

LEESWOOD - SETTLEMENT SERVICE AUDIT

Settlement Commentary

Leeswood is a reasonable sized village located to the south east of Mold, off the A5104. The built form of the village is relatively easily identified but the coalescence of Leeswood with the adjoining villages of Pontybodkin and Coed Talon does make the settlement boundary somewhat arbitrary. Service provision within Leeswood will serve surrounding communities including Pontybodkin, Coed Talon and Pontblyddyn particularly the primary school. Bus services within the village provide regular services to Mold and to Wrexham.

	Settlement No. of Dwellings
2000 UDP Baseline Figure	675
2014 Housing Land Study	734

	Settlement Population
2001 Census	1,790
2011 Census	1,756

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		Leisure & Recreation Facilities		Civic offices / facility	No
Pre-School / Nursery Provision	Yes, Dwyllo Bach Day Nursery and Ysgol Derwenfa	Indoor leisure centre / sports facility	No	Library	No
Primary school	Yes, Ysgol Derwenfa	Swimming pool	No	Hospital	No
Secondary school	None	Formal outdoor sports facility	Yes, Phoenix Park	Doctors surgery	No
College	None	Formal outdoor play facility /area	Yes, Ffordd Siarl and Pheonix Park	Dentist surgery	No
Other Education Facility	Leewood Youth Centre in Leeswood Community Centre	Community & Health		Pharmacy	No
		Community centre / hall	Leeswood Community Hall	Place of worship	Leeswood Church
				Retail & Commercial Related	
				Supermarket	No

Non-food retail units	Yes, Co-Op on King Street	Public house / club / restaurant	Yes, The Prince of Wales	Transport	
Convenience shop	Yes	Post office	Yes post office with shop on Queen Street	Rail station	No
Other shops	Hairdresser	Post box	Yes	Bus station / stop	Yes
Café / Take away	Yes Pizza and Kebab House and Chipshop on Queen Street.	Petrol Filling Station	No	Bus service frequency	Yes, regular five day hourly service
Bank/Building Society	No			Cycle route	No
Free Standing of a Bank - Cashpoint	No	Employment	Some local opportunities eg Scrap Yard but otherwise no.	Access to main highway network	No

Broadband Provision

According to the latest OFCOM data (2013) Leeswood post codes (where data is available) have a median average broadband range of 6 – 19.6 mega-bytes per second with the majority of postcodes around 8 mbps. Accordingly it is to be expected that broadband provision in Leeswood is below average and is constrained. This will have a negative effect on businesses in their day to day activities and on local residents seeking to access online services such as banking, post office services or online shopping.

Other Comments

None.

Previous Surveys of Service Provision

Surveys of service provision over the last 15 years indicate that the doctors surgery which was on Queen Street near the shop has now closed. The surveys below indicate that the post office was lost, however given that the post office is present on Queen Street it is likely that the 2010 survey missed this facility rather than it having been closed.

Year of Survey	Public House	General Shop	PFS and Shop	Post Office	Cashpoint	Health / Medical Facility	Community Centre & or other Building	Educational Facility
2000 (UDP Survey)		1		1	na	1	1	1
2006 (Student Survey)	1	1	-	1	na	1	1	1
2010 (Pub is the Hub Survey)	1	1	-	-	-	1	1	1

Mapping Service Provision

Leeswood has a reasonable to good level of service provision which is important for surrounding communities eg Coed Talon, Pontybodkin and Pontblyddyn.

