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TRANSPORT AND ACCESSIBILITY

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Westburn and Berryden

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Rosemount

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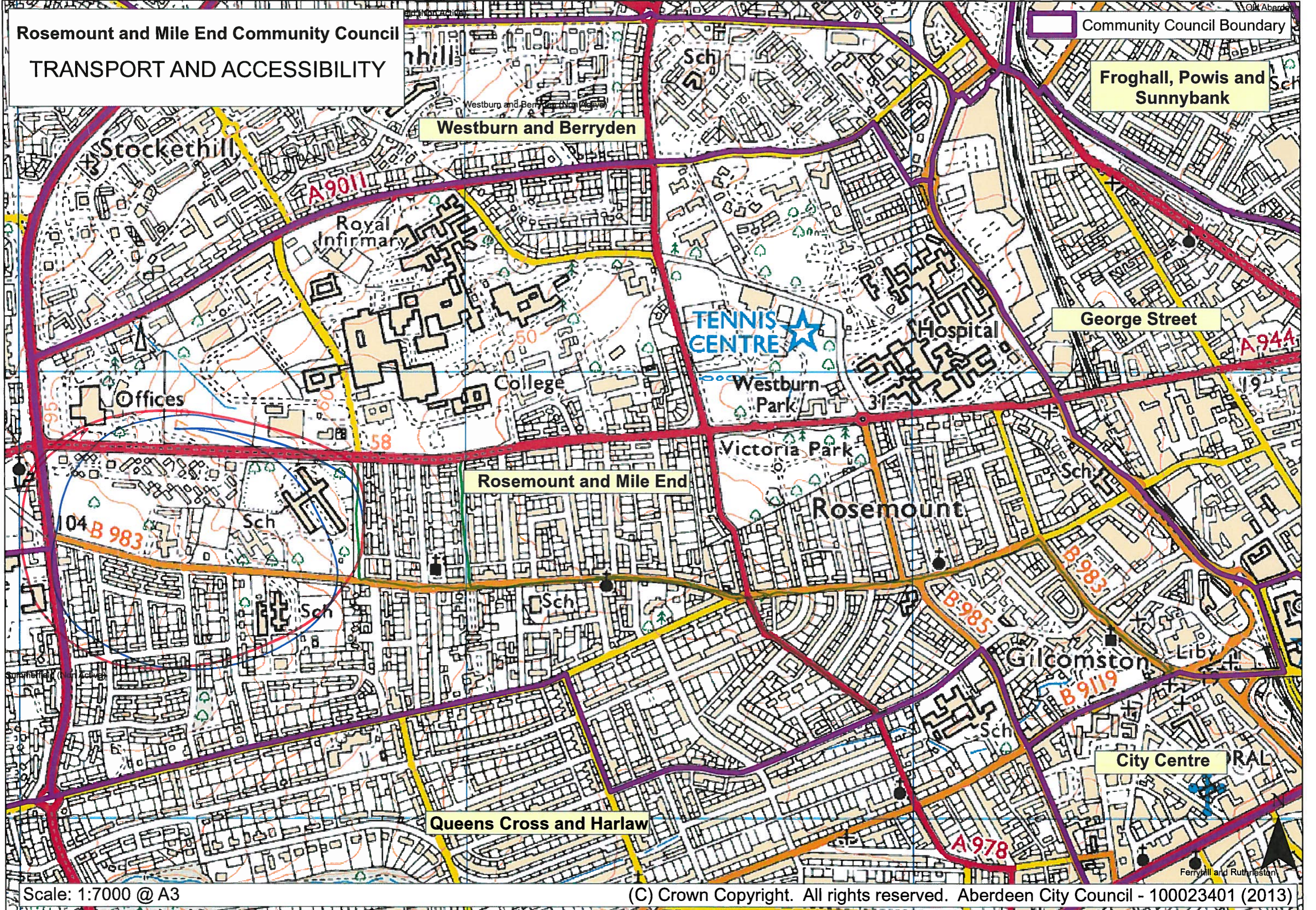
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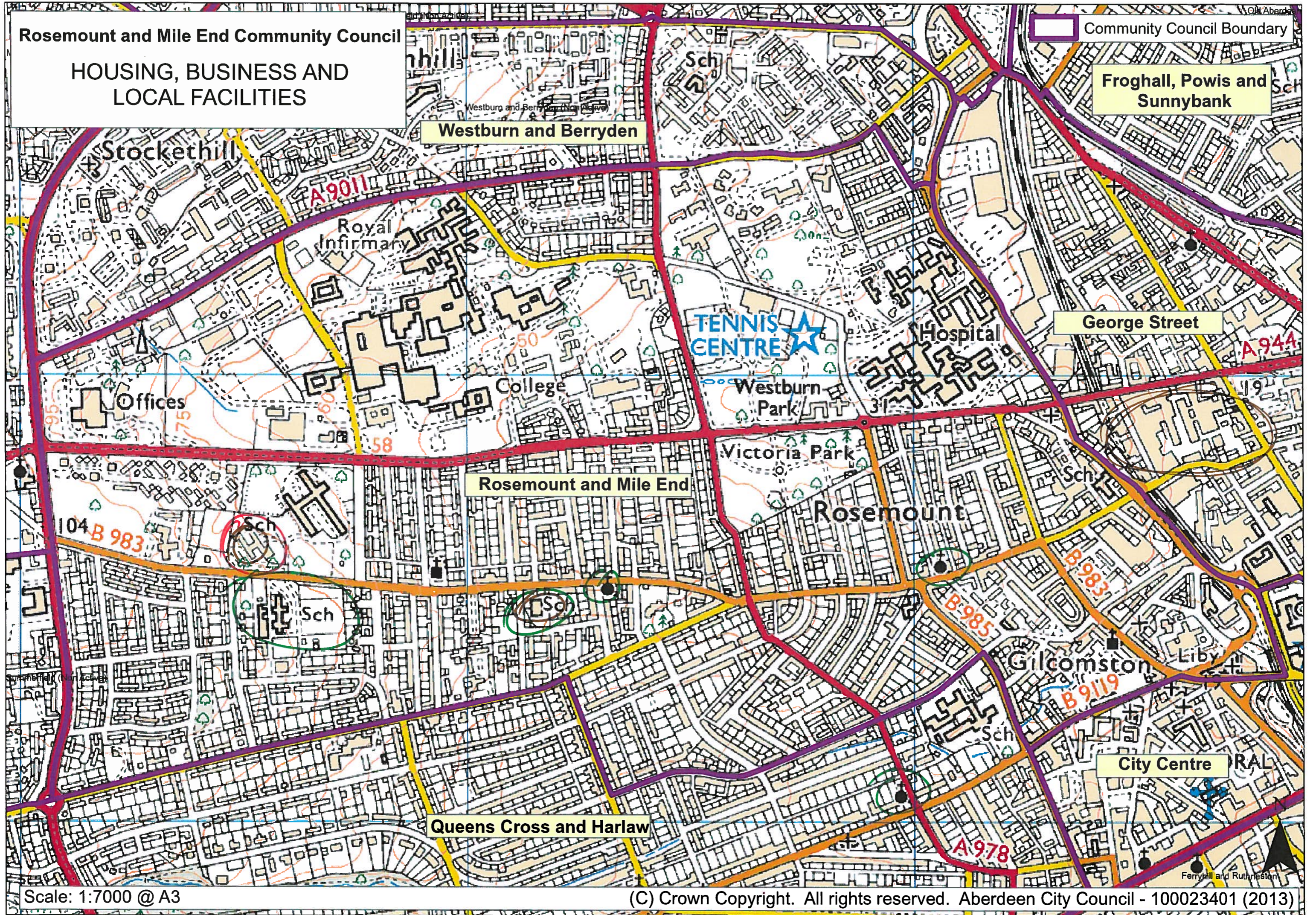
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ARCHITECTURE, DESIGN AND THE HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT

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THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

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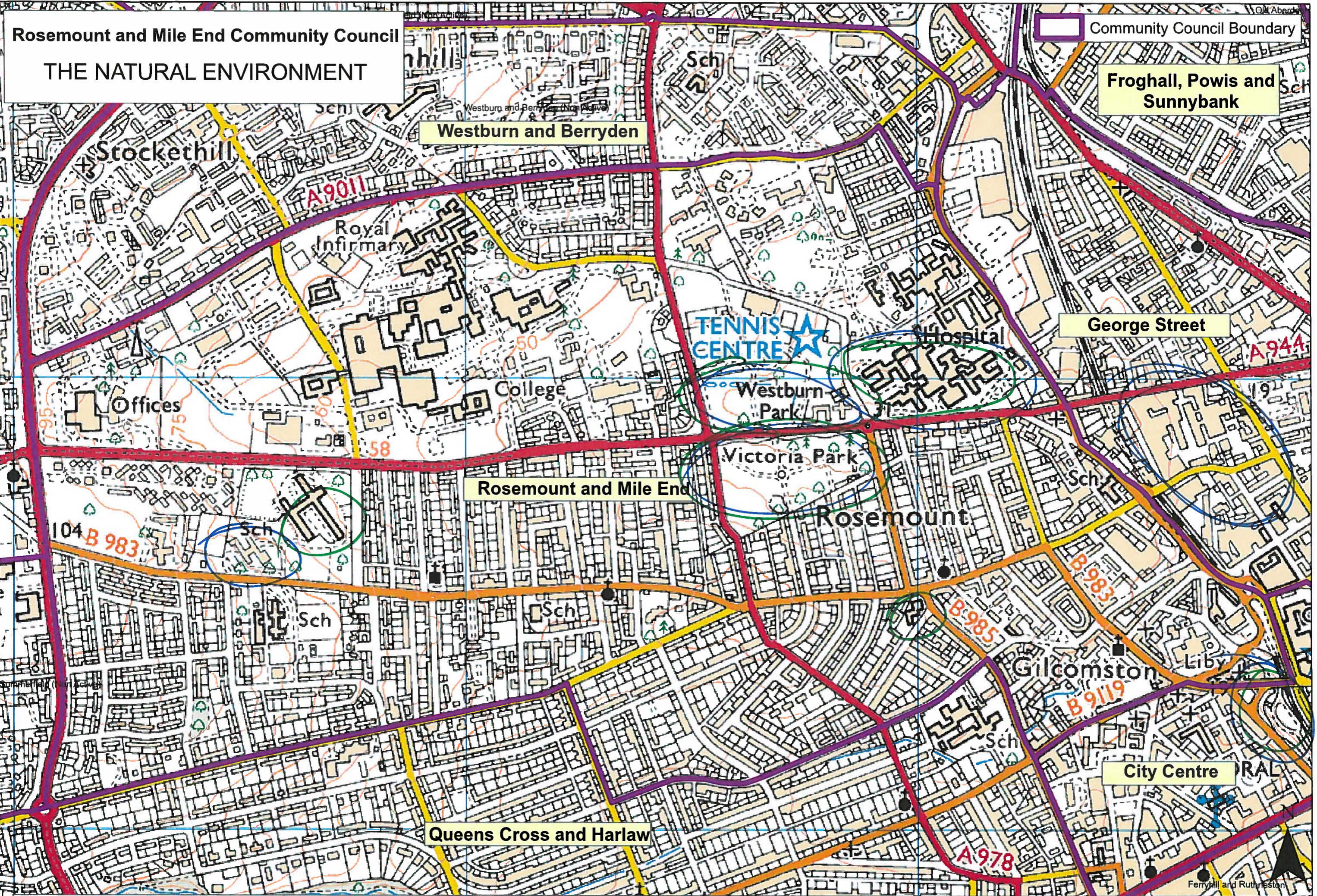
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**Rosemount and Mile End Community Council
Aerial Map- For Reference Only**

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ROSEMOUNT & MILE-END COMMUNITY COUNCIL

1. TRANSPORT & ACCESSIBILITY

Positives

- a. Walking distance of town centre.
- b. Local access to central services.
- c. Public bus service good availability in majority of CC area.

Negatives

- a. Cycling ---- Too busy traffic also volume
- b. Uneven pavements for walking in some areas a hazard.
- c. Lack of bus service in west end of CC area ie from Raeden to top of Midstocket Road.
- d. Traffic congestion in Rosemount, Westburn Road & Drive, Craigie Loanings.
- e. Parking---- confusing due to too many different systems in operation eg pay & display, 45 mins, permits/ vouchers , limited availability of vouchers.

2. HOUSING, BUSINESS & LOCAL FACILITIES.

Positives.

- a. Former ----- Oakbank School Development
Beechgrove Church Development
Rutherford Church Development
Mile-End School Development.

Negatives.

- a. Building over development on vacant spaces.---- too many flats.
- b. No affordable housing.
- c. Question over the future of former Raeden School
- d. Lack of positive response from Planning Department.

3. ARCHITECTURE, URBAN DESIGN & the HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT.

Positives.

- a. Victoria Park & Fountains
- b. Westburn Park
- c. Seats for public provided by CC.
- d. Rutherford, Beechgrove, Carden Place Churches retained for development when closed for worship.

Negatives.

- a. Westburn House --- no progress re plan for development or future use.
- b. Old Cornhill Hospital --- proposed demolition of granite buildings.
- c. Mary Garden site not given regular attention. (Craigie Loanings)
- d. Alternative Gardens in Cornhill Hospital has made no progress in years.
- e. Fountains in Victoria Park requires upgrading / repairs.

4. THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT.

Positives

- a. Victoria Park
- b. Westburn Park
- c. Union Terrace Gardens.
- d. Westburn Park offers tennis & bowling (Outdoor)
- e. Cornhill Hospital trees & woodland.
- f. Two Community Centres.
- g. Proposed meeting for residents with local council members to set up " Friends of Westburn & Victoria Parks "

Negatives.

- a. Victoria / Westburn Parks ----- little of interest to encourage visitors.
- b. Flooding in both Victoria & Westburn Parks ----- drains not regularly serviced.

c. Dogs put families off visiting & using two local parks.

d. Union Terrace Gardens requires upgrading ----- not developed to level of Union Terrace.

e. No link/road/ path between both parks.

f. Greenhouses in Victoria Park in dangerous condition
and need to be demolished

List of photographs taken re the Local Development Plan Review.

1<> Mary Garden Memorial Stone: in a pocket garden midway up Craigie Loanings. As you will see from the photograph the condition of the pocket garden has not been looked after and needs some work on it so the public can read what is written on it.

At the moment the stone requires cleaning as it is in a terrible state of green mould.

2<> Rosemount Community Centre.

Not a lot one can say about what it looks like from the outside with overgrown trees which need to be pruned back to allow more light into the centre.

The internal condition of the centre need a lot of redecorating to bring up to an acceptable level of decor for present day use.

3<> Former Rutherford Church. (Rosemount Pl.)

The former church has been kept more or less intact by the developer who is in the process of converting it into flats with disabled parking within.

4<> Victoria Park Fountain.

Unfortunately past and present administrations haven't bothered to keep the condition of the fountain in an acceptable condition which is now going to cost an arm and a leg to refurbish it back to any acceptable condition.

The past and present administrations should be totally ashamed of themselves to have allowed the fountain to get into this condition.

5<> Victoria Park looking toward Watson St.

This photograph shows looking with the fountain at my back what the park looks like which doesn't have any real appeal to entice the public to visit unless they want to exercise their dogs.

6<> Photograph shows I hope the damaged panes of glass in the greenhouse which we have been told need to be demolished as they are in a dangerous condition but the previous and present administration haven't got the where with all to carry out the work.

A number of suggestions have been put forward regarding what could be done in this area but that will be up to the friends of the Victoria and Westburn Parks if it ever gets formed to see if any of the suggestion get the go ahead.

7<> This is the "lone toilet" in the Victoria Park which replaced the former toilets but why in this park when it should have been at the play area in the Westburn Pk.

A member of the public exercising her two dogs off their lead which is forbidden but there isn't anyone bothering to deal with this kind of illegal act.

If there is they weren't there on the morning I spent in either of the parks.

8<> Photograph is showing the distance anyone has to walk to the building if they require the toilet if they are visiting the play area in the Westburn Pk.

If it's an emergency for young or old there isn't a chance in hell they will ever make it as I started to count how many steps it would take to get from the play area to the

toilets and I got a third of the way before I gave up counting as I was out of breath and needed the kiss of life but there wasn't anyone there so I had just to lie down and hope I wasn't going to die but as you can see I survived.

Someone needs to get their act together and get a toilet installed at the play area sooner rather than later.

9<> Photograph of the play area in the Westburn Park on a Saturday morning when the sun was out.

I remember what it looked like back when we had "the Parkie" stationed in the building watching that everything was ok. Which by the way had toilets for the boys and girls?

10<> Westburn House (Westburn Pk)

Well, not a lot more can be said about the condition of this building except once again the past and present administrations should be totally ashamed of themselves for allowing this A listed building to get into this condition.

11<> Westburn Lounge facility which the previous administration spent £134 k to refurbish the building and bowling green's plus what extra expense when the building was vandalised not long after the refurbishment was completed.

Unfortunately someone decided not to incorporate an alarm system so it was broken into and nobody saw or heard them which meant that yet again the tax payers had to pay for repairing the damage.

12<> Photograph of the grass play area in the Westburn Pk looking down from Westburn Drive.

13<> Former Beechgrove Church which is in the process of being made into flats with an underground car park but is still keeping the profile of the former church intact.

14<> Former Mile-End School which has planning permission to be made into flats along with the refurbishment of the former Janitors house.

15<>HMT is another example of our "Granite Heritage" which I hope will be preserved.

Except for the greenhouse stuck on at the end which ruins the whole area of Granite.

16<> St Marks Church is another example of our Granite Heritage" which I hope will be preserved.

17<> Aberdeen City Library is another example of our "Granite Heritage" which I hope will be preserved.

18<> Union Terrace Gardens: what can one say when you see a sight like this which hasn't been maintained to its full potential over the years by one administration to the next. However, it does require some upgrading work to allow all ages to get access which also includes public toilets.

19<> Triple Kirks: another one of those sites for sore eyes which a developer has got planning permission to build yet another glass atrocity with a floor space of 6745 square metres which only has 57 car parking spaces.

The questions being where are all the vehicles going to park? Were the council and the developer hoping that the project to raise the gardens would incorporate parking spaces for all those who may be involved once the project is completed?

As road improvement is one of the conditions for the planning consent does this cover all roads leading into this area?

20<> Rosemount Square: is another example of our "Granite Heritage" which has suffered funding by the past and present administrations but we can do but hoped that the council will not let it go into decay like a number of other projects from yesteryear.

These are my personnel observation with regards to the contents of the photographs

Willie Jaffray
Rosemount



Photograph Challenge

Please use the disposable camera provided to take pictures of **things you like** about your local area and **things you do not like** or would change (when doing this, please try and think of things which could be considered as planning issues). Each camera can take 27 shots - please try to take an equal number of pictures of things you like and things you do not like.

You may wish to relate these photographs to the planning issues you have identified on your maps, and mark a number on the map to show where you took each photograph.

Please return cameras **undeveloped**. Please refer to the enclosed information sheet if you would prefer to use your own digital camera to complete this exercise.

Things I like about my area		Things I don't like about my area or would change	
No.	Description	No.	Description
1	MARY GARROU M/STONE	1	CONDITION OF GARDENS
2	ROSEMOON C/CONTR	2	NEED RE-FURBISHED
3	RUTHLESS FORD CHURCH (FORMER) KEEPING ORIGINAL LOOK		
4	FOUNTAIN IN VICTORIA PK	4	COUNCIL HAVE LEFT IT TO DETERIORATE OVER THE YEARS
5	GRASS PLAY AREA IN VICTORIA PK	5	NOTHING TO ATTRACT PUBLIC IN THIS AREA EXCEPT TO EXERCISE DOGS
		6	DETERIORATED OVER YEARS NEAR DEMOLISHED BRK
7	TOILET IN VICTORIA PK. GOOD IDEA, IT GIVES IDEAS OF MIND	8	BUILDING IN WESTTSUAN (BRK) WITHOUT PUBLIC FROM PLAY AREA HAVE RUN TO IN AN EMERGENCY.
9	NEED PLAYING AREA FOR CHILDREN TO PLAY	9	HOWEVER RALLY TOO SMALL FOR SIZE OF WESTTSUAN PK
10	WESTTSUAN HOUNG & NICE FACILITY IF IT WAS USED	10	WESTTSUAN HOUSE REQUIRES DEMOLISHED
11	WESTTSUAN BRK GRASS PLAY AREA	11	NOTHING TO ATTRACT PUBLIC TO COME TO
13	FORMER BROTHERHOOD CHURCH KEEPING ORIGINAL LOOK	15	GLASS HOUSE STUCK ONTO END OF HMT
14	FORMER MILITARY SCHOOL KEEPING ORIGINAL LOOK	19	TRIPLE KILLS GLASS ATROCITY
15	GRANITE HERITAGE		
16	GRANITE HERITAGE		
17	GRANITE HERITAGE		
18	UTG GARDENS	18	UTG NEED RE-FURBISHED BUT LEAVE GREEN OPEN SPACES

Rosemount and Mile End : Likes



Childrens Play Area



Former Mile End School



Former Beechgrove Church



Fountain Victoria Park

Rosemount and Mile End : Likes



Granite Heritage HMT



Granite Heritage St Marks



Granite Heritage Library



Grass Play Area in Victoria Park

Rosemount and Mile End : Likes



Grass Play Area in Victoria Park 2



Rosemount Community Centre



Mary Garden



Rutherford Church

Rosemount and Mile End : Likes



Union Terrace Gardens



Westburn Lounge



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Rosemount and Mile End : Dislikes



Derelict State of Westburn Villa



Lack of toilets in Westburn Park



Lack of attractions in parks



Poor upkeep of Council housing

Rosemount and Mile End : Dislikes



Triple Kirks Redevelopment