

SHOTTON & ASTON - SETTLEMENT SERVICE AUDIT

Settlement Commentary

Shotton and Aston is a large town within the urban “Deeside” conurbation. The town lies adjacent Queensferry and Connah’s Quay with strong visual, physical and urban linkages along the “bottom road” whereupon there is a corridor of commercial uses which provide local employment and services for the residents. This commercial corridor stretches from Queensferry to the far end of Connah’s Quay at Kelsterton. Shotton and Aston benefits from facilities and services therein they also benefit from close proximity to services within adjacent settlements at Queensferry and Connah’s Quay.

	Settlement No. of Dwellings
2000 UDP Baseline Figure	3,460
2014 Housing Land Study	3,559

	Settlement Population
2001 Census	8,042
2011 Census	8,294

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	
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Pre-School / Nursery Provision	Yes. St Ethelwold's Church in Wales School, Welhouse/ Ty Ffynnon School, Venerable Edward Morgan School. Aston Family Centre, Larch Ave
Primary school	Yes, St Ethelwold's Church in Wales Voluntary Aided Primary School, Queensferry Community Primary School, Taliesin Junior School, Shotton Infants School, (Wellhouse School, Ysgol Ty ffynnon)The Venerable Edward Morgan Catholic Primary School.
Secondary school	Ysgol Uwchradd John Summers High School.
College	No

Other Education Facility	No
Leisure & Recreation Facilities	
Indoor leisure centre / sports facility	No
Swimming pool	No
Formal outdoor sports facility	Yes, North Street cricket ground, Shotton Lane football pitch, Plough Lane Bowling Ground (Aston Bowling Club), Alexandra Street playing field (L3-152), Central Drive playing field (L3-154), King George Street playing fields, Playing fields and football pitches to the north of Shotton Station.

Formal outdoor play facility /area	Yes, Alexandra Street equipped play area (L3-152), Central Drive equipped play area (L3-154), King George Street equipped play area, North Street equipped play area (L3-153), Plough Lane equipped play area, Salisbury Street equipped play area.
Community & Health	
Community centre / hall	Yes, Aston Park Community Centre, Aston Community Centre, Deeside Youth Centre at John Summers High School, Church Hall at St Ethelwold's Church.
Civic offices / facility	No
Library	No
Hospital	Yes, Deeside Community Hospital,

Doctors surgery	Yes, Deeside Medical Centre, Shotton Lane Surgery.
Dentist surgery	No
Pharmacy	Yes, Boots Pharmacy, HA Crook Pharmacy, The Co-Operative Pharmacy.
Place of worship	Yes, Rivertown United Reformed Church, English Baptist Church, St Ethelwold's Church, Place of worship at Units 5 & 6 Rowley's Drive.
Retail & Commercial Related	
Supermarket	Yes, Lidl at Deeside Retail Park.
Non-food retail units	Yes, B&M, B&Q, Charlies at Deeside Retail Park, Travis Perkins (Chester Road East).

Convenience shop	Yes, Co-Operative (Central Drive), Premier Stores (Shotton Lane).
Other shops	Yes, Courtland Drive - Aston Park off licence; Dazzle Hair & Beauty; jonathan Bridges Hairdressing. Shotton Lane – Luke Anthony Hair & Beauty Salon, K8's Unisex Salon.
Café / Take away	Yes, Pizza Hut at Deeside Retail Park. Spices Indian Takeaway (Courtland Drive). Golden Fry Chinese takeaway (Central Drive).

Bank/Building Society	Yes, Natwest (15 Chester Road West Shotton), HSBC (37 Chester Road West, Shotton), Nationwide Building Society (41/43 Chester Road West, Shotton), Lloyds (39 Chester Road West, Shotton)
Free Standing of a Bank - Cashpoint	Yes, at Shotton Lane Stores, the banks on Chester Road West, the Co-Op on Central Drive
Public house / club / restaurant	Yes, Melrose Inn, Plough Inn, Central Hotel (Wetherspoons), The Clwyd, Castle Inn.
Post office	Yes, 26 Chester Road West, Shotton and 21 - 23 Central Drive, Aston.

Post box	Yes, Chevrons Road; Aston PO Central Drive, Caernarfon Close; Plymouth Street; Shotton Post Office; Hafan Glyd (off Shotton Lane); Aston Shops (Courtland Drive); Dodds Court
Petrol Filling Station	Yes at ESSO, Chester Road East.

Employment	Yes, the settlement has a Principal Employment Area in the UDP. There is some vacant land but the area is mainly built out meaning there are existing employers operating within Shotton which may provide job opportunities.
Transport	
Rail station	Yes, Shotton Station.
Bus station / stop	Yes

Bus service frequency	Yes, the following services serve Aston: 12, 110, SP1, SP2. Shotton is served by 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 11A, 12, 99, 109, X9. These bus services are frequent and ensure that the settlement is well catered for during the week.
Cycle route	Yes, there is a traffic free route near the train station, along the coast and over the Hawarden Bridge towards DIP.
Access to main highway network	Yes, the A494 can be accessed to the east via the B5129. From the A494 access can be gained to the A55, the A550 or the M56.

Broadband Provision

According to the latest OFCOM data (2013) Shotton and Aston post codes (where data is available) have a median average broadband range of 4.5- 21.5 mega-bytes per second with most postcodes in Aston at around 5 mbps and postcodes in Shotton at 14mbps. Accordingly it is to be expected that broadband provision in Shotton is good whilst provision in Aston is poor. Broadband provision is important even in urban areas because slow speeds can affect the ability of local businesses to operate and may impact investment in the area and local employment.

Other Comments

Shotton lies adjacent to Connah's Quay and Queensferry and benefits from access to services in these settlements as illustrated in the attached plan of service provision.

Previous Surveys of Service Provision

Shotton benefits from a designated town centre which has been regularly monitored and surveyed as far back as 1986. Over the last 15 years there have of course been changes to the town centre and the local centres at Central Drive, Shotton Lane and Plough Lane however service provision remains relatively unchanged. What is worth mentioning is the expansion of facilities in the neighbouring settlement of Queensferry and the provision of a new medical facility in Connah's Quay, which has improved local residents access to healthcare.

Mapping Service Provision

Shotton and Aston benefit 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 Shotton and Aston is excellent which is further improved by the close proximity of services in neighbouring settlements.

