

SALTNEY - SETTLEMENT SERVICE AUDIT

Settlement Commentary

Saltney is situated on the eastern edge of the County, on the border of England and the City of Chester. Putting local authority boundaries aside, Saltney is visually part of the urban fabric of Chester. The settlement is served by a wide array of services and facilities and has significant retail provision as well as being located close to Chester City Centre, a significant sub-regional commercial and employment centre.

	Settlement No. of Dwellings
2000 UDP Baseline Figure	1,980
2014 Housing Land Study	2,170

	Settlement Population
2001 Census	4,772
2011 Census	5,131

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, pre-school provision is provided at Saltney Ferry Primary School, Saltney Ferry Road, CH4 0BL / Saltney Wood Memorial Primary School, Boundary Lane, CH4 8SE / St Anthony's Catholic Primary School, High Street, CH4 8SG.
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Primary school	Yes, Saltney Ferry Primary School, Saltney Wood Memorial Primary School, St Anthony's Catholic Primary School,
Secondary school	Yes, St David's High School, St David's Terrace, Saltney Ferry, CH4 0AE.
College	No.

Other Education Facility	Bradshaw Ave Scout Troop.
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Leisure & Recreation Facilities

Indoor leisure centre / sports facility	Yes, Saltney Sports Centre, St. David's High School, Chester Road.
Swimming pool	No.
Formal outdoor sports facility	Yes, there are football pitches located outside the settlement boundary off North Street and Sandy Lane.
Formal outdoor play facility /area	Yes, there are equipped play areas off Bradshaw Avenue, off Boundary Lane, off Carlton Avenue, Tegid Way (L3-149) and Park Avenue (L3-147). In addition an equipped play facility is located outside the settlement boundary off Saltney Terrace.

Community & Health

Community centre / hall	Yes. Saltney Community Centre, Sandy Lane; Saltney Youth Centre, Sandy Lane; and the Community Centre, Douglas Place.
Civic offices / facility	No.
Library	Yes, Saltney Library, Salisbury Avenue, Saltney, CH4 8TF. The library is open Monday 2pm-5pm, Wednesday 2pm – 7pm; and Friday 10am – 1pm.
Hospital	No.
Doctors surgery	Yes, 82 High Street, Saltney, CH4 8SF. The Saltney Surgery is a branch of 'The Stable Medical Practice in Hawarden and its opening hours are Monday & Thursday 8.30am – 12pm, Tuesday 8.30am – 6pm, and Friday 8:30am – 3pm.
Dentist surgery	No.

Pharmacy	Yes, at Morrisons.
Place of worship	Yes, Saltney Methodist Church, St Anthony's of Padua RC Church and Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses.

Retail & Commercial Related

Supermarket	Yes, Morrisons and Farm Foods.
Non-food retail units	Yes, Poundstretcher and there are also units at Marley Way Trading Estate.
Convenience shop	Yes, Ferry Stores (Mainwaring Drive) & Londis on Victoria Road.
Other shops	Yes, Beauty Salon - High Street. Hairdressers – Mainwaring Drive, High Street and Victoria Road. Corbetts and Labrokes. Ben Wild Car Sales – Mainwaring Drive.

Café / Take away	Yes, 'Lucky Take Away Meals' – High Street. 'Victoria Chippy', 'Saltney Kebab, pizza & Burger' takeaway – Victoria Road. There is also a café within Morrisons supermarket.
Bank/Building Society	No.
Free Standing of a Bank - Cashpoint	Yes, at Morrisons, Shell and Londis.
Public house / club / restaurant	Yes. There are three public houses: Corner Pin (next to Morrisons), Saltney Social Club (High Street), The Anchor (junction of High Street and Boundary Lane), Saltney Ferry (junction of Mainwaring Drive and High Street).

Post office	Yes, within Ferry Stores, Mainwaring Drive.
Post box	Yes, several.
Petrol Filling Station	Yes, at Morrisons and Shell.

Employment

Employment	Yes, there are extensive employment areas to the north of the railway line. Occupancy rates fluctuate. In addition there are opportunities in Saltney (various shops) and Chester City.
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Transport

Rail station	No
Bus station / stop	Yes, there are many bus stops across Saltney.

Bus service frequency	Yes, Saltney is served by the following bus services, which run through the day, including Sundays: 3, 4, 4A, 4B, 4S, 11, 11A, 12, 16, DB2 and DB3.
Cycle route	Yes, there are two routes publicised on the "Sustrans" website that link to the National Cycle Network. One is Saltney Ferry Road whilst the other links the B5129 to River Lane.
Access to main highway network	Yes, travelling in an easterly direction the A5104 leads to the A494, whereby access can be gained to the A55.

Broadband Provision

According to the latest OFCOM data (2013) Saltney post codes (where data is available) have a median average broadband range of 1.1-23.4 mega-bytes per second with most postcodes at 3 - 6mbps. This level of broadband provision is poor. Accordingly it is to be expected that broadband provision in Saltney is poor and is constrained. This will have a negative 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

Saltney has an extensive area of industrial units, some of which are in alternative uses. For example, there are a number of non-food retail units on the Brymau Estate on River Lane, which diversify the service provision offer. Go Outdoors was also formerly an industrial unit and the land adjacent has planning permission for 3 large retail units (around 4,000 square meters) this has yet to be implemented. Another unit nearby houses Whizz Kids, children's play centre, and is a popular destination and includes a café for patrons.

It is reported that St Mark's Church in Hough Green, Chester serves Flintshire residents despite being located to the east of the County boundary in England.

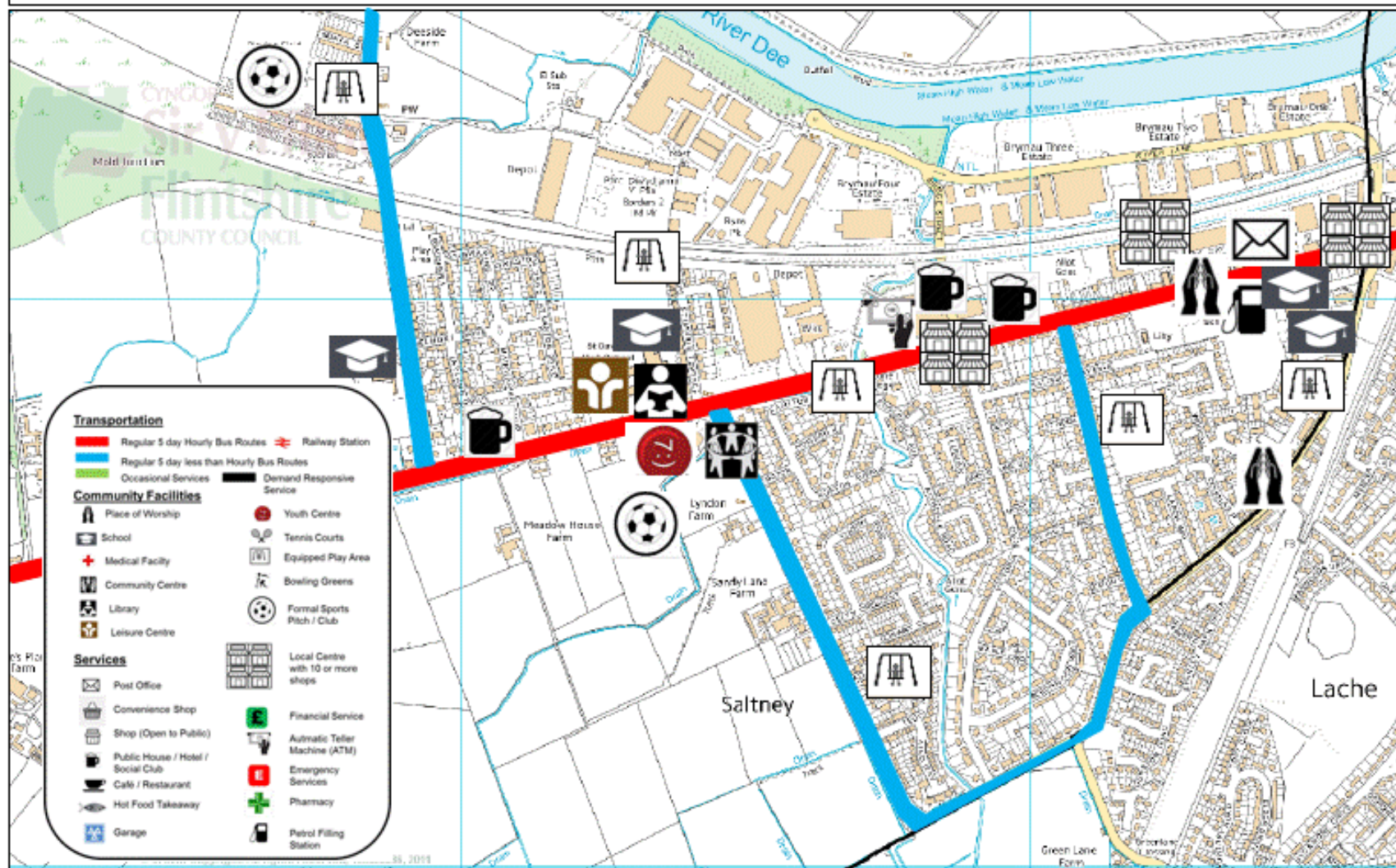
Previous Surveys of Service Provision

Saltney is one of 8 key town and district centres within Flintshire. Extensive data exists for Saltney dating back to 1997 which illustrates that Saltney has significant retail and commercial premises centred around Marley Way Trading Park and Victoria Road. In more recent years the loss of the Morrisons at River Lane has seen the arrival of Go Outdoors and the building of a new Morrisons on Saltney High Street near Victoria Road. Beyond Saltney near Boundary Lane there are additional services and facilities within Chester (England).

Mapping Service Provision

Some of the service provision within the town has been mapped for illustrative purposes and is presented overleaf. As the image suggests service provision in Saltney is excellent and the close proximity of Chester further improves opportunities to access services, facilities and employment immensely.

Saltney Service Provision



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