

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.

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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

