

CONNAHS QUAY - SETTLEMENT SERVICE AUDIT

Settlement Commentary

Connah's Quay constitutes just under half of the population of the “Deeside” area and is the largest town in Flintshire. The town benefits from being directly adjacent Shotton Town Centre and further benefits from a commercial corridor of development which runs from Queensferry to Kelsterton (Coleg Cambria). This commercial corridor as illustrated on the service provision map contains the vast majority of services and facilities in Connahs Quay and not only services resident’s needs but also provides an important employment and investment location. However it is clear that service provision within Connahs Quay is disproportionately weighted to the bottom road and there are large residential areas of the town which appear to be situated a considerable distance from the majority of service provision.

| | Settlement No. of Dwellings |
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| 2000 UDP Baseline Figure | 3,460 |
| 2014 Housing Land Study | 3,559 |

| | Settlement Population |
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| 2001 Census | 16,518 |
| 2011 Census | 16,774 |

Summary of Recorded Service Provision

The survey work was undertaken in November 2014 and has since been updated to take account of new information or feedback from Members / Town and Community Councils.

| Education Facilities | |
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| Pre-School / Nursery Provision | Yes, Kelsterton & Little Rascals, Cable Street. Bryn Deva County Primary School, Golftyn CP, Wepre Lane CP, Brookfield (Ysgol Cae’r Nant) |

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| Primary school | Yes, Bryn Deva County Primary School, Golftyn CP, Wepre Lane CP, Brookfield (Ysgol Cae’r Nant) |
| Secondary school | Yes, Connahs Quay High |

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| College | Yes, Coleg Cambria formerly Kelsterton College |
| Other Education Facility | Yes, 6th Form at Connah's Quay High School |
| Leisure & Recreation Facilities | |

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| Indoor leisure centre / sports facility | Yes, Connahs Quay Sports Centre, Golftyn Lane, Gemini, Insanity, Lifestyle fitness centres, 1 gym at Connahs Quay Precinct |
| Swimming pool | Yes, Wepre Drive |
| Formal outdoor sports facility | Yes, Kelsterton |
| Formal outdoor play facility /area | Yes, Wepre Park plus smaller more local play areas |
| Community & Health | |
| Community centre / hall | Yes, Civic Centre, Wepre Drive |
| Civic offices / facility | Yes, Wepre Drive Closed to public except for pre-arranged meetings (Application for demolition of offices) |
| Library | Yes, Wepre Drive |
| Hospital | No |
| Doctors surgery | Yes, Quay Health Centre, Fron Road |

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| Dentist surgery | Yes, J A Parry Connahs Quay Dental Practice Ltd - Deeside Dental Surgery and Greenacre Orthodontists |
| Pharmacy | Yes, Fron Road, Englefield Avenue and Ffordd Llanarth |
| Place of worship | "Yes, St Marks, Church Hill - St Davids, Mold Road - Kingdom Hall, Tuscan Way – St Andrews, High St – Blessed Sacrament, Maude St |
| Retail & Commercial Related | |
| Supermarket | Yes, Morrisons, Ffordd Llanarth |
| Non-food retail units | Yes, There is a wide selection of shops situated at Ffordd Llanarth and along the A548 Coast Road, a variety of businesses and services on Dock Road and a small number of shops situated at Thornfield Avenue and Red Hall |

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| Convenience shop | "Yes, Bottom of Golftyn Drive, Red Hall Englefield Avenue. Connahs Quay Precinct A548 Coast Road, Thornfield Avenue |
| Other shops | Yes, Racing Cuts (barbers), furniture shop & Newsagents at Red Hall and Newsagents on Mold Road |
| Café / Take away | "Yes, Bakery at Morrisons / Chippy (and Indian) at Morrisons / Cafes in Morrisons, Cave Man at Red Hall & A548 Coast Road between Boathouse & convenience store / Chinese takeaways at Red Hall, by Boathouse & opp Wepre PO / Zari Indian on A548 Coast Road/ Kebab shop opp Boathouse |
| Bank/Building Society | No |

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| Free Standing of a Bank - Cashpoint | "Yes, Morrisons / Wepre PO/ Esso Petrol Station, Coast Road |
| Public house / club / restaurant | "Yes, Red Hall / Boathouse /Custom House /The Old Quay House, Dock Road / Sir Gawain & The Green Knight /Halfway House /Hare & Hounds /Palomino /Quay Fine Dining /British Legion Labour Club / Naval Club |
| Post office | Yes, Wepre PO and Red Hall |

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| Post box | Yes, post boxes at various locations around Connahs Quay |
| Petrol Filling Station | Yes, Esso Garage A548 Coast Road |
| Employment | Yes, Energy production is a major industry in the area and the town is home to Connah's Quay Power Station. Also, given its proximity, it benefits from Shotton Steel Works and also major employers at Deeside Industrial Park |

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| Transport | |
| Rail station | No |
| Bus station / stop | Yes, bus stops |
| Bus service frequency | Yes, Frequent |
| Cycle route | Yes, Dock Road |
| Access to main highway network | Yes, Situated along the A548 Coast Road |

Broadband Provision

According to the latest OFCOM data (2013) Connahs Quay post codes (where data is available) have a median average broadband range of 2.7 - >30 mega bytes per second with the best speeds restricted to the bottom road and with most postcodes in Connahs Quay at around 5 mbps. Accordingly it is to be expected that broadband provision in Connahs Quay is very poor. Broadband provision is important even for an urban area like this because of the impacts of slow speeds upon the ability of businesses to operate within the area and to provide investment and local employment.

Other Comments

With regard to its range of facilities, there is also a Police Station and a Cattery on Wepre Drive and a Vets opposite Wepre PO. Connah's Quay is the largest town in Flintshire, lying within the Deeside conurbation along the River Dee, near the border with England. It is located 6 miles west of Chester and can be reached by road from the A548, by rail from the nearby Shotton railway station, and also is on the National Cycle Network Route 5. It is also lies just south of Deeside Industrial Park, one of the

largest such complexes in the region. The major part of Tata steelworks is also on the town's border on the north bank of the River Dee. Wepre Woods, an ancient woodland in the town, is controlled by Flintshire County Council's Ranger Service and includes Ewloe Castle which dates from the 13th century.

Previous Surveys of Service Provision

Connahs Quay benefits from a district centre and local shopping facilities at Thornfield Avenue, Englefield Avenue and the recently regenerated centre at Ffordd Llanarth. These centres are monitored and it is to be expected that there have been changes in service provision over the last 15 years. Specifically and most notably in Connahs Quay Precinct has seen the relocation of the market, the development of the Medical Centre to the rear of the Precinct, the closure of the Co-operative food supermarket, the provision of a new Flintshire Connects one stop shop attached to the Connahs Quay Library, and the phased closure of the Council Offices. Whilst at Ffordd Llanarth the original 1980's local centre has now been cleared and replaced with a new modern facility which offers a large supermarket (Morrisons) as well as a range of small units to house the original occupants of the demolished local centre. Outside of the shopping centres schools at Custom House Lane have been demolished to provide a new merged primary education facility.

Mapping Service Provision

Connahs Quay benefits from an extensive range of services and facilities some of the service provision has been mapped for illustrative purposes and is presented overleaf. The length of the bottom road through Connahs Quay has small clusters of commercial facilities which provide local facilities and services as well as providing local employment opportunities. Unfortunately it has not been possible to indicate all services along this important route. As the illustrative map of service provision suggests service provision in Connahs Quay is excellent albeit it is weighted disproportionately to the North of Connahs Quay along the bottom road.

