

GRONANT - SETTLEMENT SERVICE AUDIT

Settlement Commentary

Gronant is located at the north western edge of the County adjacent to the boundary with Denbighshire. The main part of the village lies on the south side of the A548 on the lower slopes of the Clwydian Range AONB. A smaller part of the village lies on the northern side of the A548 on flat land comprising the coastal strip. The upper part of the village is well screened by a wooded hillside rising up from the coastal strip and a broad linear ridge. The village is well catered for in terms of facilities and services and benefits from relative close proximity to Prestatyn and services within the town centre including railway station with access to the rest of North Wales. The Gronant Dunes form part of an extensive network of dunes which extends from Prestatyn in Denbighshire to the Point of Ayr at the entrance to the Dee Estuary. These dunes are of national and international importance.

	Settlement No. of Dwellings
2000 UDP Baseline Figure	470
2014 Housing Land Study	494

	Settlement Population
2001 Census	1,247
2011 Census	1,200

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, Ysgol Gronant caters for ages 3 – 11
Primary school	Yes, Ysgol Gronant
Secondary school	No
College	No

Other Education Facility	No
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Leisure & Recreation Facilities

Indoor leisure centre / sports facility	No
Swimming pool	No

Formal outdoor sports facility	Yes, Football Pitch
Formal outdoor play facility /area	Yes, Equipped children's playground, 5 a side area and a skate facility

Community & Health

Community centre / hall	Yes, Gronant Institute which appears disused and neglected. Gronant Youth centre off Pentre Lane and part of the school is used as a community centre
Civic offices / facility	No
Library	Mobile service Every 3 weeks at Nant – Y - Gro. Monday 10.40 – 11.40
Hospital	No
Doctors surgery	No
Dentist surgery	No
Pharmacy	No
Place of worship	Yes, Gronant Church – St Winifredes

Retail & Commercial Related

Supermarket	No
Non-food retail units	Yes, Huws Gray Builders Merchant at Lower Gronant

Convenience shop	Yes, General stores and newsagents at Lower Gronant. There is also a convenience store at the Greenacres Caravan Park (seasonal only)
Other shops	Yes, Unisex hair salon – Lower Gronant Part of the Gronant Inn was granted consent on appeal for a C.O.U to a retail shop but does not appear to have been implemented
Café / Take away	Yes, “Crofters Pantry” eat in/take away café (seasonal only)
Bank/Building Society	No
Free Standing of a Bank - Cashpoint	Not completed
Public house / club / restaurant	Yes, Bells of St Mary’s on the coast approach road. Beachcomber Inn, Shore Road. Gronant Inn Llanasa Road

Post office	No
Post box	Yes Llanasa Road, Nant y Gro, Presthaven Sands
Petrol Filling Station	No

Employment

Employment	Yes, Presumably Local employment opportunities at the Greenacres and Presthaven Sands caravan parks
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Transport

Rail station	No
Bus station / stop	Yes Gronant Hill, Prestatyn Mostyn & Llanasa Roads, Nant y Gro

Bus service frequency	Yes, Gronant Village service 11G – 13 buses a day to Holywell (Mon – Sat) / Gronant Crossroads service 11G – 31 buses per day to Holywell (Mon – Sat) / Service 18 – 5 buses a day to Holywell, 3 a day to Flint and 7 a day to Prestatyn (Mon – Fri) 3 a day to Prestatyn, Rhyl, Holywell and Flint (Sat)
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Cycle route	Yes, Coastal Path Route
Access to main highway network	Yes, The settlement straddles the A 548

Broadband Provision

According to the latest OFCOM data (2013) Gronant post codes (where data is available) have a median average broadband range of 2.6 - 8.1 mega-bytes per second with most postcodes having a broadband speed of around 4mbps. Accordingly it is to be expected that broadband provision in Gronant is poor. This level of broadband provision will adversely impact the ability of local residents and businesses alike whether in day to day business activities or for accessing online services such as banking, post office services or online shopping.

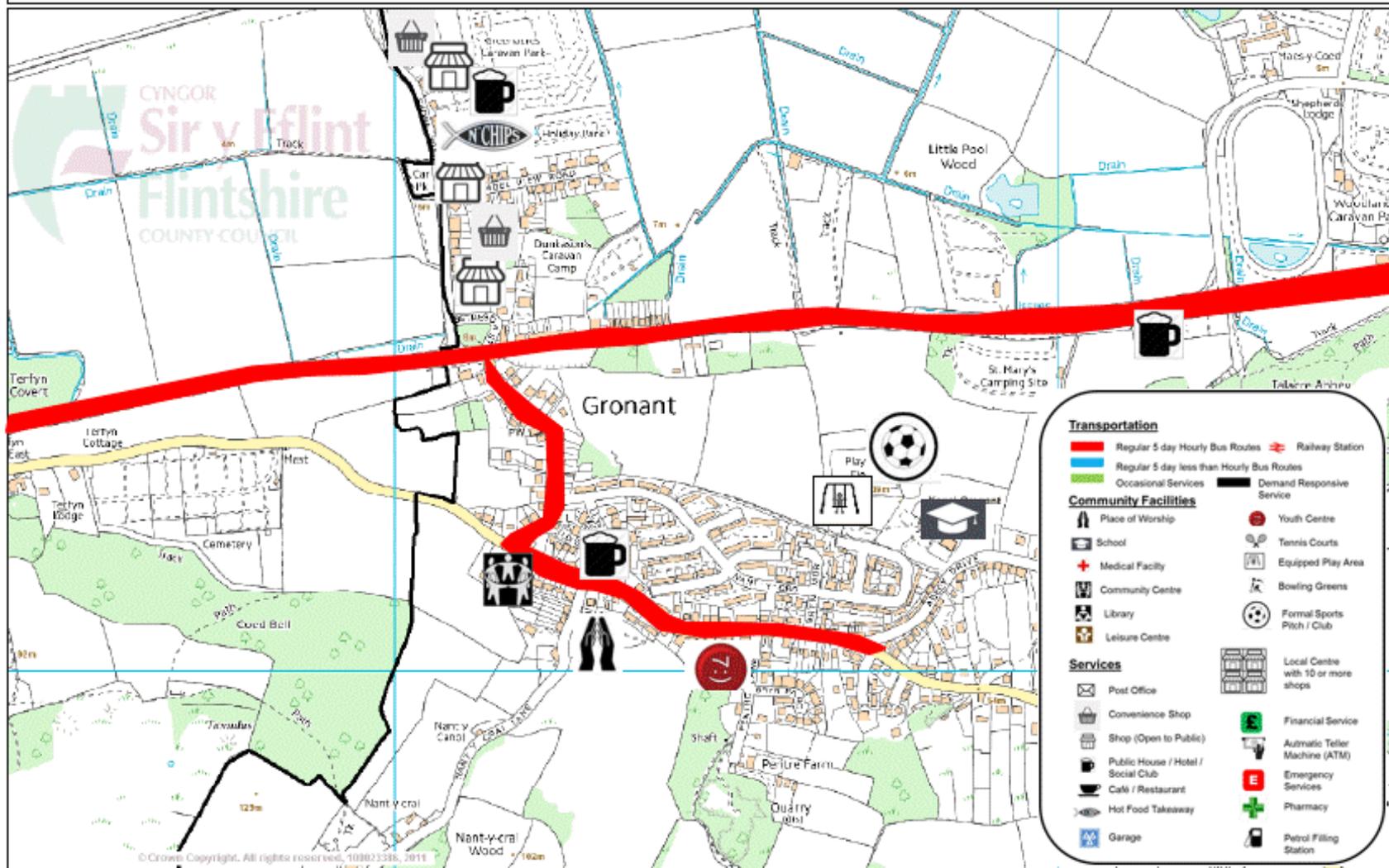
Other Comments

None.

Mapping Service Provision

The service provision within the village has been mapped for illustrative purposes and is presented overleaf. As the image suggests service provision in Gronant is reasonable given the size of the village.

Gronant Service Provision



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