

## HAWARDEN - SETTLEMENT SERVICE AUDIT

### Settlement Commentary

Hawarden is a historic settlement lying on the edge of the Deeside conurbation. It occupies a slightly elevated position with land sloping downwards in a northerly direction towards the R. Dee and in an easterly direction to Hawarden Airport. To the south east of the settlement is Hawarden Castle and associated parkland. The village centre has a conservation area and numerous listed buildings. The settlement physically adjoins Mancot to the north and is separated from Ewloe to the west by the Gladstone Playing Fields and the Hawarden High School Playing Fields. Although the village lacks a convenience food shop, it does have a wide range of facilities and services, many of which are higher end shops attracting customers from further afield. Indeed, Hawarden was named in the top 10 places to live in Wales in 2014 by the Sunday Times. The village also has a good accessibility as a result of the railway station and bus services. It benefits from being in close proximity to the facilities and services in nearby settlements and also local employment centres.

	<b>Settlement No. of Dwellings</b>
2000 UDP Baseline Figure	985
2014 Housing Land Study	1,027

	<b>Settlement Population</b>
2001 Census	2,651
2011 Census	2,700

### 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	Yes Hawarden Village Church in Wales School,
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Primary school	Yes, Hawarden Village Church in Wales School, Cross Tree Lane
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Secondary school	No - Hawarden High School is within the settlement boundary for Ewloe
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College	No - Hawarden High School (sixth form) is within the settlement boundary for Ewloe
Other Education Facility	None

**Leisure & Recreation Facilities**

Indoor leisure centre / sports facility	No
Swimming pool	No
Formal outdoor sports facility	Yes, Gladstone Playing Fields – tennis courts, bowling green
Formal outdoor play facility /area	Yes, Equipped playgrounds Sports pitches at Gladstone Playing Fields

**Community & Health**

Community centre / hall	Hawarden Institute, Glynne Way / Scout Hut, Gladstone Playing Fields / Masonic Hall, Gladstone Way
Civic offices / facility	Yes, Records Office / Hawarden Town Council Offices, The Highway
Library	Yes, Adj Records office

Hospital	No
Doctors surgery	Yes, Hawarden Health Centre, 27 Glynne Way
Dentist surgery	Yes, Hawarden Dental Practice, 90 The Highway
Pharmacy	Yes, Hawarden Pharmacy, 8 The Highway
Place of worship	Catholic Church, The Highway / St Deiniols Church Cemetery, Cross Tree Way

**Retail & Commercial Related**

Supermarket	No
Non-food retail units	No
Convenience shop	No
Other shops	Yes, Hair salons, clothes shop, state agents, wedding dress shop, tailors, wellness spar, sweet shop, beauty salon / Nearby Hawarden Estate Farm Shop
Café / Take away	Yes, Gallery Coffee Shop / Shared Olive Restaurant

Bank/Building Society	Yes , Lloyds TSB / Cambrian Financial Services
Free Standing of a Bank - Cashpoint	Yes
Public house / club / restaurant	Yes, Glynne Arms / Blue Bell / Fox and Grapes
Post office	Yes
Post box	Yes
Petrol Filling Station	No

Employment	Yes, Range of existing high profile employers at St David's Park (eg Money Supermarket, HSBC, Redrow) and nearby at DIP and undeveloped employment land with recent planning permissions
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**Transport**

Rail station	Yes, Wrexham to Bidston - hourly service each way Mon – Fri and 6 trains on Sun
Bus station / stop	Yes

Bus service frequency	4 - Mold to Chester (every 30 mins each way) / X44 - Chester to Mold (every 60 mins each way) / 11 - Holywell to Chester (every 30 mins mon to sat and every 60 mins sun) X9 - Wrexham to Connah's Quay (4 per day mon to sat)
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Cycle route	No
Access to main highway network	Yes, Access to A494 (T) via Ewloe, to A55 via Dobs Hill and to Chester via B5125 and A5104

## Broadband Provision

According to the latest OFCOM data (2013) Hawarden post codes (where data is available) have a median average broadband range of 5 - 20.3 mega bytes per second with most postcodes in Hawarden village at 19mbps whilst properties in the Big Mancot area at around 9 mbps. Broadband provision within Hawarden is considered to be below average to very good. This will have a beneficial effect on the ability of businesses and local residents seeking to operate a business or in accessing online services such as banking, post office services or online shopping.

## Other Comments

None.

## Previous Surveys of Service Provision

In 2000 Hawarden was assessed as part of the Unitary Development Plan's preparation. The survey identified that Hawarden had significant facility provision. Comparing the 2000 situation with 2015 it appears that services and facilities within Hawarden have largely remained the same.

## Mapping Service Provision

Some of the service provision has been mapped for illustrative purposes and is presented overleaf. As the image suggests service provision in Hawarden is very good and is made better by its close proximity to services within adjoining settlements such as Ewloe.

