

GARDEN CITY - SETTLEMENT SERVICE AUDIT

Settlement Commentary

Garden City is part of the Deeside Conurbation being very well related to Queensferry, Shotton and Connah's Quay. Whilst having a reasonable service provision, it also benefits from service provision in Queensferry e.g. Station Road shops and Asda. Service provision in Garden City has declined with the closure of the social club and the library on Sealand Avenue. Garden City's close proximity to the Deeside Industrial Park and the designated Enterprise Zone together with frequent bus services provides residents with access to employment opportunities.

	Settlement No. of Dwellings
2000 UDP Baseline Figure	790
2014 Housing Land Study	792

	Settlement Population
2001 Census	1,371
2011 Census	1,407

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

Pre-School / Nursery Provision	Unknown
Primary school	Yes, Sealand Primary School
Secondary school	No
College	No
Other Education Facility	Yes Welsh Road Youth Centre

Leisure & Recreation Facilities

Indoor leisure centre / sports facility	No
Swimming pool	No
Formal outdoor sports facility	Yes, Welsh Road Football Pitch
Formal outdoor play facility /area	Yes, Welsh Road Play Area and others (Kingsley Road / Riverside)

Community & Health

Community centre / hall	Yes Sealand Youth and Community Centre, Sandy Lane / Hall at Sealand Avenue
Civic offices / facility	No
Library	No
Hospital	No

Doctors surgery	No
Dentist surgery	No
Pharmacy	Yes Welsh Road
Place of worship	Yes Church of St. Andrew, Sealand Ave / Garden City United Reformed Church, Welsh Road

Retail & Commercial Related

Supermarket	No
Non-food retail units	Yes Local Centre on Welsh Road
Convenience shop	Yes Spar with Post Office at 35 Welsh Road
Other shops	Yes, Welsh Road Local Centre

Café / Take away	Yes – Two Dragons, Welsh Road
Bank/Building Society	No
Free Standing of a Bank - Cashpoint	Yes at Spar
Public house / club / restaurant	Yes, Queensferry Hotel, The Leprachaun and Gateway to Wales Restaurant & Hotel / Amantola Indian Restaurant, Welsh Road
Post office	Yes in Spar
Post box	Yes
Petrol Filling Station	No but various garages / car sales on Welsh Road

Employment	Yes many due to close proximity to Deeside Industrial Park.
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Transport

Rail station	No
Bus station / stop	Yes
Bus service frequency	Yes, regular five day hourly service
Cycle route	Yes, offroad route alongside Canalised River Dee connecting Connah's Quay and Chester
Access to main highway network	Yes, A494 & A548

Broadband Provision

According to the latest OFCOM data (2013) Garden City post codes (where data is available) have a median average broadband range of 4.8-6.5 mega bytes per second. Accordingly it is to be expected that broadband provision in Garden City is poor and very constrained. Broadband provision is important 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. Of particular concern here are the slow broadband speeds within the Enterprise Area.

Other Comments

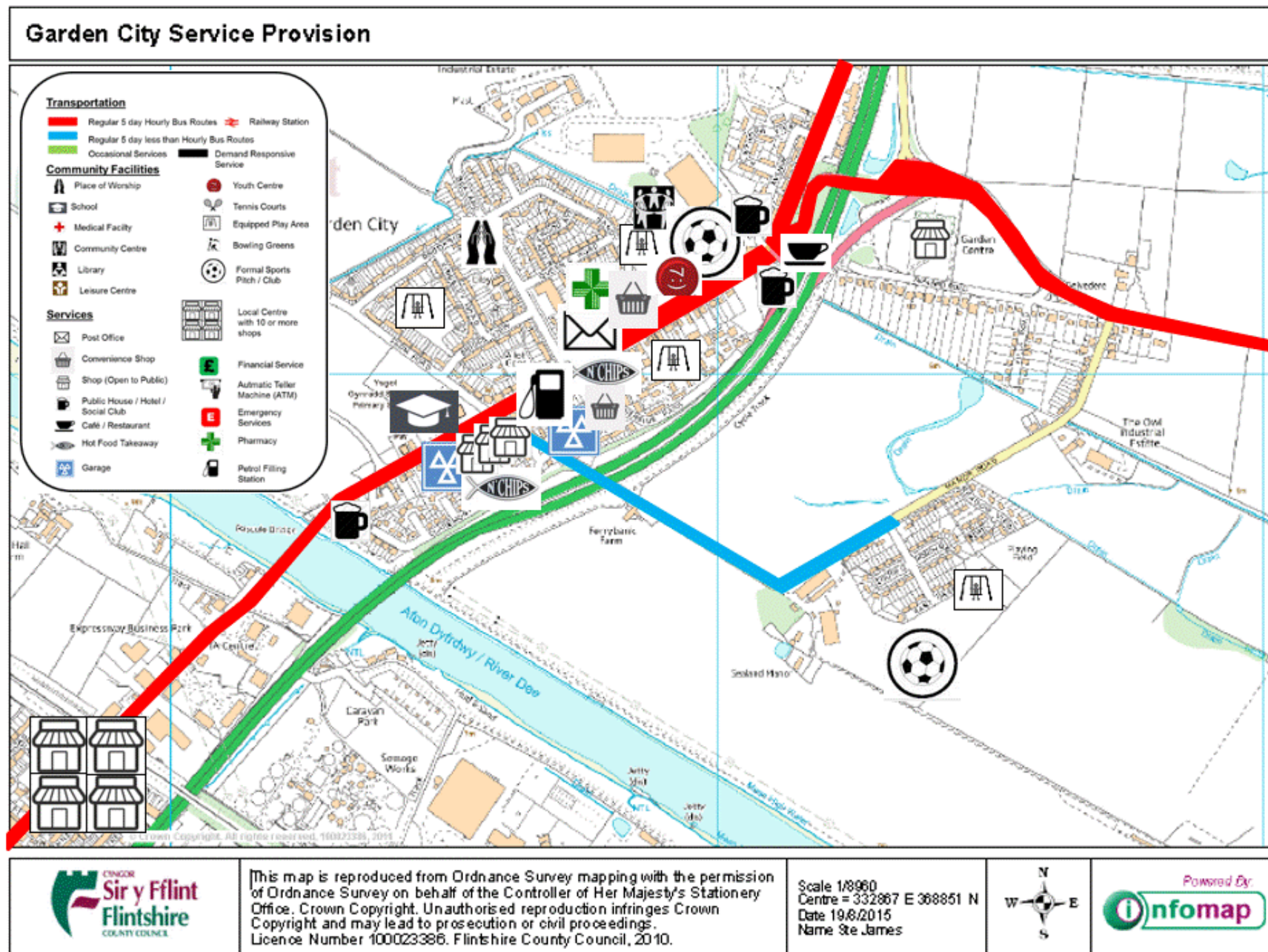
The library has closed in recent times as has the social club (now demolished) on Sealand Avenue. The Northern Gateway development will provide residents with additional facilities and services.

Previous Surveys of Service Provision

Garden City has some information of previous surveys undertaken in 2000 and 2010 indicating the presence of various facilities including post office, shops, fast food restaurants/takeaways, petrol filling station etc. Over the last 15 years the most significant changes in service provision appear to be the loss of the Library and the Social Club on Sealand Avenue.

Mapping Service Provision

For its size Garden City benefits from a reasonable range of services but benefits further from its close proximity to Queensferry and the services and facilities available on Station Road such as banks, cash machines, and food shopping.



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