

LITTLE MOUNTAIN - SETTLEMENT SERVICE AUDIT

Settlement Commentary

Little Mountain is located on the eastern edge of Buckley, lying between the A549 Chester Road to the north and Bannel Lane to the south. It comprises residential development predominantly on the western side of Little Mountain Road, adjacent to the Wrexham – Bidston Railway line. With the exception of the railway station and local employment opportunities it has none of the facilities and services that would be expected of a settlement. Residents would be likely to need to access everyday facilities and services in Buckley, Drury and Penyffordd / Penymynydd. Little Mountain is very closely related to Buckley and the railway station provides a key facility which serves the Buckley area.

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

	Settlement Population
2001 Census	227
2011 Census	296

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		Community centre / hall	No
Pre-School / Nursery Provision	No	Indoor leisure centre / sports facility	No	Civic offices / facility	No
Primary school	No	Swimming pool	No	Library	No
Secondary school	No	Formal outdoor sports facility	No	Hospital	No
College	No	Formal outdoor play facility /area	Equipped Playground	Doctors surgery	No
Other Education Facility	No			Dentist surgery	No
		Community & Health		Pharmacy	No

Place of worship	No	Post office	No	Bus service frequency	28 - Wrexham to Flint (10 each day and 4 on Saturday each way) - X55 – Chester to Mold (11 each day and 0 on Saturday) - 3 - Mold to Chester (every 30 mins Mon – Sat each day) and service 13 (2 - 4 Sunday and bank hols)
Retail & Commercial Related		Post box	No		
Supermarket	No	Petrol Filling Station	No	Cycle route	No
Non-food retail units	No				
Convenience shop	No	Employment	Little Mountain Industrial Estate and other employment opportunities locally Arctic Scaffolding	Access to main highway network	Yes, Access to A550 / A55 via Dobshill
Other shops	No				
Café / Take away	No				
Bank/Building Society	No				
Free Standing of a Bank - Cashpoint	No				
Public house / club / restaurant	No				
		Transport			
		Rail station	Yes, Wrexham – Bidston line		
		Bus station / stop	Yes, On A549		

Broadband Provision

According to the latest OFCOM data (2013) Little Mountain post codes (where data is available) have a median average broadband range of 6.7 – 9.3 mega bytes per second. Accordingly it is to be expected that broadband provision in Little Mountain is below average. This will have a negative effect on businesses in their day to day operation and on local residents seeking to access online services such as banking, post office services or online shopping.

Other Comments

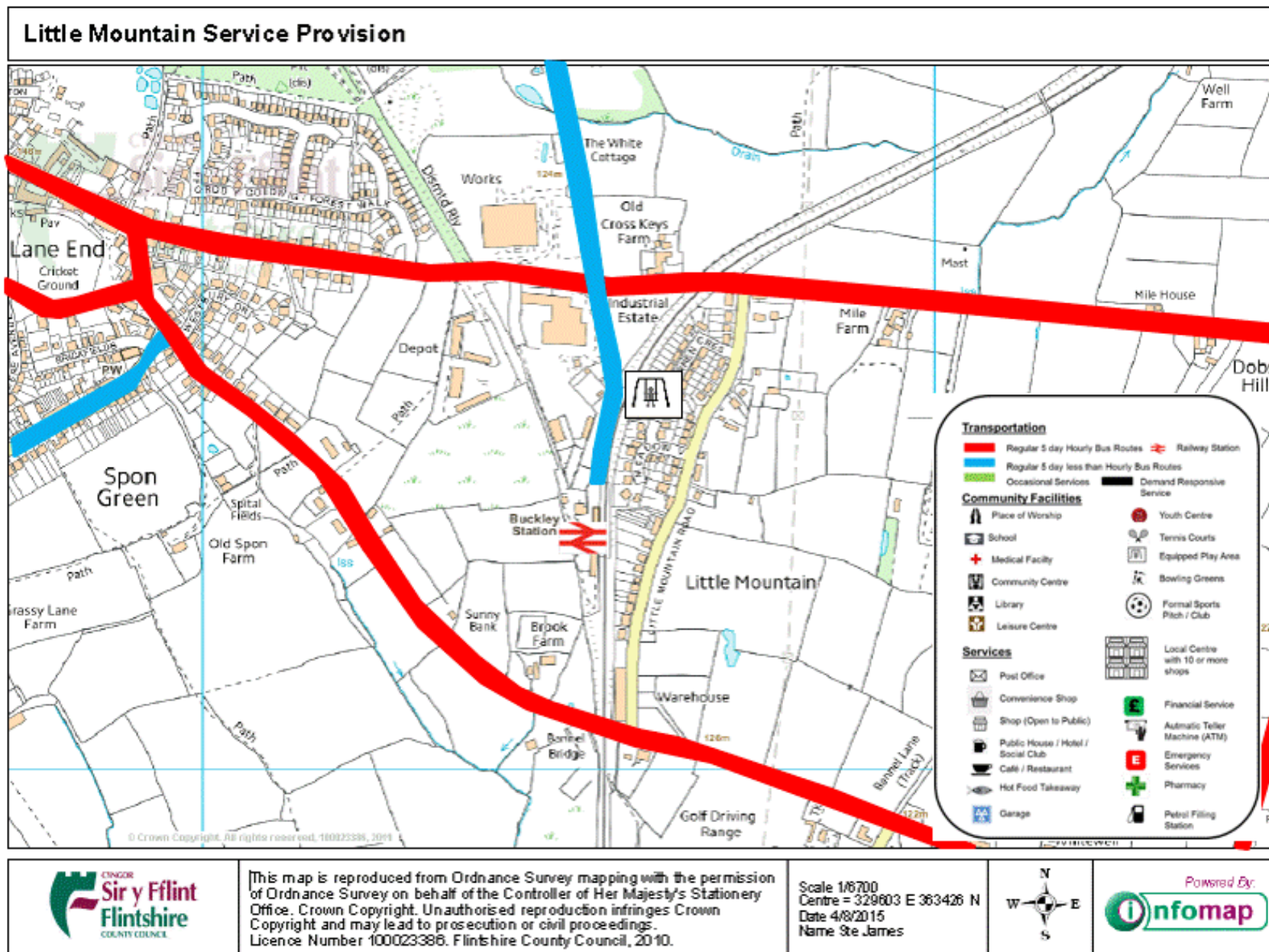
Little Mountain has very few services and facilities but benefits from being close to Buckley and from the railway station which provides access to locations along the Wrexham – Bidston railway line. As the illustrative map of service provision suggests service provision in Little Mountain is very limited but the close proximity of Buckley is key to delivering services and facilities.

Previous Surveys of Service Provision

Comparing the findings of previous surveys with 2015 it would appear that a community building has been lost within the last 15 years. Unfortunately it is not possible to identify what community facility was identified in 2000.

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)	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
2006 (Student Survey)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
2010 (Pub is the Hub Survey)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na

Mapping Service Provision



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