

QUEENSFERRY - SETTLEMENT SERVICE AUDIT

Settlement Commentary

Queensferry is arguably the heart of the urban area generally known as 'Deeside'. The settlement is strategically positioned to the South of the River Dee at the centre of a transport hub and is located adjacent Shotton and within convenient distance of the railway stations at Shotton (North Wales Line and Wrexham – Bidston Line). Queensferry itself benefits from a District Centre and a large Asda foodstore and is extremely closely situated to benefit from education and leisure facilities in adjoining Shotton. Queensferry is a key employment centre and its facilities serve a much larger surrounding semi-urban and rural area.

	Settlement No. of Dwellings
2000 UDP Baseline Figure	490
2014 Housing Land Study	499

	Settlement Population
2001 Census	1,102
2011 Census	1,268

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	No
Primary school	No
Secondary school	No, but John Summers School is in Shotton
College	No, but Deeside College is in Connah's Quay

Other Education Facility	Yes, Glanrafan Special School and Adult Training Centre.
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Leisure & Recreation Facilities

Indoor leisure centre / sports facility	Yes, Deeside Leisure Centre, including gym, ice rink, skatepark, café etc.
Swimming pool	No

Formal outdoor sports facility	Yes. Gym, exercise classes, tennis courts and 3G football pitches at Deeside Leisure Centre.
Formal outdoor play facility /area	Yes, an equipped play area at Deeside Leisure Centre.

Community & Health

Community centre / hall	Yes, Queensferry War Memorial Institute, Chester Road West / Territorial Auxiliary & Volunteer Reserve, Station Road
Civic offices / facility	Yes, office provision is provided within Deeside Leisure Centre for FCC staff / Fire Station, Chester Road West
Library	Yes, as part of John Summers High School (moving to Deeside Leisure Centre).
Hospital	No
Doctors surgery	Yes, Queensferry Medical Practice, Pierce Street.
Dentist surgery	Yes, Queensferry Dental Surgery, 4 Gladstone Street
Pharmacy	Yes, at L. Rowland & Co, 22 Station Road.

Place of worship	Yes, Catholic Church of the Blessed Trinity (Chester Road East).
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Retail & Commercial Related

Supermarket	Yes, Asda / Macro (membership)
Non-food retail units	Yes, Sports shop, florist, charity shops, pawnbrokers, amongst others.
Convenience shop	Yes, Costcutter (Belvedere Close) and Spar (Station Road).
Other shops	Yes, Hairdressers, Beauty Salons, HIQ car repair garage. Queensferry also benefits from having Toyota, Ford and Suzuki car dealers, Flintshire Caravan Sales, Wilson Car Auctions

Café / Take away	Yes, Station Road is well endowed with cafes, restaurants and take away establishments such as KFC, Dominos and Subway. There is also a McDonalds in Asda.
Bank/Building Society	Yes, Barclays, Station Road.
Free Standing of a Bank - Cashpoint	Yes, at Barclays Bank.
Public house / club / restaurant	No
Post office	Yes, at 13-17 Station Road.
Post box	Yes, there is a box outside the Post Office and another outside the Ford/Suzuki dealer on Station Road.
Petrol Filling Station	Yes, Asda.

Employment	Yes, there are two employment areas identified within the UDP, i.e. Expressway Business Park and Chester Road East – where there remains a vacant employment allocation ref. EM1 (21).
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Transport

Rail station	No. The nearest station is at Shotton.
Bus station / stop	Yes, there are bus stops on station Road, Aston Road Asda, Aston Road sliproad, and outside Expressway Business Park.

Bus service frequency	Queensferry is well catered for with the following services running through the day, Monday to Saturday: No. 8 (Sealand Manor – Queensferry Asda – Shotton – Northop Hall – Northop – Mold). No. 9 (Chester/ Wrexham – Queensferry – Connah’s Quay – Mold). No. 10 (Chester – Queensferry – Shotton – Connah’s Quay). No. 11A (Holywell / Mold – Flint – Shotton – Mancot – Broughton – Chester). No. 99 (Sandycroft – Connah’s Quay – Mold) / SP1 / SP2 (Mold– Buckley – Queensferry – Deeside Ind Park – Ellesmere Port).
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Cycle route	Yes, there are both traffic free and on road routes through Queensferry.
Access to main highway network	Yes, the A494 runs through the settlement which provides access to the A55 and M56.

Broadband Provision

According to the latest OFCOM data (2013) Queensferry post codes (where data is available) have a median average broadband range of 8.1- 17.6 mega bytes per second with most postcodes at 10 mbps. Accordingly it is to be expected that broadband provision in Queensferry is reasonable but still constrained. Broadband provision is important even 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.

Other Comments

Works are currently ongoing to demolish the former Ambulance Station and to enhance the Fire Station to accommodate the Ambulance Service making the Fire Station a combined Emergency Services Station. Plans are currently being progressed to close Queensferry Library and to relocate the library within Deeside Leisure Centre. The John Summers High School is currently earmarked for closure.

Previous Surveys of Service Provision

Queensferry is a designated District Centre and as such benefits from considerable information from town centre surveys dating from 1986 to the present and covering the Station Road and Asda Complex areas and the more recently developed Queensferry Retail Park (although the latter actually sits within the settlement boundary for Shotton). Over the last 15 years there has been significant change in Queensferry with the arrival of the Retail Park on the former BRS depot site, which now houses operators including Lidl, B&Q, Charlies Discounts, Pets at Home and B&M Bargain. In addition over the last 15 years Asda has almost doubled in size to accommodate a George clothes wear section and a McDonalds restaurant.

Mapping Service Provision

Queensferry benefits from an extensive range of services and facilities; some of the service provision has been mapped for illustrative purposes and is presented overleaf. As the image suggests service provision in Queensferry is excellent, which benefits not just Queensferry but adjoining settlements such as Garden City and Shotton and the nearby settlements including Connah's Quay, Sealand Manor, Pentre, Sandycroft and Mancot.

