the statutory definition in the Environmental Protection Act 1990, and refers simply to the presence or absence of a number of potential contaminants.

Table 7: Contamination status of vacant and derelict land¹, 2002²

Contamination Status	Derelict Land			Vacant Land			Total Vacant and Derelict Land		
	Area (ha)	% of Derelict Land (by Area)	No. of Sites	Area (ha)	% of Vacant Land (by Area)	No. of Sites	Area (ha)	% of Total Land (by Area)	No. of Sites
Known contamination	2,542	44	183	-	-	-	2,542	34	183
Suspected contamination	1,789	31	464	-	-	-	1,789	24	464
Contamination not suspected	1,448	25	547	1,486	91	1,113	2,934	40	1,660
Tested and found not to be contaminated	-	-	-	148	9	25	148	2	25
Unknown ⁴	2,017	-	701	1,624	-	1,341	3,641	-	2,042
Total	7,796	100	1,895	3,258	100	2,479	11,053	100	4,374

1 Figures may not sum due to rounding

2 2001 data have been used for Aberdeen City, City of Edinburgh, North Ayrshire and the Scottish Borders

3 2000 data has been used for Moray

4 Unknown values are excluded from the calculation of percentage values

4.2 Derelict land that is known to be contaminated (Table 7) is broken down by main contamination type in Table 8. Asbestos is the most common contaminant, affecting 793 hectares (44 per cent) of known contaminated derelict land. The other main known contaminant is coal, which affects 513 hectares (29 per cent). Together, these two contaminants affect 17 per cent of all derelict land, irrespective of contamination status.

Table 8: Contaminated land, by contamination type¹, 2002^{2,3}

Contamination Type	Derelict Land Where Contamination is Known		
	Area (ha)	% of Derelict Land (by Area)	No. of Sites
Arsenic	-	-	-
Asbestos	793	44	11
Chromium	12	1	4
Coal	513	29	30
Coal Tars	1	*	2
Copper, Nickel, Zinc	10	1	4
Cyanides	1	*	1
Gases	90	5	9
Phenols	1	*	1
Sulphates	4	*	1
Other combustible materials	99	6	10
Other contaminants	262	15	16
Unknown ⁴	757	-	94
Total	2,542	100	183

1 Figures may not sum due to rounding

2 2001 data have been used for Aberdeen City, City of Edinburgh, North Ayrshire and the Scottish Borders

3 2000 data has been used for Moray

4 Unknown values are excluded from the calculation of percentage values

4.3 Table 9 shows land known to be contaminated, categorised by Local Enterprise Company. Scottish Enterprise Renfrewshire area has 753 hectares of known contaminated land, representing 30 per cent of the national total. Scottish Enterprise Lanarkshire area has 633 hectares of known contaminated land, representing 25 per cent of the national total. Together, these two Local Enterprise Company areas contain over half of the known contaminated derelict land in Scotland.

Table 9: Known contaminated land¹ by Local Enterprise Company, 2002^{2,3}

Local Enterprise Company	Derelict Land Where Contamination is Known		
	Area (ha)	% of Derelict Land (by Area)	No. of Sites
Scottish Enterprise			
SE Ayrshire	204	8	79
SE Borders	*	*	1
SE Dumfries & Galloway	129	5	2
SE Dunbartonshire	35	1	7
SE Edinburgh & Lothian	89	3	10
SE Fife	361	14	9
SE Forth Valley	78	3	4
SE Glasgow	152	6	23
SE Grampian	6	*	2
SE Lanarkshire	633	25	32
SE Renfrewshire ⁴	753	30	5
SE Tayside	-	-	-
Highlands & Islands Enterprise			
Argyll & The Islands Enterprise	5	*	2
Caithness & Sutherland Enterprise	*	*	1
Inverness & Nairn Enterprise	58	2	3
Lochaber Limited	-	-	-
Moray, Badenoch & Strathspey Enterprise	-	-	-
Orkney Enterprise	-	-	-
Ross & Cromarty Enterprise	37	1	2
Shetland Enterprise	-	-	-
Skye & Lochalsh Enterprise	*	*	1
Western Isles Enterprise	-	-	-
Scotland	2,542	100	183

1 Figures may not sum due to rounding

2 2001 data have been used for Aberdeen City, City of Edinburgh, North Ayrshire and the Scottish Borders

3 2000 data has been used for Moray

4 Figures for Renfrewshire have been heavily influenced by the inclusion of one particularly large site that has increased in size since the 2001 survey.

5 Previous uses of vacant and derelict land

5.1 The previous uses of vacant and derelict land sites are shown in Table 10. In the SVDLS guidance notes, it is made clear that former agricultural land should not be included unless it is characterised by specific unsightliness or neglect. It has been noted in the past that there is a large amount of land included where the previous use was agriculture.

5.2 This year the amount of former agricultural land has been reduced but it should be noted that three councils make up 47 per cent of this total. One local authority explained that in some instances when sites are released for development, they are not initially classed as vacant. However, once development has started, the remaining area is then classified as vacant hence increasing the total of vacant and derelict land. Another explained that the majority of the sites are have been prepared for development and hence are now classified as vacant.

Table 10: Previous uses of vacant and derelict sites¹, 2002^{2,3}

Previous Use	Derelict Land			Vacant Land			Total Vacant and Derelict Land		
	Area (ha)	% of Derelict Land (by Area)	No. of Sites	Area (ha)	% of Vacant Land (by Area)	No. of Sites	Area (ha)	% of Total V&D Land (by Area)	No. of Sites
Agriculture	195	3	108	633	26	289	828	9	397
Business Class	16	*	4	4	*	5	21	*	9
Community & Health	382	5	82	239	10	79	621	6	161
Defence	1,981	27	42	70	3	20	2,052	21	62
Education	39	1	24	107	4	66	146	2	90
Forestry/Woodland	12	*	10	8	*	8	21	*	18
Manufacturing	1,332	18	277	243	10	128	1,575	16	405
Mineral Activity	1,971	27	281	68	3	16	2,038	21	297
Nature Conservation	11	*	1	-	-	-	11	*	1
Offices	2	*	5	2	*	9	4	*	14
Other General Industry ⁴	132	2	91	146	6	156	278	3	247
Passive Open Space	29	*	27	136	6	116	165	-	143
Recreation & Leisure ⁵	110	2	57	67	3	72	177	2	129
Residential	129	2	188	360	15	489	490	5	677
Retailing	16	*	37	21	1	41	38	*	78
Storage	183	3	81	49	2	66	232	2	147
Transport	416	6	180	102	4	87	519	5	267
Utility Services	94	1	24	31	1	27	125	1	51
Wholesale Distribution	16	*	6	13	1	9	29	*	15
Other	192	3	81	153	6	127	345	4	208
Unknown ⁶	536	-	289	804	-	669	1,340	-	958
Total	7,796	100	1,895	3,258	100	2,479	11,053	98	4,374

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2 2001 data have been used for Aberdeen City, City of Edinburgh, North Ayrshire and the Scottish Borders

3 2000 data has been used for Moray

4 Excluding Manufacturing

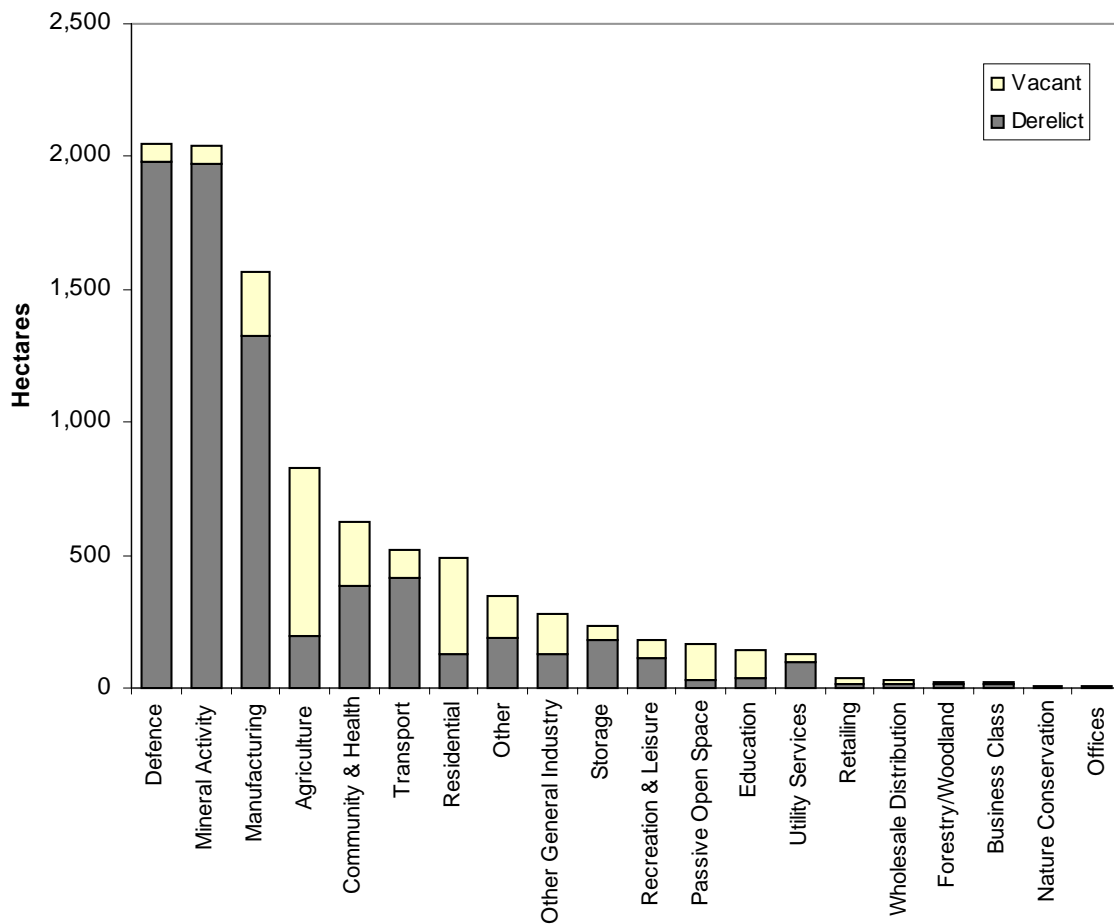
5 Excluding passive space

6 Unknown values are excluded from the calculation of percentages

5.3 Where the previous use is known, 27 per cent of derelict land recorded in 2002 had formerly been used for defence (1,981 hectares) closely followed by mineral activity, also accounting for 27 per cent of recorded derelict land (1,971 hectares). The most common previous use for recorded vacant land was for agriculture (26 per cent, or 633 hectares) and the second most common previous use was for residential development, accounting for 15 per cent of recorded vacant land (360 hectares). The previous use was unknown for 1,340 hectares of land (12 per cent of the total amount of vacant and derelict land recorded in 2002).

5.4 Chart 4 shows the 20 most common previous uses of vacant and derelict land, ranked by area.

Chart 4: Previous uses of vacant and derelict land, 2002¹



1. 2000 data has been used for Moray, and 2001 data have been used for Aberdeen City, City of Edinburgh, North Ayrshire and the Scottish Borders.

6 Preferred or intended uses

6.1 Planning authorities were asked to indicate up to three preferred or intended uses for the sites as defined in the most recent local plan or other approved local authority planning policy documents. The distribution of the primary preference is shown in Table 11.

Table 11: Primary preferred or intended uses for vacant or derelict sites, 2002¹⁻³

Preferred or Intended Use	Derelict Land			Vacant Land			Total Vacant and Derelict Land		
	Area (ha)	% of Derelict Land (by Area)	No. of Sites	Area (ha)	% of Vacant Land (by Area)	No. of Sites	Area (ha)	% of Total Land (by Area)	No. of Sites
Agriculture	736	10	229	23	1	16	759	7	245
Business Class	402	6	69	179	6	112	581	6	181
Community & Health	38	1	9	48	2	33	86	1	42
Defence	732	10	1	1	*	1	733	7	2
Education	3	*	2	9	*	14	12	*	16
Forestry/Woodland	311	4	66	32	1	17	343	3	83
Manufacturing	485	7	176	552	18	303	1,037	10	479
Mineral Activity	293	4	12	-	-	-	293	3	12
Nature Conservation	107	1	21	1	*	2	107	1	23
Offices	76	1	12	34	1	25	111	1	37
Other General Industry ⁴	1,355	19	226	520	17	366	1,875	18	592
Passive Open Space	336	5	121	204	6	182	540	5	303
Recreation & Leisure ⁵	461	6	86	132	4	67	592	6	153
Residential	897	12	563	1,218	39	1,039	2,115	20	1,602
Retailing	351	5	39	45	1	64	396	4	103
Storage	79	1	14	33	1	12	112	1	26
Transport	102	1	47	39	1	41	141	1	88
Utility Services	17	*	8	1	*	2	18	*	10
Wholesale Distribution	18	*	1	12	*	3	29	*	4
Other	445	6	57	51	2	49	495	5	106
Not Applicable	69	1	36	14	*	10	83	1	46
Unknown ⁶	484	-	100	110	-	121	593	-	221
Total	7,796	100	1,895	3,258	100	2,479	11,053	100	4,374

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2 2001 data have been used for Aberdeen City, City of Edinburgh, North Ayrshire and the Scottish Borders

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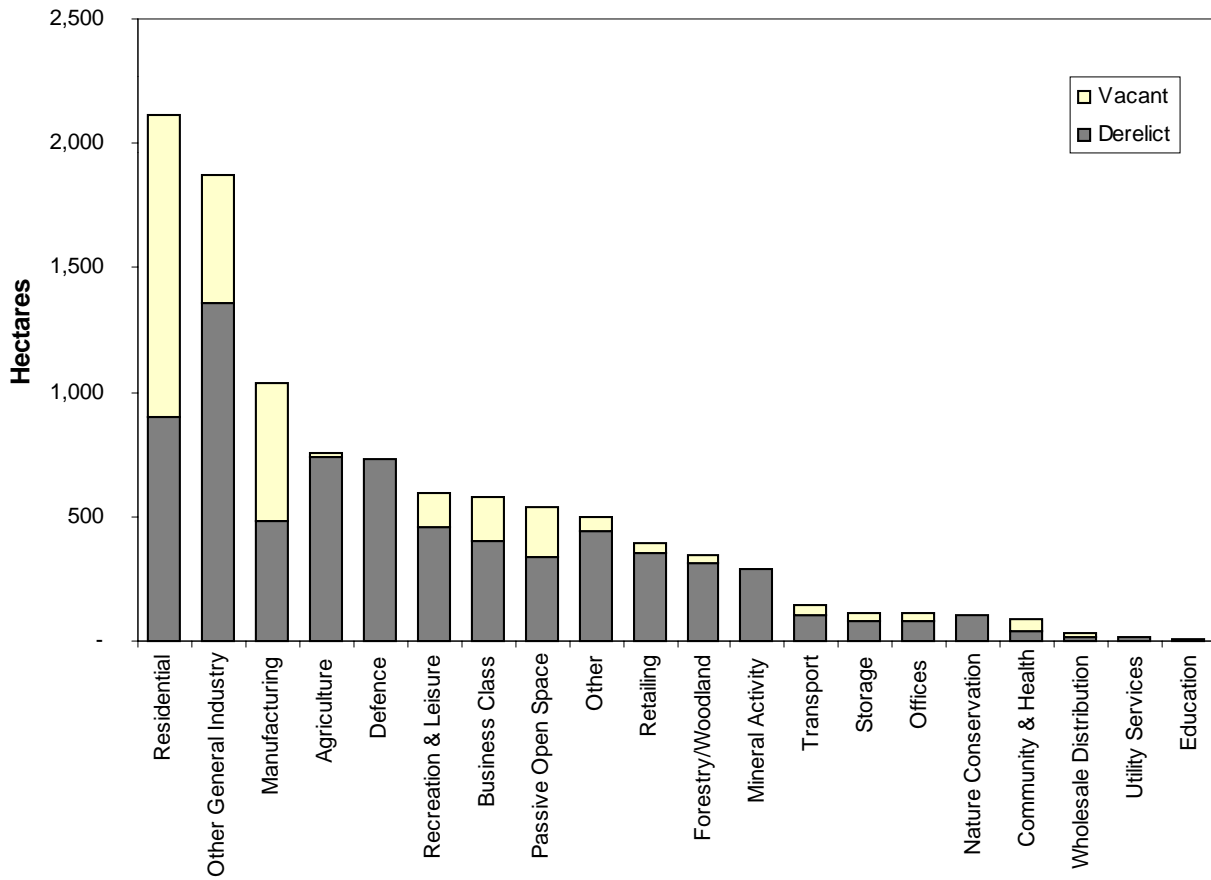
4 Excluding manufacturing

5 Excluding passive open space

6 Unknown values are excluded from the calculation of percentages.

6.2 The most popular preferred or intended future uses for derelict land, where known, were other general industry (19 per cent), residential (12 per cent) and agriculture (10 per cent). For vacant land, these were residential use (39 per cent), manufacturing (18 per cent) and other general industry (17 per cent). Preferred or intended future uses are shown in Chart 5.

Chart 5: Primary preferred or intended use of vacant and derelict land, 2002¹



1. 2001 data have been used for Aberdeen City, City of Edinburgh, North Ayrshire and the Scottish Borders and 2000 data has been used for Moray.

7 Location of derelict land

7.1 The survey covers derelict sites in both urban and rural areas. The distribution of derelict sites among urban and rural local authority areas is shown in Table 12. In Scotland as a whole, over half the recorded area of derelict land is in rural areas (51 per cent), with the remainder located in urban areas (49 per cent).

Table 12: Location of derelict sites by local authority area, 2002¹⁻³

Local Authority	Urban				Rural				All Derelict Land	
	Area (ha)	% of Sites Within Urban Area (by Area) ⁴	No. of Sites	% of Scottish Urban Sites (by Area) ⁵	Area (ha)	% of Sites Within Rural Area (by Area) ⁶	No. of Sites	% of Scottish Rural Sites (by Area) ⁷	Area (ha)	No. of Sites
Aberdeen City	34	44	18	1	43	56	7	1	77	25
Aberdeenshire	8	11	14	*	70	89	7	2	78	21
Angus	19	11	10	*	160	89	22	4	179	32
Argyll & Bute	8	56	11	*	6	44	6	*	14	17
Clackmannanshire	29	61	19	1	19	39	4	*	48	23
Dumfries & Galloway	25	8	24	1	282	92	13	7	307	37
Dundee City	49	100	21	1	-	-	-	-	49	21
East Ayrshire	51	18	28	1	225	82	35	6	275	63
East Dunbartonshire	43	50	14	1	42	50	7	1	85	21
East Lothian	42	42	25	1	57	58	17	1	99	42
East Renfrewshire	19	100	5	*	-	-	-	-	19	5
Edinburgh, City of	75	68	24	2	35	32	2	1	111	26
Eilean Siar	1	100	2	*	-	-	-	-	1	2
Falkirk	55	42	27	1	76	58	15	2	132	42
Fife	235	40	63	6	347	60	9	9	583	72
Glasgow City	767	100	289	20	-	-	-	-	767	289
Highland	232	24	160	6	719	76	65	18	950	225
Inverclyde	64	100	43	2	-	-	-	-	64	43
Midlothian	64	25	39	2	193	75	50	5	257	89
Moray	32	92	32	1	3	8	4	*	34	36
North Ayrshire	190	70	72	5	81	30	33	2	270	105
North Lanarkshire	943	87	154	24	147	13	73	4	1,090	227
Orkney Islands	1	11	5	*	11	89	9	*	12	14
Perth & Kinross	21	31	13	1	46	69	6	1	68	19
Renfrewshire	77	9	50	2	746	91	3	19	823	53
Scottish Borders	20	47	33	1	22	53	6	1	41	39
Shetland Islands	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
South Ayrshire	119	98	32	3	3	2	1	*	122	33
South Lanarkshire	246	51	90	6	233	49	40	6	479	130
Stirling	75	47	11	2	85	53	16	2	161	27
West Dunbartonshire	150	100	70	4	-	-	-	-	150	70
West Lothian	163	36	18	4	286	64	29	7	449	47
Scotland	3,858	49	1,416	100	3,938	51	479	100	7,796	1,895

1 Figures may not sum due to rounding

2 2001 data have been used for Aberdeen City, City of Edinburgh, North Ayrshire and the Scottish Borders

3 2000 data has been used for Moray

4 Refers to the percentage of derelict sites within the *urban* area of each local authority

5 Refers to the percentage of derelict sites within all urban areas in Scotland

6 Refers to the percentage of derelict sites within the rural area of each local authority

7 Refers to the percentage of derelict sites within the rural areas in Scotland

7.2 The local authorities with the highest levels of derelict urban land areas in 2002 were North Lanarkshire (943 hectares) and Glasgow City (767 hectares) together comprising 44 per cent of urban derelict land. The local authorities with the highest levels of derelict rural land areas were Renfrewshire (746 hectares) and Highland (719 hectares) together comprising 37 per cent of rural derelict land. The average size of derelict urban sites is 2.7 hectares, whereas the average derelict rural site size is 8.2 hectares.

Table 13: Derelict sites by location and size of sites, 2002¹⁻³

Location	Size of Site												
	No. of Sites		No. of Sites		No. of Sites		No. of Sites		No. of Sites		Total		Average size of site (ha)
	<= 1 ha	% of Sites	1-5 ha	% of Sites	5-10 ha	% of Sites	10-20 ha	% of Sites	>= 20 ha	% of Sites	No. of Sites	% of Sites	
Urban	834	80	409	72	98	64	47	59	29	56	1,416	75	2.7
Rural	210	20	157	28	55	36	33	41	23	44	479	25	8.2
Total	1,044	100	566	100	153	100	80	100	52	100	1,895	100	4.1

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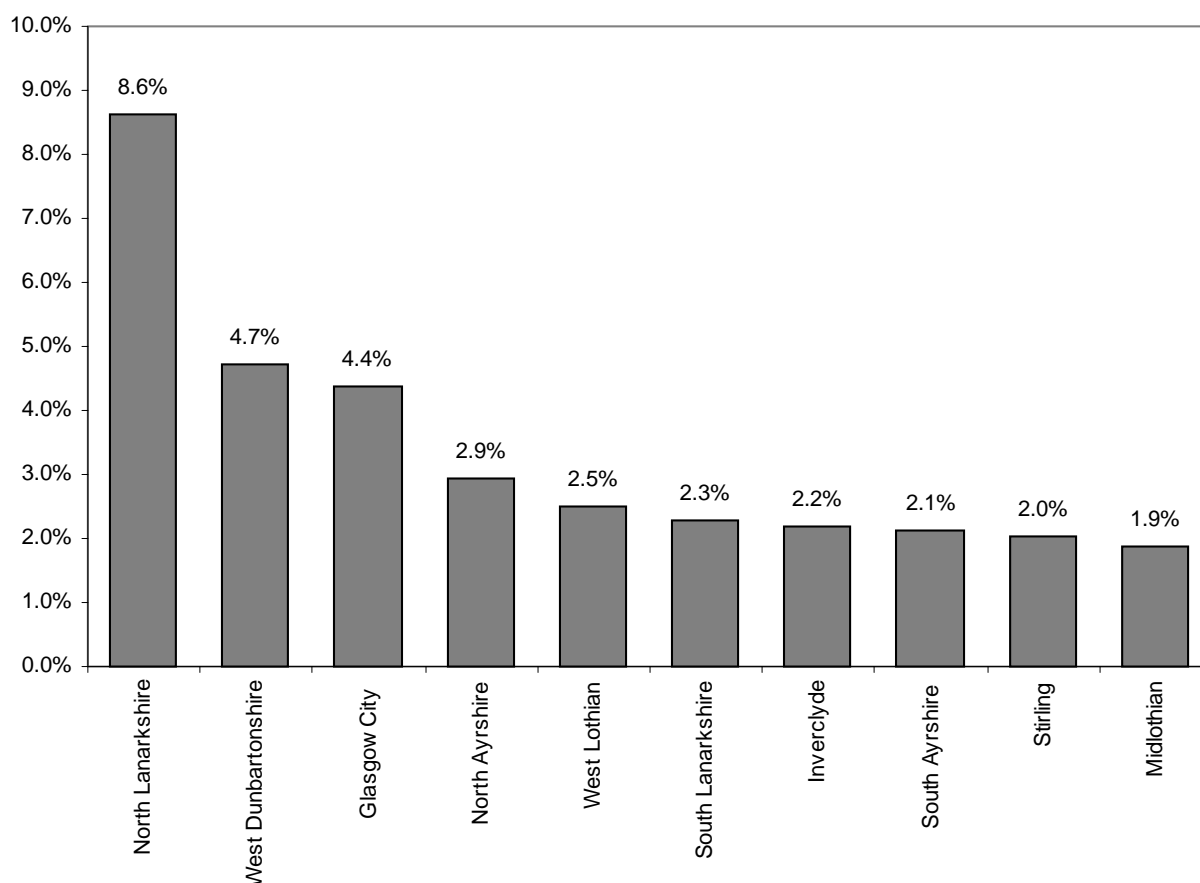
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7.3 Table 13 shows the distribution of derelict sites in relation to size. It shows that the majority of small sites (under 5 hectares) are located in urban areas.

7.4 The 10 councils with the highest percentage of derelict urban land in relation to local authority total urban area are shown in Chart 6. Urban areas are defined as localities which contained 1,000 residents or more in 1991. The figures for all local authorities urban areas are shown in Annex Table A.

Chart 6: Urban derelict land as a percentage of local authority urban land, 2002¹



1. 2000 data has been used for Moray, and 2001 data have been used for Aberdeen City, City of Edinburgh, North Ayrshire and the Scottish Borders.

8 Period of time since which land has lain vacant or derelict

8.1 Where the length of time for which land had lain unused was known, 21 per cent (1,393 hectares) of urban vacant and derelict land and 44 per cent (1,626 hectares) of rural derelict land had been unused since before 1981 (Table 14 and Table 15). This figure varies widely between the different local authorities. Table 16 identifies urban vacant and derelict sites separately, for land that has been unused since before 1985. For Scotland as a whole, this shows relatively little difference between the percentage of urban vacant land that has been unused since before 1985 (39 per cent), and urban derelict land (45 per cent).

Table 14: Urban sites: Date when vacant or derelict^{1,2} land was first identified, by local authority area, 2002

Local Authority	Pre-1981		1981-1985		1986-1990		1991-1995		1996-2000		2001-2002		Unknown ³	Total
	Area (ha)	Cumulative %	Area (ha)	Cumulative %	Area (ha)	Cumulative %	Area (ha)	Cumulative %	Area (ha)	Cumulative %	Area (ha)	Cumulative %	Area (ha)	Area (ha)
Aberdeen City ⁴	5	6	*	7	5	13	17	35	19	60	32	100	30	109
Aberdeenshire	2	12	-	12	14	78	5	100	-	100	-	100	31	52
Angus	18	34	1	36	3	41	14	68	4	75	13	100	2	55
Argyll & Bute	2	4	17	48	15	86	5	99	1	100	-	100	-	40
Clackmannanshire	10	17	-	17	24	60	*	61	10	79	12	100	-	57
Dumfries & Galloway	52	83	1	85	1	86	1	88	7	99	*	100	15	78
Dundee City	112	46	7	49	34	63	19	71	60	96	10	100	5	247
East Ayrshire	-	-	35	27	57	71	20	86	12	96	6	100	1	131
East Dunbartonshire	-	-	27	30	4	35	28	65	7	72	26	100	-	92
East Lothian	1	3	*	4	1	7	2	11	35	100	-	100	31	70
East Renfrewshire	5	12	5	24	3	32	16	74	3	81	7	100	-	40
Edinburgh, City of ⁴	20	23	1	24	51	83	8	92	7	100	-	100	44	132
Eilean Siar	1	12	1	22	*	24	4	90	1	100	-	100	5	11
Falkirk	61	32	15	39	9	44	41	65	55	94	11	100	11	203
Fife	42	20	17	28	15	35	20	45	87	86	29	100	111	320
Glasgow City	298	22	406	51	108	59	233	76	263	95	75	100	-	1,383
Highland	233	52	56	64	106	88	32	95	18	99	5	100	12	463
Inverclyde	12	9	11	18	10	26	37	55	54	98	2	100	2	127
Midlothian	67	79	1	80	13	96	2	98	1	100	-	100	17	102
Moray ⁵	24	70	2	76	3	86	5	100	-	100	-	100	4	38
North Ayrshire ⁴	19	5	93	32	85	57	88	83	60	100	-	100	3	347
North Lanarkshire	180	12	296	33	156	44	598	85	198	99	21	100	7	1,456
Orkney Islands	11	98	-	98	-	98	-	98	*	100	-	100	-	11
Perth & Kinross	12	19	27	63	5	71	7	83	11	100	-	100	3	64
Renfrewshire	-	-	73	30	54	52	25	63	64	89	27	100	-	243
Scottish Borders ⁴	12	39	2	45	2	52	10	86	4	100	-	100	17	47
Shetland Islands	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	-	2	-	-	100	-	2
South Ayrshire	-	-	49	38	53	79	5	83	21	100	*	100	22	150
South Lanarkshire	12	4	191	61	53	77	41	89	17	94	20	100	84	418
Stirling	1	1	34	43	1	44	-	44	34	86	12	100	37	118
West Dunbartonshire	41	18	23	29	33	44	40	62	53	85	32	100	2	224
West Lothian	141	66	-	66	18	74	42	94	10	99	3	100	72	287
Scotland	1,393	21	1,391	43	937	57	1,368	78	1,117	95	344	100	566	7,116

1 Figures are for total vacant and derelict land

2 Figures may not sum due to rounding

3 Unknown values are excluded from the calculation of percentage values

4 2001 data have been used for Aberdeen City, City of Edinburgh, North Ayrshire and the Scottish Borders

5 2000 data has been used for Moray

Table 15: Rural sites: Date when vacant or derelict^{1,2} land was first identified, by local authority area, 2002

Local Authority	Pre-1981		1981-1985		1986-1990		1991-1995		1996-2000		2001-2002		Unknown ³	Total
	Area (ha)	Cumulative %	Area (ha)	Cumulative %	Area (ha)	Cumulative %	Area (ha)	Cumulative %	Area (ha)	Cumulative %	Area (ha)	Cumulative %	Area (ha)	Area (ha)
Aberdeen City ⁴	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	100	-	100	-	100	42	43
Aberdeenshire	69	100	*	100	-	100	-	100	-	100	-	100	1	70
Angus	128	80	-	80	21	94	4	96	6	100	-	100	1	160
Argyll & Bute	3	54	-	54	1	65	2	100	-	100	-	100	-	6
Clackmannanshire	10	53	-	53	-	53	-	53	-	53	9	100	-	19
Dumfries & Galloway	140	54	-	54	3	55	117	100	-	100	-	100	22	282
Dundee City	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
East Ayrshire	-	-	18	10	161	100	*	100	-	100	-	100	46	225
East Dunbartonshire	-	-	19	44	6	58	*	59	2	63	16	100	-	42
East Lothian	36	65	6	76	2	80	-	80	11	100	-	100	2	57
East Renfrewshire	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Edinburgh, City of ⁴	2	6	-	6	-	6	33	100	-	100	-	100	-	35
Eilean Siar	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Falkirk	28	40	9	54	8	66	1	68	*	68	22	100	8	76
Fife	27	8	16	12	300	99	1	99	-	99	4	100	-	347
Glasgow City	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Highland	688	96	18	98	5	99	8	100	-	100	-	100	-	719
Inverclyde	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Midlothian	117	64	5	66	34	85	*	85	27	100	-	100	9	193
Moray ⁵	3	100	-	100	-	100	-	100	-	100	-	100	-	3
North Ayrshire ⁴	9	11	14	28	9	40	29	76	19	100	-	100	1	81
North Lanarkshire	76	52	25	69	-	69	5	72	40	99	1	100	1	147
Orkney Islands	11	100	-	100	-	100	-	100	-	100	-	100	-	11
Perth & Kinross	16	49	3	58	-	58	13	96	1	100	-	100	14	46
Renfrewshire ⁶	-	-	13	2	-	2	-	2	732	100	1	100	-	746
Scottish Borders ⁴	17	78	5	99	*	100	-	100	-	100	-	100	-	22
Shetland Islands	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
South Ayrshire	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	3
South Lanarkshire	34	22	25	38	74	86	12	94	*	94	9	100	79	233
Stirling	73	95	-	95	2	97	1	98	2	100	-	100	8	85
West Dunbartonshire	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
West Lothian	140	50	-	50	138	99	1	100	-	100	-	100	7	286
Scotland	1,626	44	174	49	765	69	229	76	840	98	61	100	243	3,939

1 Figures are for total vacant and derelict land (note that only vacant sites within 1km of an urban area with population 2000 are included)

2 Figures may not sum due to rounding

3 Unknown values are excluded from the calculation of percentage values

4 2001 data have been used for Aberdeen City, City of Edinburgh, North Ayrshire and the Scottish Borders

5 2000 data has been used for Moray

6 Although Renfrewshire experienced one large increase in site size this year, the original site was first identified between 1996 and 2000.

Table 16: Urban sites that have lain vacant or derelict since before 1985, by local authority area, 2002

Local Authority	Derelict Land					Vacant Land					Total Vacant and Derelict Land				
	Pre-1985			Unknown ²	Total	Pre-1985			Unknown ²	Total	Pre-1985			Unknown ²	Total
	Area (ha)	% of urban derelict land ³	No. of Sites	Area (ha)	Area (ha)	Area (ha)	% of urban vacant land ³	No. of Sites	Area (ha)	Area (ha)	Area (ha)	% of total urban land ³	No. of Sites	Area (ha)	Area (ha)
Aberdeen City ⁴	5	22	2	13	34	1	1	1	18	75	5	7	3	30	109
Aberdeenshire	-	10	1	5	8	2	12	2	27	44	2	12	3	31	52
Angus	15	76	7	-	19	5	14	3	2	36	19	36	10	2	55
Argyll & Bute	-	-	-	-	8	19	61	31	-	32	19	48	31	-	40
Clackmannanshire	7	25	8	-	29	3	9	2	-	27	10	17	10	-	57
Dumfries & Galloway	15	77	3	6	25	39	88	7	8	52	53	85	10	15	78
Dundee City	32	66	6	1	49	87	45	57	4	197	119	49	63	5	247
East Ayrshire	16	31	4	-	51	19	24	22	1	80	35	27	26	1	131
East Dunbartonshire	21	48	5	-	43	7	14	3	-	49	27	30	8	-	92
East Lothian	-	1	1	9	42	1	21	2	22	28	2	4	3	31	70
East Renfrewshire	-	-	-	-	19	9	46	10	-	21	9	24	10	-	40
Edinburgh, City of ⁴	11	20	7	21	75	10	31	8	23	56	21	24	15	44	132
Eilean Siar	1	83	1	-	1	1	14	1	5	10	1	22	2	5	11
Falkirk	12	24	6	3	55	63	45	43	8	147	76	39	49	11	203
Fife	36	26	11	98	235	23	31	15	13	85	59	28	26	111	320
Glasgow City	498	65	156	-	767	206	33	210	-	616	704	51	366	-	1,383
Highland	122	55	79	9	231	167	73	110	3	231	289	64	189	12	463
Inverclyde	8	13	7	-	64	15	24	14	1	63	23	18	21	2	127
Midlothian	56	94	24	5	64	12	47	8	12	38	68	80	32	17	102
Moray ⁵	24	82	25	3	32	3	47	5	1	6	26	76	30	4	38
North Ayrshire ⁴	52	28	23	1	190	59	38	34	2	158	111	32	57	3	347
North Lanarkshire	307	33	69	7	943	169	33	64	-	513	476	33	133	7	1,456
Orkney Islands	1	81	3	-	1	10	100	13	-	10	11	98	16	-	11
Perth & Kinross	11	55	7	1	21	28	67	3	2	43	39	63	10	3	64
Renfrewshire	16	21	7	-	77	57	34	20	-	167	73	30	27	-	243
Scottish Borders ⁴	6	53	6	9	20	8	41	14	8	27	13	45	20	17	47
Shetland Islands	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	2
South Ayrshire	31	29	5	11	119	18	90	7	11	31	49	38	12	22	150
South Lanarkshire	150	73	49	41	246	53	41	51	43	172	203	61	100	84	418
Stirling	34	67	1	25	75	1	4	1	12	43	35	43	2	37	118
West Dunbartonshire	24	16	9	-	150	40	55	30	1	74	64	29	39	2	224
West Lothian	86	81	10	17	123	55	51	19	16	124	141	66	29	72	287
Scotland	1,595	45	542	284	3,817	1,188	39	810	242	3,258	2,783	42	1,352	566	7,116

1 Figures may not sum due to rounding

2 Unknown values are excluded from the calculation of percentage values

3 Refers to the percentage of urban vacant/derelict land that has been unused since before 1985

4 2001 data have been used for these authorities

5 2000 data has been used for this authority

9 New vacant or derelict sites

9.1 Table 17 shows the area and number of distinct new sites which have been identified as vacant and derelict since the last survey was conducted.

Table 17: New sites identified since the previous survey by local authority area, 2002^{1,2}

Local Authority	Derelict Land		Vacant Land		Total Vacant and Derelict Land	
	Area (ha)	No. of Sites	Area (ha)	No. of Sites	Area (ha)	No. of Sites
Aberdeenshire	-	-	2	2	2	2
Angus	-	-	12	1	12	1
Argyll & Bute	-	-	-	-	-	-
Clackmannanshire	13	8	8	6	21	14
Dumfries and Galloway	*	2	-	-	*	2
Dundee City	5	3	3	11	8	14
East Ayrshire	-	-	-	-	-	-
East Dunbartonshire	17	3	24	5	41	8
East Lothian	-	-	-	-	-	-
East Renfrewshire	3	2	5	9	7	11
Eilean Siar	-	-	-	-	-	-
Falkirk	32	6	5	12	38	18
Fife	10	11	8	7	18	18
Glasgow City	27	27	22	29	49	56
Highland ³	723	32	58	68	780	100
Inverclyde	2	2	8	4	10	6
Midlothian	1	5	-	-	1	5
North Lanarkshire	22	8	13	10	34	18
Orkney Islands	-	-	-	-	-	-
Perth and Kinross	-	-	4	4	4	4
Renfrewshire	2	2	7	16	9	18
Shetland Islands	-	-	2	5	2	5
South Ayrshire	*	1	-	-	*	1
South Lanarkshire	1	1	15	5	15	6
Stirling	*	1	11	5	11	6
West Dunbartonshire	33	18	1	2	33	20
West Lothian	40	1	4	2	44	3
Scotland	932	133	210	203	1,142	336

1 Figures may not sum due to rounding

2 Figures for Aberdeen City, City of Edinburgh, Moray, North Ayrshire and the Scottish Borders are not included, as they did not participate in the 2002 survey.

3 The figures for Highland are new sites identified since 1993, when the previous survey was completed.

9.2 Table 17 shows new sites identified since the previous survey. In the majority of cases, this refers to new sites identified since the 2001 survey, but Highland figures refer to new sites identified since the 1993 survey. There were 932 hectares (133 sites) of newly identified derelict land since the previous survey. Of these, 723 hectares (32 sites) were in Highland and 40 hectares (1 site) were in West Lothian. There were 210 hectares (203 sites) of newly identified vacant land since the previous survey. Of these, 58 hectares (68 sites) were in Highland and 24 hectares (5 sites) were in East Dunbartonshire. Excluding Highland, the area of new vacant and derelict sites was 442 hectares. Note that these figures relate only to completely new sites identified: sites listed in the previous survey which increased in size are not included in Table 17. Such enlargement of individual sites will account for part of any change in the amount of vacant and derelict land recorded in different years, shown in Table 2 and Table 4.

10 Reuse of vacant and derelict land

10.1 The tables and charts in this section relate only to sites (or parts thereof) which were brought back into actual use. Sites removed from the survey for definitional reasons or due to naturalisation are not included here: details of these sites are given in Annex Table B and Annex Table C.

Table 18: Derelict land reclaimed and vacant land brought back into use since the previous survey, by local authority area, 2002^{1,2}

Local Authority	Derelict Land			Vacant Land			Total Vacant and Derelict Land		
	Area (ha)	% of Derelict Land (by Area)	No. of Sites	Area (ha)	% of Vacant Land (by Area)	No. of Sites	Area (ha)	% of Total Land (by Area)	No. of Sites
Aberdeenshire	1	*	1	7	2	2	8	1	3
Angus	6	2	3	8	2	2	13	2	5
Argyll & Bute	3	1	2	4	1	4	7	1	6
Clackmannanshire	*	*	1	*	*	1	1	*	2
Dumfries and Galloway	-	-	-	4	1	3	4	1	3
Dundee City	*	*	1	17	4	15	18	3	16
East Ayrshire	71	24	2	12	3	11	84	12	13
East Dunbartonshire	-	-	-	*	*	1	*	*	1
East Lothian	1	*	5	5	1	6	7	1	11
East Renfrewshire	-	-	-	4	1	6	4	1	6
Eilean Siar	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Falkirk	7	2	3	9	2	7	16	2	10
Fife	13	5	10	2	*	6	15	2	16
Glasgow City	25	9	26	63	16	84	88	13	110
Highland ³	26	9	34	158	40	126	184	27	160
Inverclyde	5	2	10	10	2	12	14	2	22
Midlothian	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
North Lanarkshire	93	32	40	37	10	37	131	19	77
Orkney Islands	-	-	-	*	*	1	*	*	1
Perth and Kinross	8	3	3	9	2	10	17	2	13
Renfrewshire	2	1	2	13	3	16	15	2	18
Shetland Islands	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
South Ayrshire	4	1	6	-	-	-	4	1	6
South Lanarkshire	15	5	12	25	6	14	40	6	26
Stirling	5	2	3	1	*	4	6	1	7
West Dunbartonshire	5	2	10	2	*	4	7	1	14
West Lothian	2	1	1	-	-	-	2	*	1
Scotland	293	100	175	391	100	372	684	100	547

1 Figures may not sum due to rounding

2 The figures for Aberdeen City, City of Edinburgh, Moray, North Ayrshire and the Scottish Borders are not included as they did not participate in the 2002 survey.

3 The figures for Highland are for sites brought back into use since 1993, the last time they completed the survey.

10.2 Table 18 shows that a total of 684 hectares (547 sites) were reclaimed or brought back into use since the previous survey, including vacant sites that were previously derelict and excluding those sites removed for definitional reasons or due to naturalisation or those with an unknown new use. As with Table 17, this refers to land brought back into use since 2001, except for Highland, in which case the figures refer to sites brought back into use since 1993. 293 hectares of the land brought back into use was derelict land that was reclaimed, of which 32 per cent was in North Lanarkshire (93 hectares), 24 per cent was in East Ayrshire (71 hectares), and 9 per cent was in Highland (26 hectares). Of the 391 hectares of vacant land which was brought back into use, 40 per cent (158 hectares) was in Highland, and 16 per cent (63 hectares) was in Glasgow City.

10.3 Table 19 shows that for sites brought back into use, the most common source of funding was through the private sector (42 per cent). The source of funding was unknown on 37 per cent of sites and public sector funding accounted for 13 per cent. Glasgow City had the greatest area brought back into use by public funding (37 hectares).

Table 19: Sources of funding used for vacant and derelict land brought back into use since the previous survey, by local authority area, 2002^{2,3}

Local Authority	Public sector funding (ha)	Private sector funding (ha)	Mixed funding ¹ (ha)	Unknown (ha)	None / not applicable (ha)	Total (ha)
Aberdeenshire	1	7	-	-	-	8
Angus	*	11	2	-	-	13
Argyll & Bute	3	2	2	-	-	7
Clackmannanshire	-	1	-	-	-	1
Dumfries & Galloway	*	3	-	*	-	4
Dundee City	3	14	1	-	-	18
East Ayrshire	-	-	-	84	-	84
East Dunbartonshire	-	-	*	-	-	*
East Lothian	-	6	1	-	-	7
East Renfrewshire	*	3	*	-	-	4
Eilean Siar	-	-	-	-	-	-
Falkirk	-	16	*	-	*	16
Fife	-	*	-	13	2	15
Glasgow City	37	38	13	-	-	88
Highland	20	148	12	-	5	184
Inverclyde	8	3	-	-	4	14
Midlothian	-	-	-	-	-	-
North Lanarkshire	-	-	-	131	-	131
Orkney Islands	-	*	-	-	-	*
Perth & Kinross	-	12	3	1	1	17
Renfrewshire	-	-	-	15	-	15
Shetland Islands	-	-	-	-	-	-
South Ayrshire	-	4	*	-	-	4
South Lanarkshire	12	13	8	6	-	40
Stirling	-	2	4	-	-	6
West Dunbartonshire	2	4	-	-	-	7
West Lothian	-	-	-	2	-	2
Scotland	86	288	47	251	12	684

1 Mixed public and private sector funding or partnership

2 The figures for Aberdeen City, City of Edinburgh, Moray, North Ayrshire and the Scottish Borders are not included as they did not participate in the 2002 survey.

3 The figures for Highland are for sites brought back into use since 1993, the last time they completed the survey.

10.4 Table 20 shows the known sources of public sector funding for sites brought back into use. Local Authorities were the most common source of public sector funding, assisting in part or all of 9 per cent of the area of vacant and derelict land brought back into use. Scottish Enterprise or Local Enterprise Companies provided funding for part or all of 8 per cent of the area of vacant and derelict land brought back into use.

Table 20: Source of public sector development funding used for vacant and derelict land brought back into use since the previous survey, 2002

Funding source ¹	Derelict Land		Vacant Land		Total Vacant and Derelict Land	
	Area (ha)	No. of Sites	Area (ha)	No. of Sites	Area (ha)	No. of Sites
Local Authority	19	17	45	25	64	42
Scottish Enterprise / Local Enterprise Company	7	9	50	24	57	33
Communities Scotland	8	15	31	53	39	68
European Union	6	3	18	5	23	8
Landfill Tax Credits	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lottery Funding	*	1	1	1	1	2
Other public sector	4	10	22	11	26	21
All sites brought back into use	293	175	391	372	684	547

1 Where multiple sources of funding were used for a single site, the site is included more than once in this table

10.5 Table 21 shows the contamination status of existing vacant and derelict sites and those brought back into use in 2002. In 2002, 49 derelict sites (28 per cent of total land by area) brought back into use, covering 116 hectares, were either suspected (16 per cent) or known (12 per cent) to have contamination compared to 58 per cent of existing vacant and derelict land which is known or suspected to be contaminated.

Table 21: Contamination status of existing vacant and derelict sites and those brought back into use since the previous survey, 2002

Contamination Status ¹	Existing Vacant and Derelict Land			Vacant and Derelict Land brought back into use		
	Area (ha)	% of Total Land (by Area)	No. of Sites	Area (ha)	% of Total Land (by Area)	No. of Sites
Known contamination	2,542	34	183	49	12	10
Suspected contamination	1,789	24	464	69	16	40
Contamination not suspected	2,934	40	1,660	296	70	259
Tested and found not to be contaminated	148	2	25	9	2	4
Unknown ²	3,641	-	2,042	260	-	234
Total	11,053	100	4,374	684	100	547

1 The contamination status shown here refers to the status of the sites when they were included in the survey. Land may be decontaminated, or tested and found not to be contaminated, before being brought back into use.

2 Unknown values are excluded from the calculation of percentage values.

10.6 The new use of sites, or parts of sites, that were reclaimed or brought back into use (excluding sites removed for definitional reasons) is shown in Table 22.

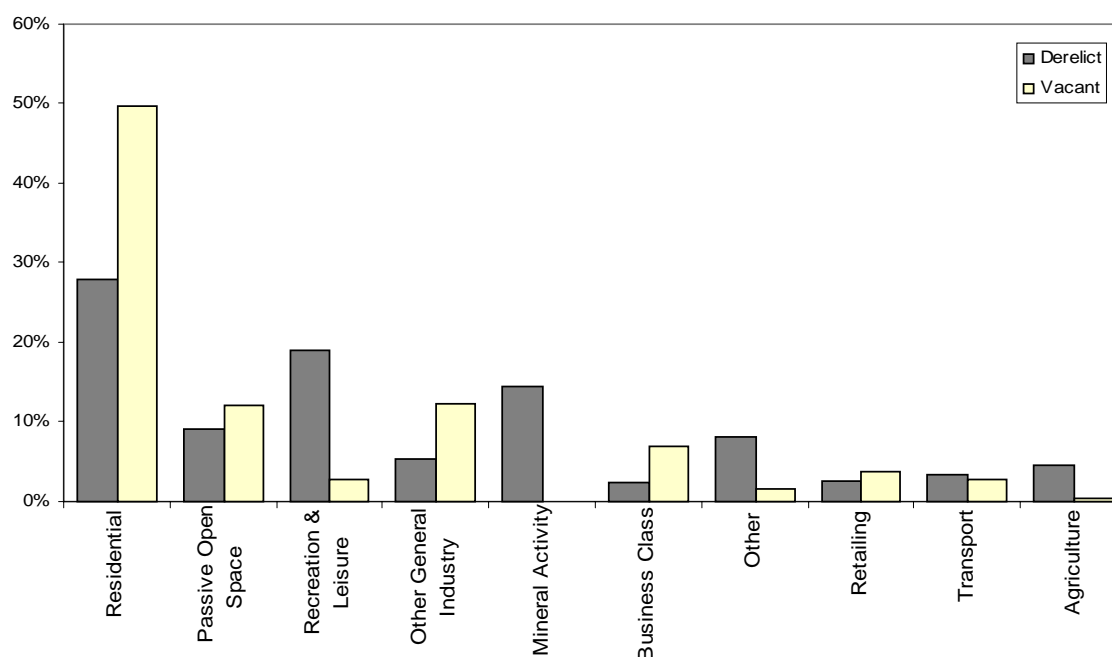
Table 22: Reclaimed derelict and vacant land brought back into use since the previous survey, by new use, 2002¹

New Use	Derelict Land			Vacant Land			Total Vacant and Derelict Land		
	Area (ha)	% of Derelict Land (by Area)	No. of Sites	Area (ha)	% of Vacant Land (by Area)	No. of Sites	Area (ha)	% of Total Land (by Area)	No. of Sites
Agriculture	13	5	10	1	*	2	15	2	12
Business Class	7	2	2	27	7	21	34	5	23
Community & Health	2	1	3	1	*	4	3	*	7
Education	1	*	1	1	*	2	2	*	3
Forestry/Woodland	1	*	2	7	2	2	8	1	4
Manufacturing	*	*	1	2	*	2	2	*	3
Mineral Activity	42	14	9	-	-	-	42	6	9
Nature Conservation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Offices	-	-	-	2	1	5	2	*	5
Other General Industry	15	5	7	48	12	63	64	9	70
Passive Open Space	27	9	6	47	12	14	74	11	20
Recreation & Leisure	56	19	9	11	3	10	67	10	19
Residential	82	28	93	194	50	189	276	40	282
Retailing	8	3	9	14	4	16	22	3	25
Storage	1	*	2	6	2	13	7	1	15
Transport	10	3	7	11	3	16	21	3	23
Utility Services	1	*	2	1	*	1	2	*	3
Wholesale Distribution	2	1	1	10	2	4	11	2	5
Vacant Pending New Use	1	*	4	-	-	-	1	*	4
Other	24	8	7	6	2	8	30	4	15
Unknown ⁴	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	293	100	175	391	100	372	684	100	547

¹ Figures may not sum due to rounding

10.7 Chart 7 shows the distribution of new uses for vacant and derelict land brought back into use since the previous survey. The most common new use for derelict land was for residential development, with 28 per cent (82 hectares) of the land area being reclaimed for this purpose. The second most common use for derelict land was for recreation and leisure, for which 19 per cent (56 hectares) was used, followed by mineral activity, for which 14 per cent (42 hectares) was used. The most common new use for vacant land was for residential development, with 50 per cent (194 hectares) being used.

Chart 7: Distribution of main new uses for vacant and derelict land, 2002



10.8 Using the data in Table 22, it is possible to calculate that the average size of reclaimed derelict sites was 1.6 hectares. Sites reclaimed for residential development were an average of 0.9 hectares, compared to 6.2 hectares for recreation and leisure and 4.7 hectares for mineral activity.

10.9 The average size of vacant sites brought back into use was 1.1 hectares. Sites used for residential development were an average of 1.0 hectares, and those used for other general industry were 0.8 hectares in size.

10.10 Table 23 shows that the distribution of site size classes for those sites brought back into use is similar to that for extant sites (i.e. those which remain vacant or derelict).

Table 23: Distribution of size of extant sites and sites brought back into use since the previous survey, 2002¹

Type	Size of Site											
	No. of Sites <= 1 ha	% of Sites	No. of Sites 1-5 ha	% of Sites	No. of Sites 5-10 ha	% of Sites	No. of Sites 10-20 ha	% of Sites	No. of Sites >= 20 ha	% of Sites	Total No. of Sites	% of Sites
Derelict												
Extant	1,044	55	566	30	153	8	80	4	52	3	1,895	100
New Use	115	66	50	29	6	3	1	1	3	2	175	100
Vacant												
Extant	1,666	67	702	28	76	3	24	1	11	*	2,479	100
New Use	269	72	89	24	10	3	4	1	-	-	372	100
Total												
Extant	2,710	62	1,268	29	229	5	104	2	63	1	4,374	100
New Use	384	70	139	25	16	3	5	1	3	1	547	100

¹ Figures may not sum due to rounding

10.11 Table 24 shows the dates when vacant or derelict land was first identified for existing sites and sites brought back into use.

Table 24: Date when vacant or derelict land was first identified; extant sites and sites brought back into use since the previous survey, 2002

Location	Pre-1981		1981-1985		1986-1990		1991-1995		1996-2000		2001-2002		Unknown ¹	Total
	Area (ha)	Cumulative %	Area (ha)	Cumulative %	Area (ha)	Cumulative %	Area (ha)	Cumulative %	Area (ha)	Cumulative %	Area (ha)	Cumulative %	Area (ha)	Area (ha)
Urban														
Extant	1,392	21	1,391	43	937	57	1,368	78	1,117	95	343	100	566	7,115
Newuse	89	17	100	36	57	46	178	80	93	98	13	100	32	563
Rural														
Extant	1,626	44	174	49	765	70	229	76	840	98	61	100	243	3,939
Newuse	27	23	6	28	31	55	2	57	50	100	*	100	5	121
Total														
Extant	3,019	29	1,565	45	1,702	61	1,597	77	1,957	96	405	100	849	11,053
New use	116	18	106	34	88	48	181	76	144	98	13	100	37	684

¹ Unknown values are excluded from the calculation of percentage values

10.12 Overall, 48 per cent of the sites brought back into use have lain vacant or derelict since before 1990 compared to 61 per cent of all existing sites indicating that sites brought back into use tend to be younger. For urban sites, the distribution of dates when sites were first identified is similar between existing sites and sites brought back into use. For rural sites, 49 per cent of existing sites were identified before 1985 compared to only 28 per cent of sites brought back into use.

10.13 Table 25 shows the relationship between the previous use and new use for those sites brought back into use since the previous survey. In the majority of cases, the new use of sites is not the same as the previous use. However, of the 62 hectares of vacant and derelict land where the previous use was residential, 50 hectares were brought back into use for residential development (81 per cent). Of land brought back into use for mineral activities, 40 of the 42 hectares had previously been used for mineral activities.

Table 25: Previous use against new use; sites brought back into use since the previous survey, 2002¹⁻³

Previous Use (hectares)	New Use (hectares)															Total
	Agriculture	Forestry/Open Space/Nature Conservation	Community & Health/Education	Defence	Recreation & Leisure	Manufacturing/Other General Industry	Mineral Activity	Offices/Business Class	Residential	Retailing	Storage/Wholesale Distribution	Transport	Utility Services	Vacant Pending New Use	Other/Unknown	
Agriculture	1	23	-	-	8	7	-	17	81	2	10	*	*	-	*	148
Forestry/Open Space/Nature Conservation	-	3	-	-	2	2	-	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	15
Community & Health/Education	-	-	3	-	-	*	-	4	21	-	-	*	-	-	*	29
Defence	-	-	-	-	-	7	-	-	2	1	2	-	-	-	4	16
Recreation & Leisure	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	1	7	-	-	1	-	*	-	12
Manufacturing/Other General Industry	-	24	-	-	4	12	-	7	29	11	3	12	-	-	19	121
Mineral Activity	5	*	-	-	44	-	40	-	18	-	1	-	-	-	*	109
Offices/Business Class	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Residential	-	8	-	-	1	-	-	-	50	1	*	1	-	-	*	62
Retailing	-	*	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	7
Storage/Wholesale Distribution	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	12	2	2	1	-	-	*	19
Transport	7	1	*	-	4	12	2	1	7	*	-	4	-	-	*	37
Utility Services	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	2	-	-	-	-	*	1	-	7
Vacant Pending New Use	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other/Unknown	3	23	2	-	2	18	-	4	37	2	1	2	1	*	5	100
Total	15	82	6	-	67	66	42	36	275	22	19	21	2	1	30	684

1 Figures may not sum due to rounding

2 The figures for Aberdeen City, City of Edinburgh, Moray, North Ayrshire and the Scottish Borders are not included as they did not participate in the 2002 survey.

3 The figures for Highland are new sites identified since 1993, the last time they completed the survey.

10.14 Table 26 shows the relationship between the preferred and the new use for those sites brought back into use since the last survey. Overall, for 326 hectares (48 per cent) of the 684 hectares of land brought back into productive use, the class of primary preferred use was the same as the new use to which the land was put.

Table 26: Preferred use against new use; sites brought back into use since the previous survey, 2002¹⁻³

Preferred Use (hectares)	New Use (hectares)													Total	
	Agriculture	Forestry/Open Space/Nature Conservation	Community & Health/Education	Recreation & Leisure	Manufacturing/Other General Industry	Mineral Activity	Offices/Business Class	Residential	Retailing	Storage/Wholesale Distribution	Transport	Utility Services	Vacant Pending New Use		Other/Unknown
Agriculture	8	8	-	47	-	41	-	3	-	1	-	-	-	-	108
Forestry/Open Space/Nature Conservation	1	13	*	2	1	-	-	17	-	*	-	-	-	-	34
Community & Health/Education	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	9
Recreation & Leisure	2	-	-	10	-	2	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	15
Manufacturing/Other General Industry	-	1	2	1	47	-	11	8	7	16	9	2	*	3	107
Mineral Activity	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Offices/Business Class	-	-	-	-	8	-	15	-	2	-	1	-	-	1	27
Residential	2	17	*	1	2	-	9	218	3	*	5	-	1	2	260
Retailing	-	24	2	*	-	-	1	1	7	-	-	-	-	21	55
Storage/Wholesale Distribution	-	2	-	-	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
Transport	-	13	*	-	*	-	-	*	*	-	5	-	-	3	21
Utility Services	-	-	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	*
Vacant Pending New Use	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other/Unknown	*	5	*	6	7	-	1	19	3	1	1	-	-	2	43
Total	15	82	6	67	66	42	36	275	22	19	21	2	1	30	684

1 Figures may not sum due to rounding

2 The figures for Aberdeen City, City of Edinburgh, Moray, North Ayrshire and the Scottish Borders are not included as they did not participate in the 2002 survey

3 The figures for Highland are new sites identified since 1993, the last time they completed the survey.

Annex: Considerations when interpreting the data

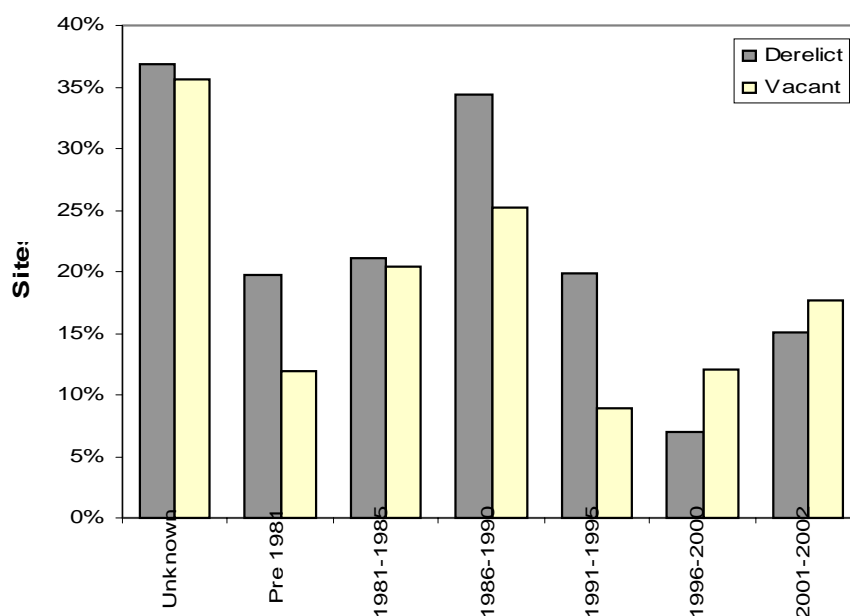
A.1 Removal and Addition of Sites. The means by which new sites are detected are largely centred on the expert knowledge of local authority planning officers. It is very important to note that Table 17, which shows new sites added since the previous survey, show only *entirely new* sites. Sites which have increased in size since the previous survey are not shown. Similarly, when *part* of a site is brought back into use, that part is detailed in the 'B' data set, and the part not brought back into use remains in the survey 'A' data set (see pages 36 and 37).

A.2 Changes in Site Details. Changes in site details can also cause other difficulties in interpreting the data. The most notable are when two separate sites become joined by the inclusion of a further piece of vacant or derelict land, and alternatively when a single site has a central area brought back into use, such that the remaining disused area does not form a single contiguous site. The first of these scenarios is the most awkward from a statistical viewpoint, as data regarding previous use etc. for both sites are unlikely to be compatible. Where this happens, details from the largest contributing site are used to describe the new, compound site.

A.3 Definition of Contamination. The SVDLS bulletin reports on sites which are available for re-use, and as such contamination is defined in terms of its potential impact on development, either as a direct result of the contamination itself or through the costs of remediation prior to re-development. This differs considerably from the definition of contamination set out in Part IIA (Contaminated Land) of the Environmental Protection Act 1990, which refers to land causing a threat to human health or the wider environment. It seems likely that all derelict sites which are contaminated under the Part IIA definition should also be regarded as contaminated under the SVDLS definition, but not necessarily *vice versa*. Another issue lies in the measurement of contaminated land, in that it can only be confirmed to be contaminated after it has been tested. Although this is obvious, it implies that the amount of recorded contaminated land bears a direct relationship with the amount tested for contamination, and as such the availability of resources for testing might have a strong influence on the data presented.

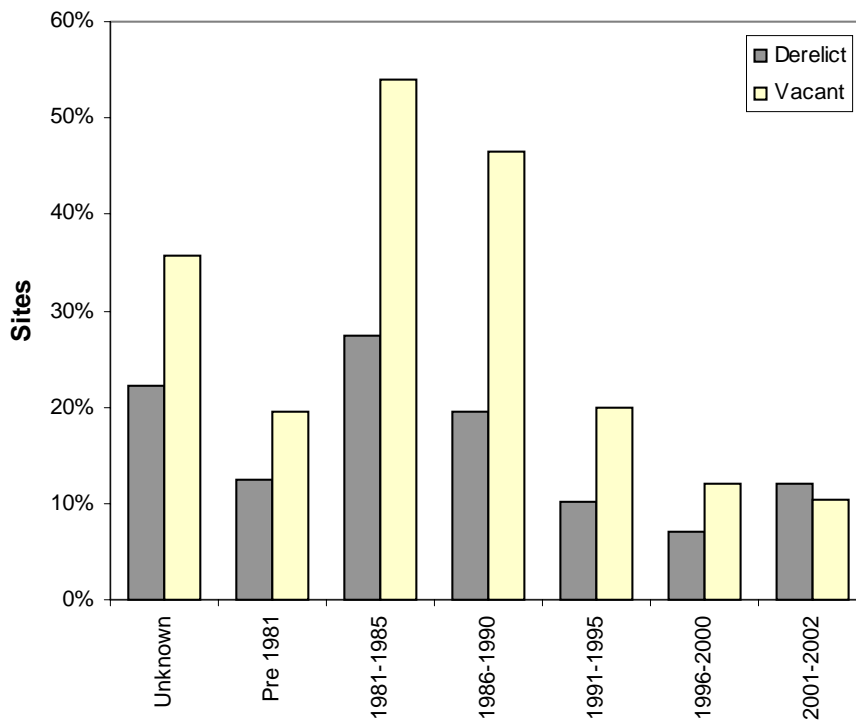
A.4 Ownership. Details of ownership are not always readily available to local authorities, and this is reflected by the large amount of land of 'Unknown' ownership shown in Table 6. Annex Chart A illustrates the relationship between unknown ownership and the length of time sites have lain vacant or derelict. Each column represents the percentage of all sites in that category for which ownership is unknown. Using the percentage values gives a clearer picture of the extent of the problem by standardising the 'number' of sites in each age category. Ownership was unknown for 17 per cent of the sites that had lain vacant or derelict since 2001, representing 35 hectares of land.

Annex Chart A: Percentage of sites where principal owner is unknown by period since which they have lain vacant or derelict, 2002



A.5 Previous Use and Length of Time Vacant or Derelict. Knowledge of the use to which a site was formerly put is important in assessing it for potential contamination. The triple of previous, intended and actual usages of reclaimed derelict land and vacant land brought back into use is also important in determining the success of local plans. In order to carry this assessment through, it is necessary to have information about the previous use of sites. However, there appears to be a relationship between the length of time a site has been vacant or derelict and the information available about its previous use, as shown in Annex Chart B. For each time period, the percentage of sites for which there is no available information about previous use is given. The longer a site has been disused, the less likely is the possession of information about its previous use. The exception to this is in the very oldest class of sites, which is also the single largest class, containing 911 sites out of a total of 4,374.

Annex Chart B: Percentage of sites where previous use is unknown by period since which they have lain vacant or derelict, 2002



A.6 Land area eligible in the survey. Although Local Authorities are asked to note all derelict land for the survey, the recording of vacant land is restricted to urban areas where the resident population exceeds 2,000 people, and the 1km region which surrounds them. As a consequence, the actual land area surveyed for vacant land is often considerably smaller than the total land area of each local authority, especially in the case of the more rural areas. The figures contained in this bulletin should thus be interpreted as showing derelict land throughout Scotland, but only urban vacant land. Figures for the urban and rural land areas of each local authority are shown in Annex Table A.

Annex Table A: Derelict Land as a percentage of total area by local authority area, 2002^{1,2}

Local Authority	Total Derelict Land (ha)	Urban Derelict Land (ha)	Rural Derelict Land (ha)	Total Area (ha)	Urban Area (ha)	Rural Area (ha)	% Total Area Derelict	% Urban Area Derelict	% Rural Area Derelict
Aberdeen City ³	77	34	43	18,581	7,736	10,845	0.41	0.44	0.40
Aberdeenshire	78	8	70	631,787	9,242	622,545	0.01	0.09	0.01
Angus	179	19	160	218,148	4,174	213,974	0.08	0.46	0.08
Argyll & Bute	14	8	6	692,967	8,165	684,802	0.00	0.10	0.00
Clackmannanshire	48	29	19	15,662	2,173	13,489	0.31	1.34	0.14
Dumfries & Galloway	307	25	282	643,903	6,600	637,303	0.05	0.38	0.04
Dundee City	49	49	-	6,515	4,694	1,821	0.76	1.05	-
East Ayrshire	275	51	225	125,199	4,998	120,201	0.22	1.02	0.19
East Dunbartonshire	85	43	42	17,182	4,468	12,714	0.50	0.96	0.33
East Lothian	99	42	57	67,772	4,484	63,288	0.15	0.94	0.09
East Renfrewshire	19	19	-	17,269	2,801	14,468	0.11	0.68	-
Edinburgh, City of ³	111	75	35	26,228	13,056	13,172	0.42	0.58	0.27
Eilean Siar	1	1	-	313,353	7,969	305,384	0.00	0.01	-
Falkirk	132	55	76	29,924	7,606	22,318	0.44	0.73	0.34
Fife	582	235	347	132,256	15,091	117,165	0.44	1.56	0.30
Glasgow City	767	767	-	17,504	17,504	-	4.38	4.38	-
Highland	950	232	719	2,578,379	20,678	2,557,701	0.04	1.12	0.03
Inverclyde	64	64	-	16,179	2,926	13,253	0.40	2.19	-
Midlothian	257	64	193	35,587	3,457	32,130	0.72	1.86	0.60
Moray ⁴	34	32	3	223,823	7,288	216,535	0.02	0.43	0.00
North Ayrshire ³	270	190	81	88,387	6,429	81,958	0.31	2.95	0.10
North Lanarkshire	1,090	943	147	47,358	10,928	36,430	2.30	8.63	0.40
Orkney Islands	12	1	11	99,165	1,018	98,147	0.01	0.14	0.01
Perth & Kinross	68	21	46	531,146	7,566	523,580	0.01	0.28	0.01
Renfrewshire	823	77	746	26,139	6,155	19,984	3.15	1.25	3.73
Scottish Borders ³	41	20	22	473,379	4,282	469,097	0.01	0.46	0.00
Shetland Islands	-	-	-	143,808	7,835	135,973	-	-	-
South Ayrshire	122	119	3	120,223	5,640	114,583	0.10	2.11	0.00
South Lanarkshire	479	246	233	177,116	10,788	166,328	0.27	2.28	0.14
Stirling	161	75	85	219,588	3,707	215,881	0.07	2.04	0.04
West Dunbartonshire	150	150	-	16,223	3,165	13,058	0.92	4.72	-
West Lothian	449	163	286	42,504	6,489	36,015	1.06	2.51	0.79
Scotland	7,796	3,858	3,938	7,813,254	229,112	7,584,142	0.10	1.68	0.05

1 Figures may not sum due to rounding

2 Total urban and rural areas for local authorities are estimates. Urban areas are defined as those settlements with populations greater than 1,000 during the census in 1991.

3 2001 data have been used for these authorities (Aberdeen City, City of Edinburgh, North Ayrshire and the Scottish Borders)

4 2000 data has been used for this authority (Moray)

A.7 Definitions/Interpretations. The SVDLS guidelines clearly state the definitions for the recording of vacant and derelict land. Where difficulties are encountered, the guidelines have been modified to assist in the provision of uniform returns, but ultimately the survey relies on the consistent application of definitions between local authorities and through subsequent years. Some of the changes reported in Annex Table B (sites removed for 'definitional' reasons) come about following a reappraisal of the survey guidelines by local authority planning officers. Since the last survey, 352 hectares of land were removed from the survey for definitional reasons, of which 229 hectares were located in Highland.

Annex Table B: sites removed for definitional reasons, by local authority area, 2002^{1,2}

Local Authority	Derelict Land		Vacant Land		Total Vacant and Derelict Land	
	Area (ha)	No. of Sites	Area (ha)	No. of Sites	Area (ha)	No. of Sites
Aberdeenshire	-	-	16	8	16	8
Angus	1	1	-	-	1	1
Dumfries and Galloway	*	1	-	-	*	1
Dundee City	*	2	1	3	1	5
East Ayrshire	1	1	2	2	3	3
Falkirk	-	-	1	1	1	1
Glasgow City	1	5	1	7	2	12
Highland	38	9	191	74	229	83
Inverclyde	1	1	-	-	1	1
North Lanarkshire	63	26	16	17	79	43
Perth and Kinross	-	-	5	3	5	3
South Lanarkshire	8	2	3	1	12	3
West Dunbartonshire	1	1	1	2	2	3
Scotland	116	49	237	118	352	167

1 Figures may not sum due to rounding

2 The figures for Highland are sites removed for definitional reasons compared with sites recorded in 1993 when the survey was last completed.

Annex Table C shows sites that have been removed from the survey due to naturalisation, which appear to have blended into the surrounding landscape.

Annex Table C: Sites removed due to naturalisation, by local authority area, 2002¹

Local Authority	Derelict Land		Vacant Land		Total Vacant and Derelict Land	
	Area (ha)	No. of Sites	Area (ha)	No. of Sites	Area (ha)	No. of Sites
Argyll & Bute	-	-	1	1	1	1
Dumfries and Galloway	-	-	2	2	2	2
Falkirk	-	-	2	1	2	1
Glasgow City	1	1	2	2	3	3
North Lanarkshire	183	62	4	3	188	65
Perth and Kinross	2	1	-	-	2	1
Stirling	*	1	1	1	2	2
West Dunbartonshire	-	-	17	9	17	9
Scotland	187	65	30	19	217	84

1 Figures may not sum due to rounding

Local authority participation

A.8 Participation of Local Authorities. It is important to remember throughout the interpretation of the figures reported in this bulletin that not all local authorities participated in the survey in every year. There are two main impacts arising from this:

1. Comparisons between years must be made with extreme care, and only for individual local authorities where suitable data exist.
2. Where a local authority has not provided data every year, the recorded change will be *since the last survey*, and will thus reflect several years' worth of change.

The majority of local authorities have provided data for the years 1990 and 1993 – 2002 for the Scottish Vacant and Derelict Land Survey. Non-participating councils are identified for each year in Annex Table D. All councils participated in the 1990 and 1993 surveys.

Annex Table D: Local Authorities NOT participating in the survey, 1994-2002

Local Authority	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Aberdeen City					x				x
Aberdeenshire		x ¹							
Angus						x			
Argyll & Bute									
Clackmannanshire	x								
Dumfries & Galloway			x						
Dundee City	x	x		x			x		
East Ayrshire			x	x	x ²				
East Dunbartonshire									
East Lothian	x								
East Renfrewshire									
Edinburgh, City of									x
Eilean Siar		x							
Falkirk							x		
Fife									
Glasgow City									
Highland	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	3
Inverclyde									
Midlothian		x	x						
Moray		x		x	x	x		x	x
North Ayrshire									x
North Lanarkshire									
Orkney Islands									
Perth & Kinross									
Renfrewshire									
Scottish Borders		x					x		x
Shetland Islands									
South Ayrshire						x			
South Lanarkshire									
Stirling				x					
West Dunbartonshire									
West Lothian			x	x	x		x		

1 Only Banff and Buchan District did not respond

2 Only the SVDLS-A data file was provided

3 See below.

A.9 Due to the large area of land incorporated in Highland, only a partial survey was carried out in 2002. In the 2002 survey, only vacant and derelict sites within a 1km boundary of settlements over 2000 and derelict sites within the inner Moray Firth area have been surveyed. Thus, while data for Highland includes all relevant vacant sites, it excludes some derelict sites in rural areas outwith the inner Moray Firth area.

A.10 Following the reorganisation of local government in 1996, the Scottish Enterprise Lanarkshire area was expanded to include Rutherglen and Cambuslang from Scottish Enterprise Glasgow, and Cumbernauld, Kilsyth and the 'Northern Corridor' from Scottish Enterprise Dunbartonshire. The 'Northern Corridor' is defined as that part of North Lanarkshire Council's area that was in the former Strathkelvin District Authority's area prior to the local government reorganisation.

Annex: SVDLS 2002 Form A

Survey Form A contains questions covering the following information

LOCATION

- 1) Council Code
- 2) Local Enterprise Company Code
- 3) LA reference code for site
- 4) Database History (1= New Record 2=Existing Record)
- 5) OS Grid Reference
- 6) Name and Address of site

SITE CHARACTERISTICS

- 1) Site Size (hectares)
- 2) Vacant or derelict
- 3) Ownership of site (for categories, see table 6)
- 4) Date of first inspection of the site (DD/MM/YYYY format)
- 5) Length of time site has been vacant or derelict
- 6) Previous use of site (for categories, see table 10)
- 7) Contamination
 - Contamination indicator (for categories, see table 6)
 - Type of Contamination (for categories, see table 7)
- 8) Mineral workings indicator
- 9) Environmental factors (up to 2 factors i.e. Greenbelt, SSSI)
- 10) Intrusiveness of site
 - General location (Urban or rural)
 - Surrounding activities (up to 2 activities)
 - Visibility

DEVELOPMENT POTENTIAL

- 1) Status of local plan
- 2) Preferred or intended uses (for categories, see table 26)
- 3) Development potential

Annex: SVDLS 2002 Form B.

Survey Form B contains questions covering the following information

LOCATION

- 1) Council Code
- 2) Local Enterprise Company Code
- 3) LA Reference code for site
- 4) Previous LA Reference code
- 5) OS grid reference for site

SITE CHARACTERISTICS

- 1) Site previously vacant or derelict (categorised by the following)
 - Derelict buildings
 - Derelict land
 - Derelict land and buildings
 - Operational Land defined as Derelict
 - Vacant land
 - Vacant land and buildings
- 2) Size of area reclaimed or brought back into use (hectares)
- 3) New Use (for categories, see table 18). It also includes
 - Sites amalgamated into a single larger site
 - Sites split into smaller sites
 - Sites which have become naturalised
 - Sites removed from the survey for definitional reasons
- 4) Month and year brought back into use
- 5) Source of funding used to bring site back into use (for categories, see table 19)
- 6) Sources of public funding used (for categories, see table 20)

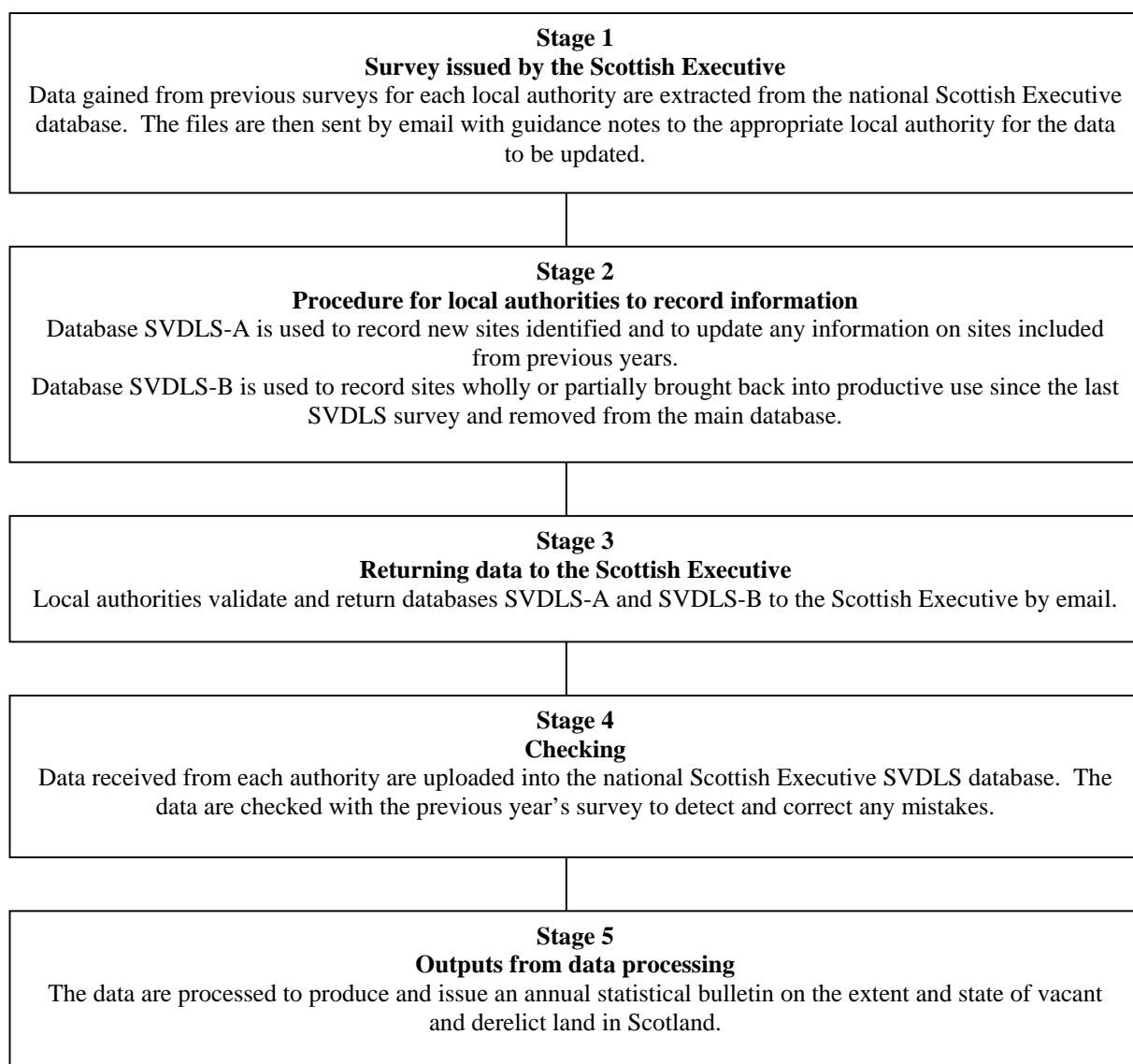
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WHAT IS THE SVDLS?

The SVDLS is a survey undertaken to establish the extent and state of vacant and derelict land in Scotland. The survey has been operating since 1988 and is managed by a joint COSLA/Scottish Executive Sub Group of the Scottish Built Environment Statistics Advisory Committee (BESAC: <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/stats/scotstats.asp>). The Scottish Executive Environment and Planning Statistics Branch manages the operation of the survey on behalf of BESAC.

The data provided by you as part of this survey provides an invaluable source of information relating to vacant and derelict sites and assists in reinforcing and justifying national policy established to bring about the re-use of these wasted resources.

The following diagram summarises the SVDLS process:



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WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE SVDLS?

1) The key requirements

The survey requires that you:

- Check and amend, if necessary, information held on sites previously identified.
- Add details of any new sites that you have identified since the last survey.
- Remove and inform us of any sites which are no longer to be included as vacant or derelict.

2) Electronic Returns

To return the required information electronically you should:

- Use database SVDLS-A to record new sites and to update or amend information on previously identified sites which are still to be included.
- Use database SVDLS-B to record details of sites, wholly or in part, which you are removing from the main SVDLS-A database.

3) Manual Returns

If you are unable to return the data electronically, paper returns should be completed as follows:

- Updated information for sites included in the 2001 survey should be recorded on the turnaround document.
- New sites should be recorded on the SVDLS/A form.
- Sites, or parts of sites, which are no longer to be included as vacant or derelict should be included on the SVDLS/B form.

Turnaround document: This contains the information The Scottish Executive currently holds relating to the sites in your authority (from the 2001 SVDLS). All site details require to be checked and amended in red ink if necessary.

SVDLS/A: This return should be completed for any sites which are presently vacant or derelict but which were not recorded in the 2001 survey. This may be as a result of the site becoming vacant or derelict since the last survey or information on the site only becoming available since the last survey.

SVDLS/B: This return collects details of:

- The amount of vacant land which has been brought back into use since the last survey
- The reclamation of derelict land since the last survey
- Land taken out of the survey for definitional reasons

WHAT SITES SHOULD BE INCLUDED?

VACANT LAND

4) What should be recorded as VACANT land?

For the purposes of this survey, vacant land is either:

- land in urban settlements (with a population of 2,000 or more) or
- land within 1km of the edge of such settlements, which would commonly be considered as having the characteristics of urban vacant land, (e.g. some combination of factors generally including being unused or unsightly or land which would benefit from development or improvement etc.)

5) How to decide whether land is vacant or merely open space

The distinction between passive open space, incidental open space and vacant land has proved problematic. If the answer to any of the following questions is yes, then the site is not vacant:

- Does the land appear to be designed as open space?
- Is there knowledge of any actual or notional maintenance regime?

If there is doubt as to whether or not a site is 'vacant' or 'open space', give open space the benefit of the doubt and do not classify the site as vacant.

If development is proposed for open space at some point in the future, the open space remains not vacant even where identified for development and should not be included in the survey unless or until it has acquired the characteristics of urban vacant land.

However, where a site has been treated and prepared for development, e.g. for industry, classify the site as vacant even if it functions temporarily as open space.

6) Should Area Renewal Sites be included as vacant?

Area Renewal Sites (renewal of public sector housing estates), should be included as vacant only after demolition has started. The site boundary should be based on the area for intended redevelopment which may encompass old roads, incidental open space etc. but should be so defined as to exclude any occupied buildings or buildings whose demolition is not certain.

Note: Area Renewal specifically refers to the renewal of public sector housing estates and is to be distinguished from the normal process of urban regeneration. It is identified as a special case because of its prevalence in the major urban areas and the need to simplify and clarify how it should be classified for this survey.

7) What sites should definitely not be included as vacant?

Do not include:

- a) Sites which cover less than 0.1 hectare.
However, if several small contiguous sites of less than 0.1 ha. are regarded as a single site for redevelopment/refurbishment purposes, then a SINGLE combined entry for the aggregated area may be made, provided that this is at least 0.1 ha.
- b) Land held for operational needs (for example railways, mineral workings etc.)

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- c) Saltings, marshes or such like
- d) Agricultural Land within the curtilage of an agricultural holding (even if it is set aside, fallow or unsightly)
- e) Countryside or abandoned farmland, unless the site is characterised by specific unsightliness or neglect associated with former urban or industrial activity or severe concentrations of tipping. If classification is in doubt, do not include as vacant
- f) Agricultural land or countryside identified for future development, (e.g. a greenfield release for housing, industry). Such land will generally remain outwith the scope of the vacant land exercise altogether. However, if development proceeds, pockets of such land might be judged as vacant if they become unsightly and/or remain undeveloped within the new urban envelope, i.e. if they take on the characteristics of urban vacant land.

DERELICT LAND

8) What should be recorded as DERELICT land?

For the purposes of this survey, derelict land (and buildings) in urban and rural areas includes:

- land which has been so damaged by development or use that it is incapable of development for beneficial use without rehabilitation and;
- which is not being used for the purpose for which it is held or for a use acceptable in the local plan;
- land which is not being used and where contamination is known or suspected (even if treatment is required only for the buildings thereon)

Note: Examples of derelict land include disused mines and mineral workings, abandoned industrial land and disused manufacturing sites.

9) How should operational sites be recorded which are partly derelict?

Where part of an operational site is derelict, the site should be split if possible. Where this is not possible, assess whether priority is given to the operational use or to rehabilitation of the site (within 5 years). Include the site in the survey if the priority is to site rehabilitation.

10) What sites should definitely not be included as derelict?

Do not include:

- a) sites which cover less than 0.1 hectare;
However, if several small contiguous sites of less than 0.1 ha. are regarded as a single site for redevelopment/refurbishment purposes, then a SINGLE combined entry for the aggregated area may be made, provided that this is at least 0.1 hectare;
- b) operational sites where rehabilitation would not be possible or appropriate within five years;
- c) land which is derelict through natural causes (for example neglected woodland/farmland, marshland or mudflats) and which appears to have blended into the landscape.

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The following points affect vacant AND derelict sites

11) How should a site be recorded which is part vacant and part derelict?

A site which is part vacant and part derelict should be recorded as derelict.

12) Should a site be included if it is already included on the ESR?

Any vacant or derelict sites already included on the Employment Sites Register (ESR) should also be included in the SVDLS provided they fit the criteria set out above.

13) Should a site be included if development has been started but abandoned?

Where development has been started then abandoned, consideration should be given to the likelihood of completion and the state of dereliction/unsightliness in deciding whether the site should be classified as vacant, derelict, or neither.

Scottish Vacant and Derelict Land Survey – data protocol

The SVDLS data for each local authority area are owned by the originating local authority which has responsibility for its content, accuracy, maintenance and update.

The Scottish Executive, Scottish Enterprise, Highlands and Islands Enterprise and Local Enterprise Companies will refer requests for SVDLS site specific data to the respective local authority.

The Scottish Executive holds a full set of the data for their internal use, for managing the survey and national monitoring purposes.

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The Scottish Executive may publish aggregated data (defined as data from which site specific information cannot be disclosed).

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