

Places background paper - Farndon

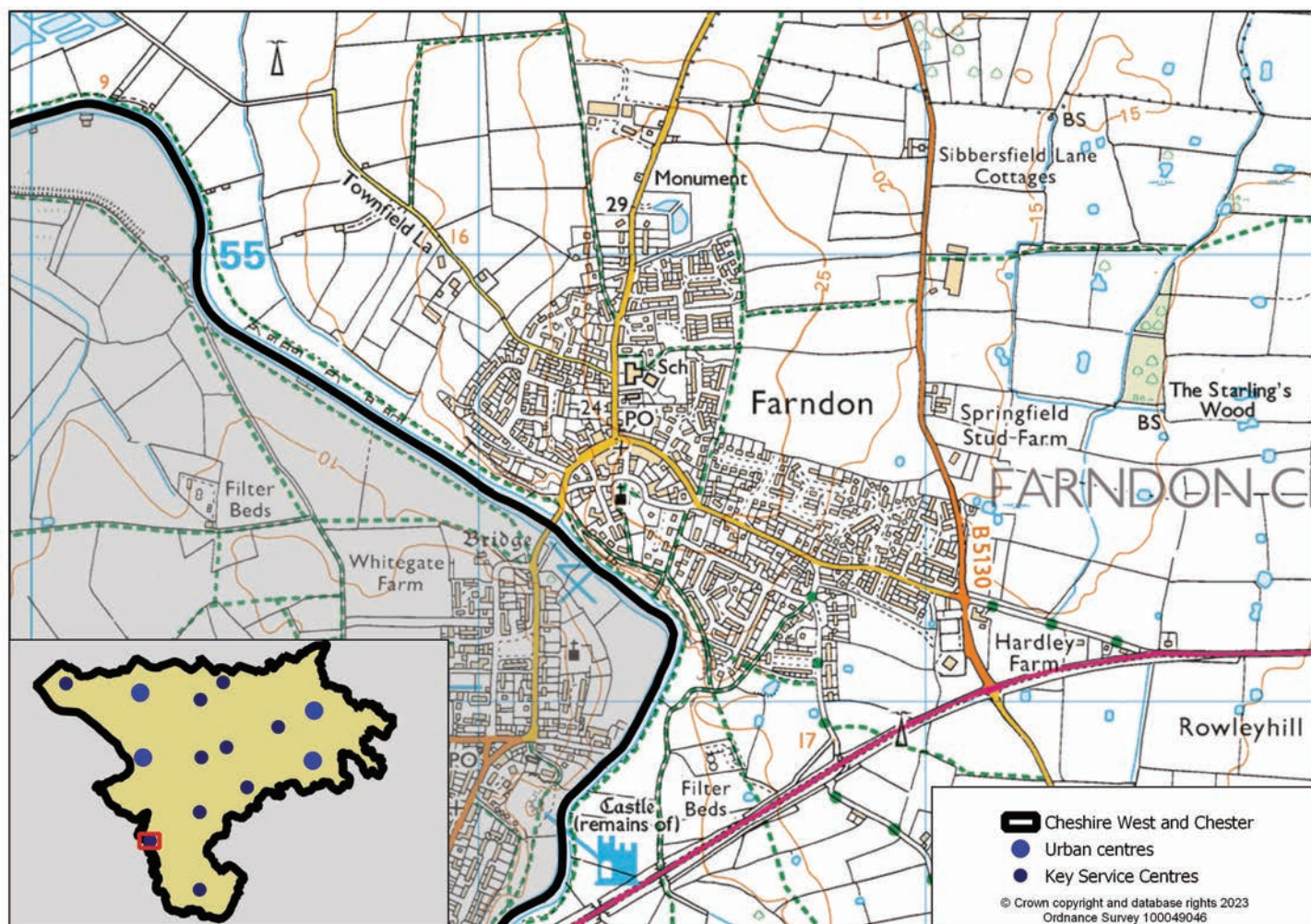
1 Farndon	2
2 Socio-economic profile	3
3 Availability of services and facilities	9
Social and community infrastructure	10
Green infrastructure, sport and leisure	11
Local retail and services	12
4 Accessibility / access to public transport	13
5 Constraints - natural / built environment	15
6 Farndon profile summary	17

1 Farndon

1 Farndon

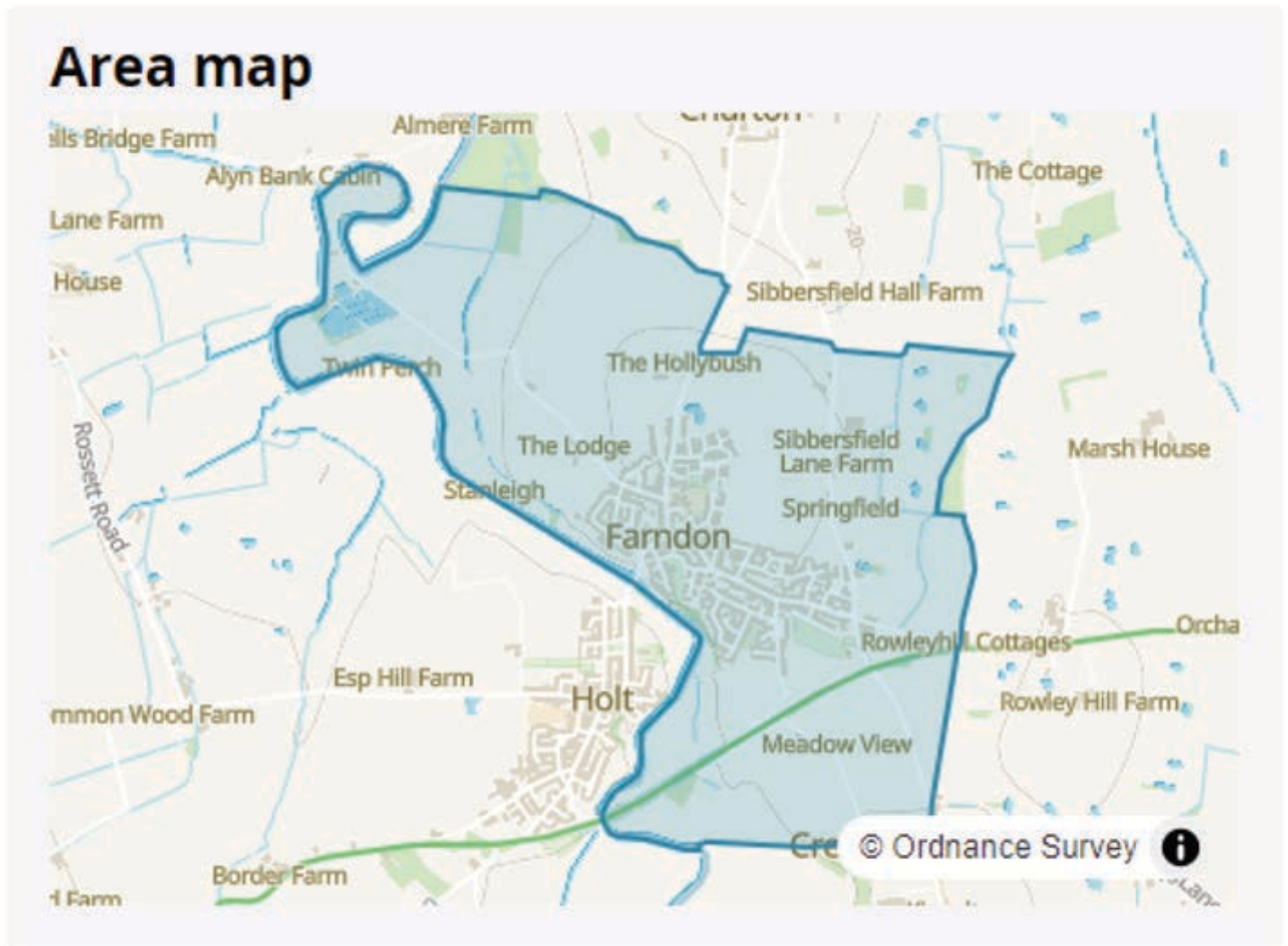
1.1 Farndon lies in the south west of the borough on the Welsh/English border and is located on the banks of the River Dee.

Map 1.1 Farndon location



2 Socio-economic profile

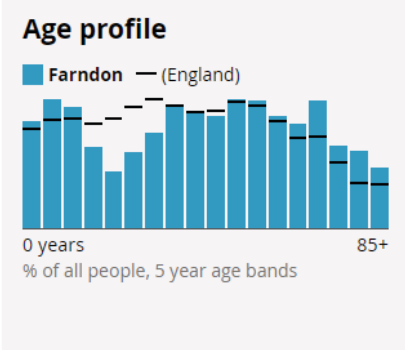
Picture 2.1 Farndon area map



Farndon: ONS – Custom built area selected. The data and boundaries displayed in this profile are aggregated from small areas on a best-fit basis, and therefore may differ slightly from other sources: <https://www.ons.gov.uk/visualisations/customprofiles/build/>

2 Socio-economic profile

Table 2.1 Farndon socio-economic profile

Topic	Settlement figure		Borough figure		Settlement share of borough total
Population					
Total existing population (Census 2021, rounded to the nearest 100 people)	2,200		357,200		0.62%
<div>Age Profile</div> <div><p>Age profile</p><p>■ Farndon — (England)</p><p>0 years 85+</p><p>% of all people, 5 year age bands</p></div> <div>(Census 2021)</div>	Age	%	Age	%	
	0-4:	5.8	0-4:	4.9	
	5-9:	7.0	5-9:	5.6	
	10-14:	6.6	10-14:	5.7	
	15-19:	4.4	15-19:	5.2	
	20-24:	3.1	20-24:	5.5	
	25-29:	4.1	25-29:	5.9	
	30-34:	5.2	30-34:	6.3	
	35-39:	6.7	35-39:	6.3	
	40-44:	6.3	40-44:	5.8	
	45-49:	6.1	45-49:	6.4	
	50-54:	7.0	50-54:	7.3	
	55-59:	6.9	55-59:	7.4	
	60-64:	6.1	60-64:	6.4	
	65-69:	5.7	65-69:	5.6	
	70-74:	6.9	70-74:	5.8	
	75-79:	4.5	75-79:	4.2	
	80-84:	4.2	80-84:	3.0	
	85+:	3.3	85+:	2.7	
	Households				
Number of households	970		155,200		0.63%

Socio-economic profile 2

Topic	Settlement figure		Borough figure		Settlement share of borough total
(2021 Census, rounded to the nearest 100 households)					
Household size (2021 Census, percentage of all households)	1 person in household	27.7%	1 person in household	30.2%	N/A
	2 people in household	38.9%	2 people in household	36.4%	
	3 people in household	15.6%	3 people in household	16.1%	
	4 or more people in household	17.9%	4 or more people in household	17.2%	
Household composition (2021 Census, percentage of all households)	One person household	27.8%	One person household	30.2%	N/A
	Single family household	69.5%	Single family household	65.3%	
	Other household types	2.7%	Other household types	4.4%	
Accommodation type (2021 Census, percentage of all households)	Whole house or bungalow	97.1%	Whole house or bungalow	87.4%	N/A
	Flat, maisonette or apartment	2.9%	Flat, maisonette or apartment	11.9%	
	A caravan or other mobile or temporary structure	0.0%	A caravan or other mobile or temporary structure	0.7%	
Number of bedrooms (2021 Census, percentage of all households)	1 bedroom	2.4%	1 bedroom	7.0%	N/A
	2 bedrooms	21.3%	2 bedrooms	23.1%	
	3 bedrooms	37.3%	3 bedrooms	45.7%	
	4 or more bedrooms	39.0%	4 or more bedrooms	24.3%	
Tenure of household (2021 Census, percentage of all households)	Owns outright	42.3%	Owns outright	37.1%	N/A
	Owns with a mortgage or loan or shared ownership	36.0%	Owns with a mortgage or loan or shared ownership	32.4%	

2 Socio-economic profile

Topic	Settlement figure		Borough figure		Settlement share of borough total
	Social rented	11.8%	Social rented	14.6%	
	Private rented or lives rent free	9.9%	Private rented or lives rent free	15.8%	
Employment					
Economic activity status (2021 Census, % of people aged 16 years and over)	Economically active: In employment	57.1%	Economically active: In employment	57.2%	N/A
	Economically active: Unemployed	1.5%	Economically active: Unemployed	2.8%	
	Economically inactive	41.4%	Economically inactive	40.0%	
Employment history (2021 Census, % of people aged 16 years and over not in employment)	Not in employment: Worked in the last 12 months	10.0%	Not in employment: Worked in the last 12 months	12.3%	
	Not in employment: Not worked in the last 12 months	76.4%	Not in employment: Not worked in the last 12 months	67.3%	
	Not in employment: Never worked	13.6%	Not in employment: Never worked	20.5%	
Occupation (2021 Census, % of people aged 16 years and over in employment)	Managers, directors and senior officials	18.0%	Managers, directors and senior officials	14.0%	
	Professional occupations	27.0%	Professional occupations	20.5%	
	Associate professional and technical occupations	14.9%	Associate professional and technical occupations	13.2%	
	Administrative and secretarial occupations	8.3%	Administrative and secretarial occupations	8.9%	

Socio-economic profile 2

Topic	Settlement figure		Borough figure		Settlement share of borough total
	Skilled trades occupations	8.4%	Skilled trades occupations	9.3%	
	Caring, leisure and other service occupations	8.3%	Caring, leisure and other service occupations	8.8%	
	Sales and customer service occupations	4.4%	Sales and customer service occupations	8.2%	
	Process, plant and machine operatives	4.7%	Process, plant and machine operatives	6.9%	
	Elementary occupations	6.0%	Elementary occupations	10.2%	
Travel to work and transport					
Number of cars or vans (2021 Census, % of all households)	No cars or vans in household	7.2%	No cars or vans in household	16.7%	N/A
	1 car or van in household	40.8%	1 car or van in household	40.8%	
	2 cars or vans in household	39.9%	2 cars or vans in household	32.0%	
	3 or more cars or vans in household	12.1%	3 or more cars or vans in household	10.5%	
Distance travelled to work (2021 Census, % of people aged 16 years and over in employment)	Less than 10km	18.2%	Less than 10km	32.7%	N/A
	10km to less than 30km	25.2%	10km to less than 30km	18.6%	
	30km and over	7.1%	30km and over	5.2%	
	Works mainly from home	39.3%	Works mainly from home	31.5%	
	Other	10.1%	Other	12.1%	
Method of travel to workplace (2021 Census, % of people aged 16 years and over in employment)	Work mainly at or from home	39.3%	Work mainly at or from home	31.5%	N/A
	Underground, metro, light rail, tram	0.0%	Underground, metro, light rail, tram	0.1%	

2 Socio-economic profile

Topic	Settlement figure		Borough figure		Settlement share of borough total
	Train	0.4%	Train	0.8%	
	Bus, minibus or coach	0.6%	Bus, minibus or coach	1.7%	
	Taxi	0.1%	Taxi	0.6%	
	Motorcycle, scooter or moped	0.1%	Motorcycle, scooter or moped	0.4%	
	Driving a car or van	51.4%	Driving a car or van	50.8%	
	Passenger in a car or van	2.5%	Passenger in a car or van	3.9%	
	Bicycle	0.8%	Bicycle	2.0%	
	On foot	4.3%	On foot	7.4%	
	Other method of travel to work	0.5%	Other method of travel to work	0.9%	

3 Availability of services and facilities

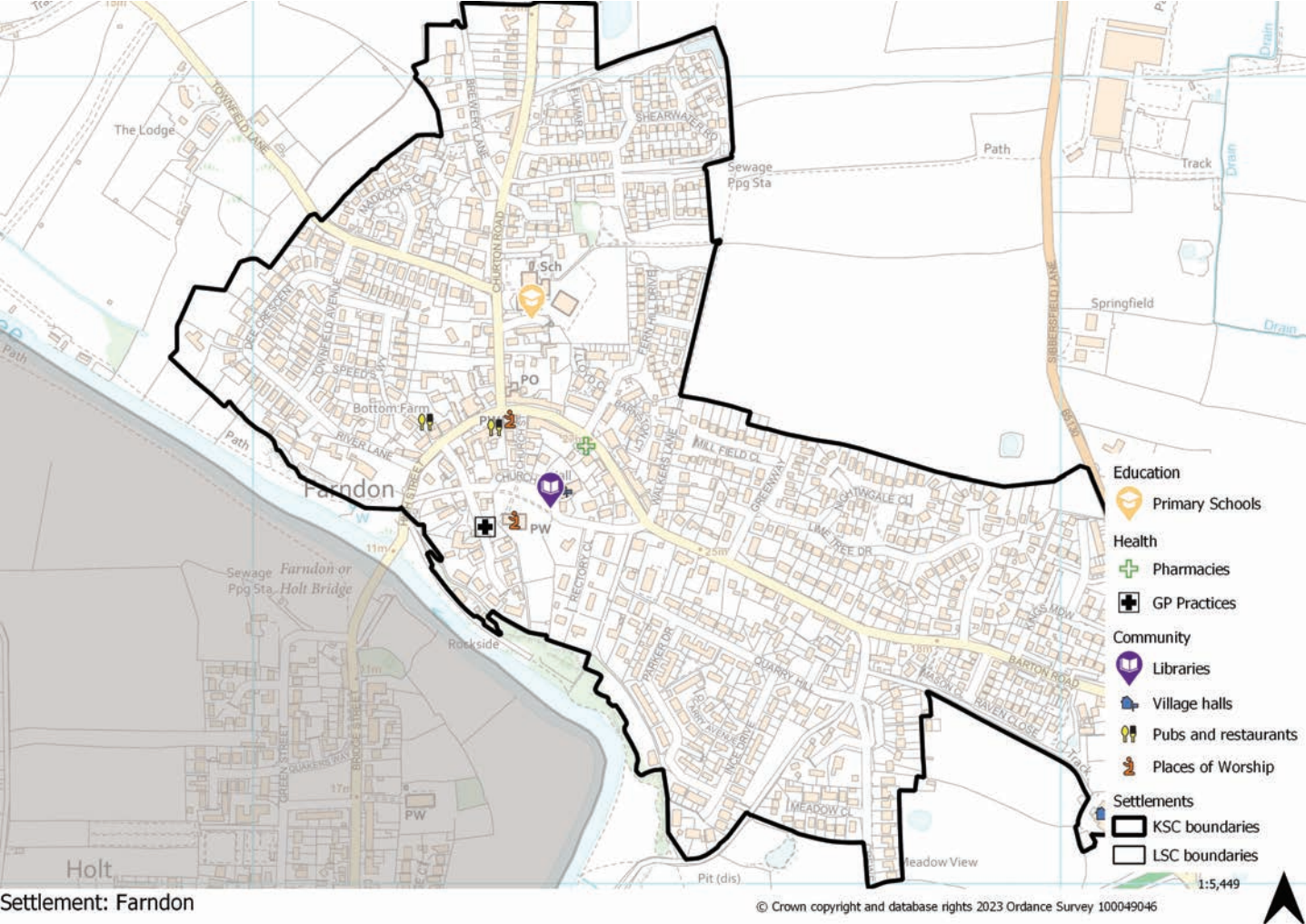
Farndon Local Retail Centre (May 2023)

3.1 This Local Retail Centre is split into two areas along High Street, relatively central to the village. High Street links to Holt in Wales via a bridge over the River Dee. Commuters going past the village are likely to take the A534 or B5130 rather than come through the village itself. Within the village there are facilities such as a church, community centre, doctors and primary school and these can be accessed from the Local Retail Centre. There is parking on street and a dedicated car park close to the community centre. High Street does accommodate some traffic, however it does feel safe and relatively flat to walk to and from the Local Retail Centre. Convenience retail is lacking in Farndon, although there is a butchers, pharmacy and Post Office to meet some day to day needs. It is likely that for convenience goods, many residents will visit Wrexham in Wales (10km) or Chester (13km). There is a bus service between Wrexham and Chester that is fairly regular compared to other villages, however, most people will likely rely on their cars. The Top Farm Centre, to the east of the centre does have a number of businesses, although many are offices rather than a facility or service. There are a number of food and drink facilities within the village. Outside the settlement is an industrial estate that has a day nursery and gym as well as other businesses, however it is unlikely that this will be accessed via foot from the Local Retail Centre.

3 Availability of services and facilities

Social and community infrastructure

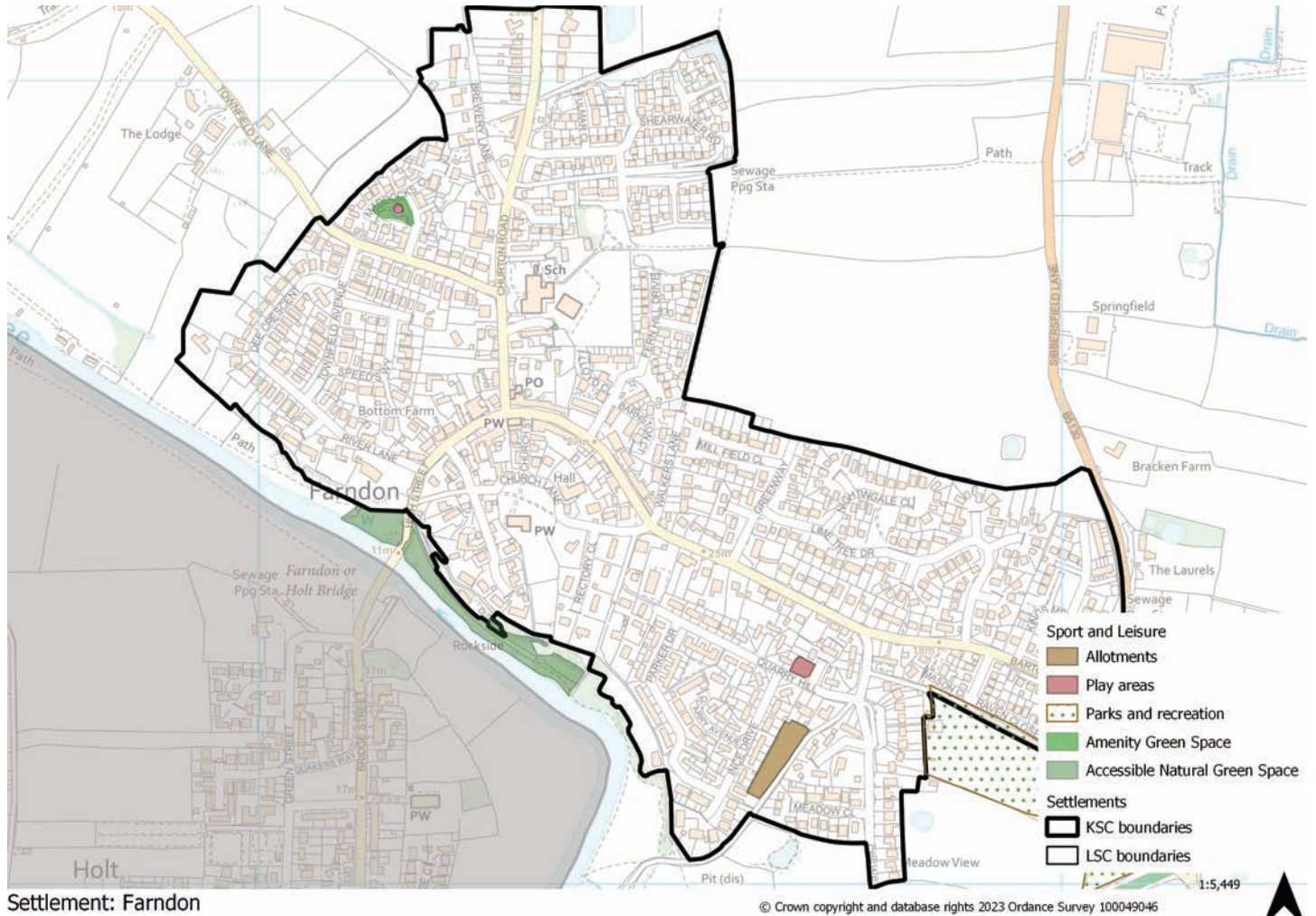
Map 3.1 Farndon community facilities



Availability of services and facilities 3

Green infrastructure, sport and leisure

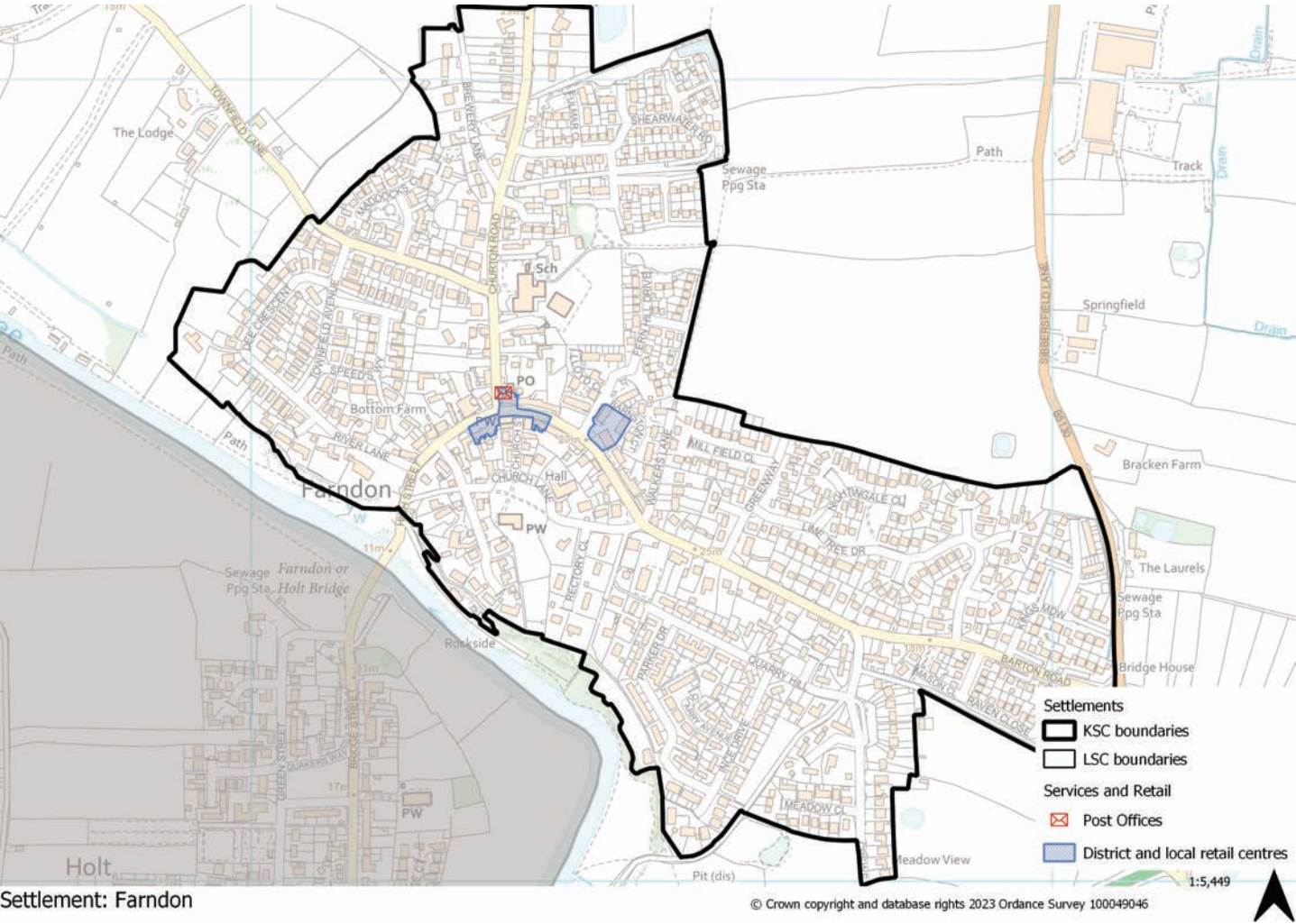
Map 3.2 Farndon green infrastructure



3 Availability of services and facilities

Local retail and services

Map 3.3 Farndon retail and services



Accessibility / access to public transport 4

4 Accessibility / access to public transport

Map 4.1 Farndon accessibility

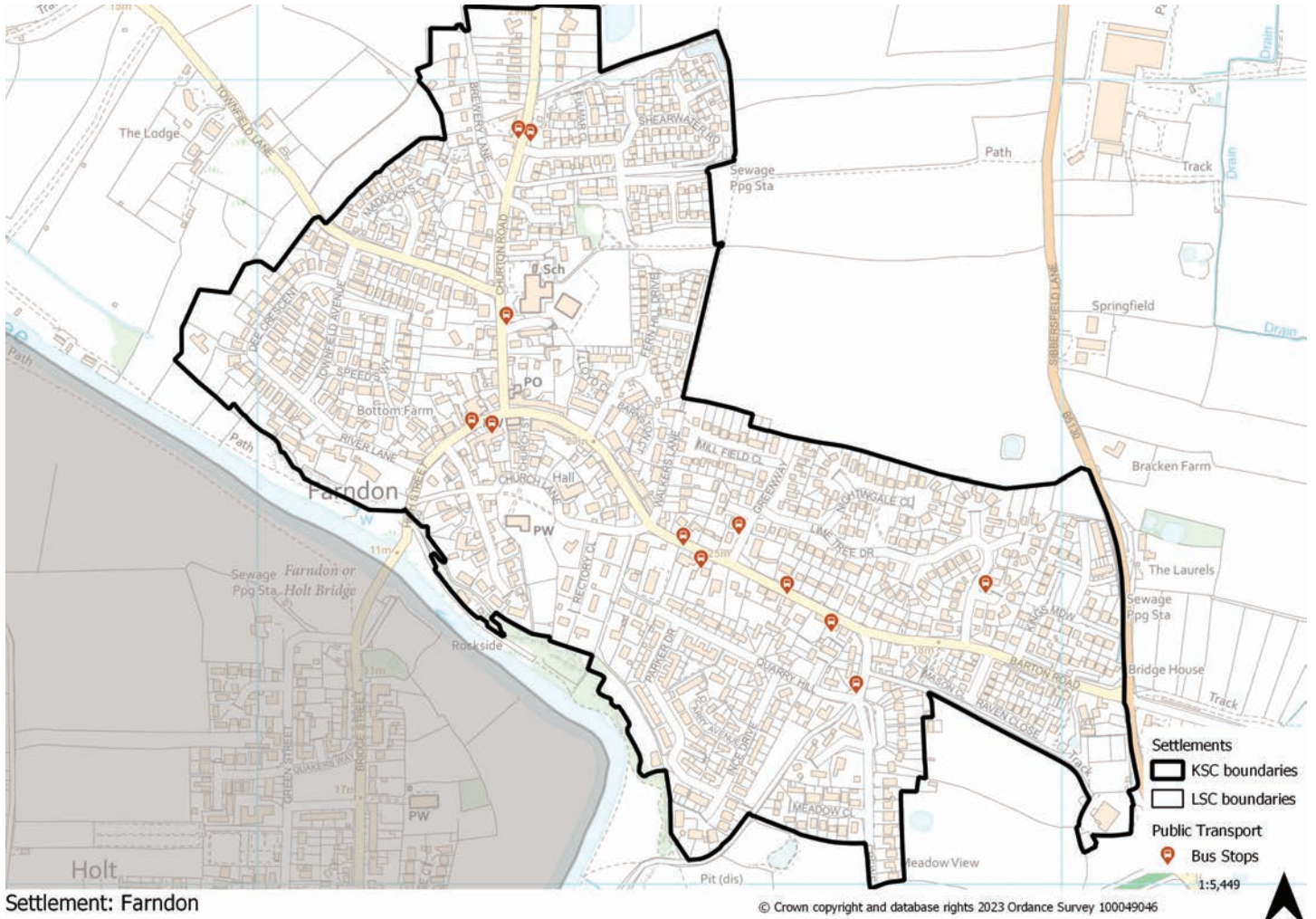


Table 4.1 Distance to other towns/higher order service centres

From Farndon to:	Distance (approximate miles)	Approximate travel time by bus	Approximate travel time by train	Approximate travel time by bicycle	Approximate travel time by car
Chester	9	38 minutes	N/A	49 minutes	20 minutes
Ellesmere Port	16	1 hour 48 minutes (no direct service)	N/A	1 hour 24 minutes	26 minutes
Northwich	24	1 hour 44 minutes (via bus and train)	N/A	2 hours 6 minutes	47 minutes
Winsford	24	2 hours 40 minutes (no direct service)	N/A	1 hour 52 minutes	43 minutes
Wrexham	6	19 minutes	N/A	39 minutes	15 minutes

4 Accessibility / access to public transport

From Farndon to:	Distance (approximate miles)	Approximate travel time by bus	Approximate travel time by train	Approximate travel time by bicycle	Approximate travel time by car
Whitchurch	15	1 hour 53 minutes (no direct service)	N/A	1 hour 16 minutes	27 minutes

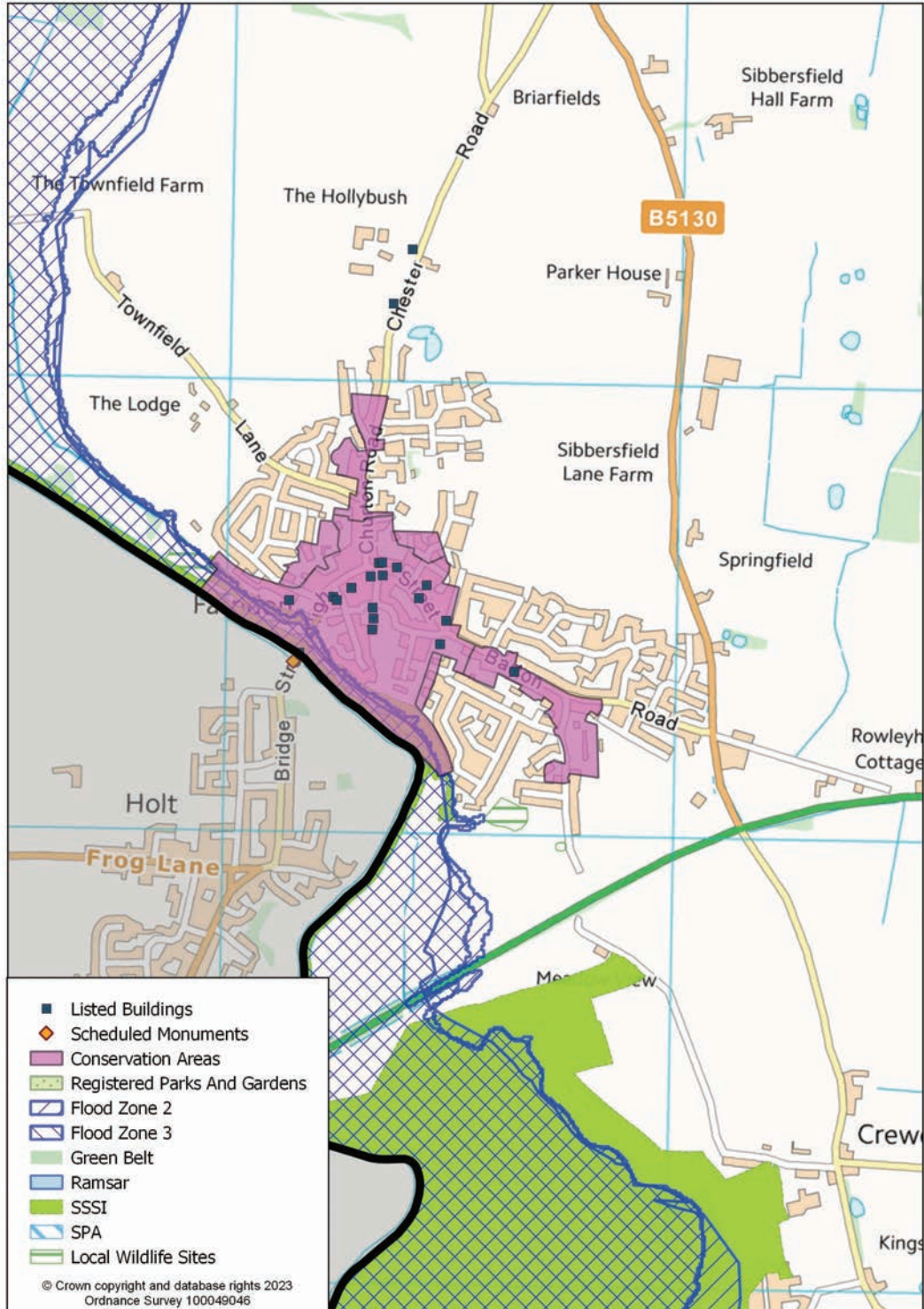
Table 4.2 Frequency of bus services from Farndon

Bus routes from Farndon	Days	Frequency
Wrexham	Mon-Sat	1/1.5 hour
Chester	Mon-Sat	1/1.5 hour

Constraints - natural / built environment 5

5 Constraints - natural / built environment

Map 5.1 Farndon constraints



5 Constraints - natural / built environment

Landscape Character

Table 5.1 Landscape character assessment

Landscape Character Type	General Description
Cheshire Plain West - surrounds the settlement	This landscape type is defined by its flat or very gentle topography enclosed by hedgerows and standard trees in small-medium enclosures that follow an irregular and semi-regular field pattern. It is differentiated from the Cheshire Plain East by the physical barrier of the Sandstone Ridge. However, in many respects there are shared characteristics and features between the Cheshire Plain East and Cheshire Plain West landscape character types.

Farndon profile summary 6

6 Farndon profile summary

Socio-economic profile

- This is a relatively small settlement in the borough with only 0.62% share of the population.
- The age profile shows that the highest percentage of residents are between 5 and 9 and 50 and 54.
- There are 970 households in the settlement, mostly 4 or more bedroom house or bungalow, with the majority being 2 person households owned outright.
- 57.1% of residents are in employment, only 0.1% below the borough figure. The primary occupation of working residents is professional.
- 40.8% of the households have 1 car or van which is the same as the borough average.
- 39.3% of residents work from home which is higher than the borough figure and where they do travel to work the main method is by driving a car or van.

Availability of services and facilities

- The Local Retail Centre is split into two areas along High Street, relatively central to the village. High Street links to Holt in Wales via a bridge over the River Dee. Within the village there are facilities such as a church, community centre, doctors and primary school. Convenience retail is lacking in Farndon, although there is a butchers, pharmacy and Post Office to meet some day to day needs.

Social and community infrastructure

- Education – one primary school.
- Health – GP practice.
- Community, culture and entertainment – village hall, library, churches, pubs and restaurants.

Accessibility / access to public transport

- Farndon lies in the south west of the borough on the Welsh/English border. Bus services are available from the village to Chester and Wrexham 1 every 1.5 hours throughout the day.

Employment opportunities

Table 6.1 Farndon employment opportunities

Number of jobs (2021)	Economically active (excluding full-time students)	Economically inactive	Jobs less economically active population	Job density
365	1,208	848	-843	0.3

Constraints - natural / built environment

- Farndon is located in the countryside to the south of the borough. A number of built and natural environmental features can be found within and surrounding the Farndon settlement area. These include the Farndon Conservation Area, which covers a large area of the central part of the settlement, a number of Listed Buildings, a Local Wildlife Site and a Site of Special Scientific Interest

6 Farndon profile summary

(SSSI) outside the built up area to the south east. Parts of the wider area to the south and north west of the main settlement are identified as being within Flood Risk Zones 2 and 3 as well as along the course of the River Dee which runs through the centre of the settlement.