

SANDYCROFT - SETTLEMENT SERVICE AUDIT

Settlement Commentary

Sandycroft is located to the east of Queensferry and forms a band of built development along with Pentre, north of the B5129 Chester Road which runs towards Hawarden Airport to the east. The close proximity of nearby settlements and services therein means that Sandycroft has relatively convenient access to a wide range of services.

	Settlement No. of Dwellings
2000 UDP Baseline Figure	495
2014 Housing Land Study	502

	Settlement Population
2001 Census	1,307
2011 Census	1,386

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	Sandycroft Primary School
Primary school	Sandycroft Primary School
Secondary school	No
College	No
Other Education Facility	No

Leisure & Recreation Facilities

Indoor leisure centre / sports facility	No
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Swimming pool	No
Formal outdoor sports facility	Yes, football pitches
Formal outdoor play facility /area	Yes, next to the community centre.

Community & Health

Community centre / hall	Yes, Phoenix Street
Civic offices / facility	No
Library	No
Hospital	No

Doctors surgery	No
Dentist surgery	No
Pharmacy	No
Place of worship	Yes, a Methodist Chapel, St Francis Anglican Church and a Presbetarian Church

Retail & Commercial Related

Supermarket	No
Non-food retail units	No

Convenience shop	Yes, 'Premier Sandycroft Stores', which includes an off-licence and a mobile top up facility
Other shops	Yes, Mitsubishi car sales and servicing garage Chester Road / Sandycroft Dry Cleaners, Chester Road.
Café / Take away	No
Bank/Building Society	No
Free Standing of a Bank - Cashpoint	No
Public house / club / restaurant	Yes, New Inn PH, Station Road
Post office	Yes, there is a post office at 98 Phoenix Street, Sandycroft, CH5 2PE
Post box	Yes, there appears to be two post boxes on the junctions of Phoenix Street and North Street and Phoenix Street and Harrison Grove.
Petrol Filling Station	No

Employment	Yes, the settlement has a large employment area to the north east of the main residential area, which is shown as a Principal Employment Area in the UDP. There are existing employers operating within Pentre at the Queensferry Industrial Estate and the Pentre Industrial Estate which may provide job opportunities.
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Transport

Rail station	No
Bus station / stop	Yes, there are bus stops on Phoenix Street, Chester Road and Station Road.

Bus service frequency	Yes, Service No. 11A - To Chester there is a hourly service between 2025 and 2225; and to Mold there is an hourly service between 2003 and 2303 and every half an hour all day Sunday. Service No. 12 - This is an half hourly service to Chester between 0759 and 1859; and half hourly to Connah's Quay between 0858 and 1758 Service No. 99 - During school days this service takes pupils to Mold at 0748 and returns to Sandycroft at 1540.
Cycle route	Yes, Sustrans indicates that as part of the National Cycle Network there is a traffic free route alongside the B5129 in Sandycroft.

Access to main highway network	Yes, To the west access can be gained to the A494 via the B5129. To the east access can be gained to the A55 by travelling past Airbus and then through Broughton.
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Broadband Provision

According to the latest OFCOM data (2013) Sandycroft post codes (where data is available) have a median average broadband range of 4 – 6.8 mega bytes per second. Broadband provision within Sandycroft is considered to be poor. This will have an adverse 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

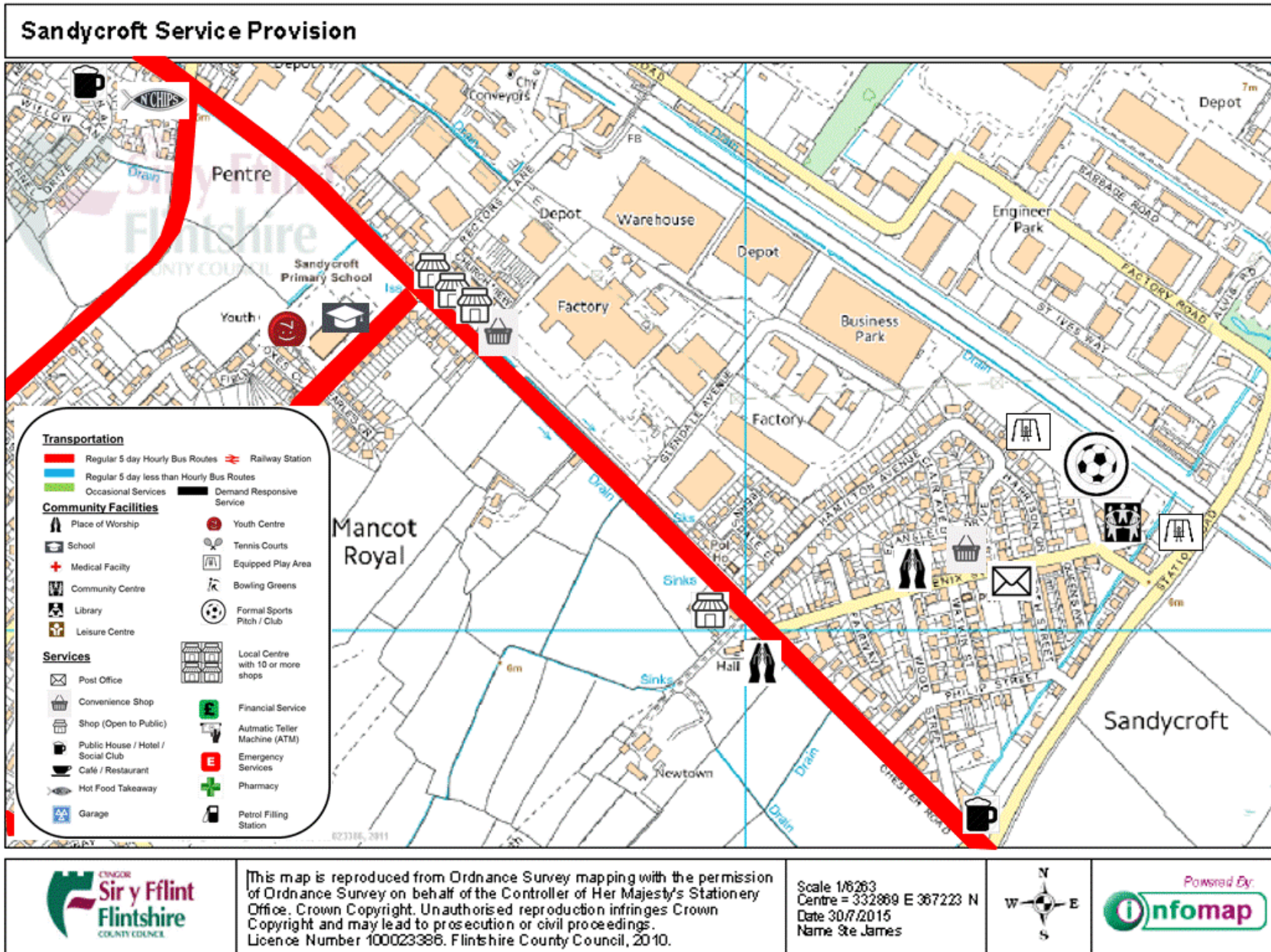
Sandycroft is also the location of 'The Circuit' which is an indoor go-kart track on Babbage Road.

Previous Surveys of Service Provision

In 2000 Sandycroft was assessed as part of the Unitary Development Plan's preparation. The survey identified that Sandycroft had some facility provision. Comparing the 2000 situation with 2015 it appears that Sandycroft's service provision has remained largely 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 Sandycroft appears limited however service provision in and adjoining nearby settlements for example Mancot and Pentre make a significant contribution to improving residents access to services, not to mention its close proximity to Queensferry.



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