GWESPYR - SETTLEMENT SERVICE AUDIT

Settlement Commentary

From an elevated position Gwespyr overlooks the Point of Ayr and Dee Estuary. Historically it is thought to have been developed as a strategic Mercian lookout. The village is also known for its once locally quarried quality stone which was used in the construction of the chapel at St Winifreds Well, stone carvings in Rhuddlan Castle and St Asaph Cathedral. The village hall became redundant in 2004 and a new committee was formed in 2010 and registered as a charitable organisation. Gwespyr is a small village with few facilities and services its core is designated as a Conservation Area. The settlement is elongated and forms a development ribbon along local roads.

	Settlement No. of Dwellings
2000 UDP Baseline Figure	145
2014 Housing Land Study	156

	Settlement Population
2001 Census	346
2011 Census	318

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

racilities	
Pre-School /	No
Nursery	
Provision	
Primary	No
school	
Secondary	No
school	
College	No
Other	No
Education	
Facility	

Leisure & Recreation Facilities

Indoor leisure	No
centre /	
sports facility	
Swimming	No
pool	
Formal	No
outdoor	
sports facility	
Formal	Equipped
outdoor play	children's play
facility /area	ground

Community & Health

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Community	
centre / hall	Village Hall
centre / hall	

Civic offices / facility	No
Library	Mobile Library
	Service: Every
	3 weeks at
	Tanrallt Road.
	Monday 11.45
	– 12.05
Hospital	No
Doctors	No
surgery	
Dentist	No
surgery	

Pharmacy	No
Place of	No
worship	

Retail & Commercial Related

Supermarket	No
Non-food	No
retail units	NO
Convenience	No
shop	
Other shops	No
Café / Take	No
away	
Bank/Building	No
Society	
Free Standing	No
of a Bank -	
Cashpoint	
Public house	Yes, Lodge Inn
/ club /	at Junction of
restaurant	A 548 and
	steep eastern
	approach road
	to settlement.
	Talacre Arms
	Gwespyr Hill.
	Mason Arms in
	centre of
	village.
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Post office	No
Post box	Yes Tanrallt Road
Petrol Filling Station	No

Employment

Employment	Potentially
	local
	employment
	opportunities
	at the Tree
	Tops, Silver
	Birch, Triangle
	Wood, Sea
	View and
	Mounds
	Caravan Parks
	and at "Delyn
	Metals"
	scrapyard

Bus service	Yes, Service 18
frequency	– 7 buses a day
	to Prestatyn, 5
	a day to
	Holywell and 3
	per day to Flint
	(Mon – Fri)
Cycle route	Yes
Access to	Yes, Accessed
main highway	from the A 548
network	via a steep C
	road
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Transport

Rail station	No
Bus station /	Yes One on
stop	Tanrallt Road
	in the village &
	one on the A
	548 Coast
	Road

Broadband Provision

According to the latest OFCOM data (2013) Gwespyr post codes (where data is available) have a median average broadband range of 1.3-2.1 mega-bytes per second with many postcodes not having any information. Accordingly it is to be expected that broadband provision in Gwespyr is extremely poor to the point that this area is likely to a broadband black spot (little or no broadband access). This very poor level of broadband provision will adversely impact the ability of local residents and businesses alike whether in day to day business activities or for accessing online services such as banking, post office services or online shopping.

Other Comments

None.

Mapping Service Provision

The service provision within the village has been mapped for illustrative purposes and is presented overleaf. As the image suggests service provision in Gwespyr is very limited.

Gwespyr Service Provision Coravan Park Corogen Park-Perry Bont. Talabre Abbey (Carred core Convert) Caravan Park (Land) Presty Sewage Works <u>Transportation</u> Regular 5 day Hourly Bus Routes 📚 Railway Station Regular 5 day less than Hourly Bus Routes Demand Responsive Occasional Services Community Facilities Place of Worship Youth Centre Bungalo Tennis Courts School School tollybus! Nanty-Redlan Equipped Play Area House Medical Facilty **Bowling Greens** Community Centre Library Formal Sports Pitch / Club Leisure Centre Local Centre Gwespyr Services with 10 or more shops Post Office Convenience Shop off Bant Financial Service Shop (Open to Public) Caravan Park Autmatic Teller Machine (ATM) Gelli Bank Public House / Hotel / Social Club Emergency Services Café / Restaurant Pharmacy Hot Food Takeaway Cottage Garage Garage Petrol Filling Station Tytoy Pail Hour Wags This map is reproduced from Ordnance Survey mapping with the permission Powered By: of Ordnance Survey on behalf of the Controller of Her Majesty's Stationery Office. Crown Copyright. Unauthorised reproduction infringes Crown Copyright and may lead to prosecution or civil proceedings. Licence Number 100023386. Flintshire County Council, 2010. Scale 1/9077 Centre = 31 1219 E 383013 N nfomap Date 20/7/2015 Name Ste James