

Assessment of Services and Facilities in Stone



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Introduction 1

1.1 The purpose of this Settlement Assessment of services and facilities is to provide an up-to-date record of the services and facilities present in Stone to inform the policy decision-making process for the Stafford Borough Local Development Framework (LDF).

1.2 This technical study will guide the preparation of a settlement hierarchy for the Stafford Borough area, as a framework for managing the scale of development in different locations. A separate document covering services and facilities in the rural area has been published.

1.3 The majority of the survey work for all the settlement assessments was carried out during the Spring and Summer 2007 by officers from the Forward Planning section of Stafford Borough Council. During the site visits local services, their location and opening times were recorded in order to confirm previous desktop based research regarding local services and facilities. This technical work is now available for consideration by the local community and key stakeholders in order to ensure the information collected is accurate. If you have any amendments to the Stone Assessment or any information contained within the document please contact the Forward Planning team at Stafford Borough Council.

2 Stafford Borough Local Plan

2.1 In October 1998 the Stafford Borough Local Plan 2001 was adopted. The Local Plan identifies those settlements within the Borough which have a Residential Development Boundary (RDB). These boundaries are used around settlements within which housing development will generally be permitted.

2.2 During the mid 1990s when these settlements were designated with an RDB, the following methodology was used. Each settlement was appraised in order to ascertain whether the following factors were relevant:

- the availability of services / facilities;
- the population size of the settlement; and
- the character and form of the settlement as expressed by the number of dwellings.

2.3 In terms of services and facilities, settlements with three or more of the following were considered for an RDB: -

- Medical facility i.e. surgery, chemist or dentist
- Shop outlet i.e. food or general or non food;
- Educational facility i.e. nursery unit or first / primary school or secondary school;
- Post Office;
- Public transport i.e. bus available for journey to work; bus available for evening travel; or bus available for shopping;
- Village Hall;
- Church / chapel.

2.4 Stone has a Residential Development Boundary and has a high level of services and facilities, including more than one of each of the services and facilities listed above.

Services and Facilities i

Service / Ward	Stonefield and Christchurch	St Michael's	Walton
Medical Facility	5	2	1
General Convenience Store	8	0	5
Other non-food shop	55	7	3
Educational facility	7	2	3
Post Office	1	0	1
Informal recreation area	5	1	2
Playing pitch	5	1	4
Childrens play area	2	3	6
Community hall	5	0	1
Church	2	2	0
Pub	9	2	2
Bank	6	0	0
Petrol filling station	2	1	1

i.1 The GOAD 2007 plan for Stone identifies the following shops and other services within the centre:

Stone Electrical Supplies	Morrisons	Baileys DIY	Buy 'n' Save
The Really Good Card Shop	IT Centre	Dan Walkadens Barbers	Equity Insurance
Yesterdays	Choices	Betfred	Valley Fast food
Stone Bridal & Ballet	Barber Lutherie Music	Partystop	Profile
Footstep	Nat West	Crown & Anchor	Woodgates of Stone
Animal Welfare Society	Hylands	Britannia	Pasta Di Piazza
Cancer Research UK	Jobcentre	Ethel Austin	Crown Hotel
Panda Press	Age Concern	Three cooks	The Star
Mayfair Cleaners	A J Structural Design	Oriental Garden	Tim Toft
Home & Colour Centre	Post Office	Heywoods	Granvilles

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Wikijum	Something Different	Boots the Chemist	Woolworths
Birchill & Watson	Manley House	Hammersleys of Stone	Thai Welcome
Price & Stubbs	Ladbrokes	Francesco Group	Hill & Swift
Chatwins	Crown Street Garage	The Crown of India	H S B C
The Hanley	M-Viron	La Dolce Vita	Priory Fish Bar
Shelter	Crick & Mardling	Clinton Cards	Peter Plant
Russells Butchers	W H Smith	Madelicious	Lock Keepers
The Staffordshire Cobbler	The Outdoor Pursuit Co-op	Toddy Woodgates	Al Sheikhs
Al - Shafiqs	Dunoon Factory Shop	Gems of Stone	Belvoir
Eastern Delight	Stone Lighting	Chantilly Beauty Salon	Head 2 Toe
Momentum	The Dezin Room for Hair	The Royal Exchange	Lloyds TSB
Pets Takeaway	Fire Surround Centre	Daniel & Hulme	Superdrug
Reeds Rains	The Lounge	All Season Greengrocer	Autocare
Masons	Piccolos of Stone	Lizbet	H M A Mortgages
Occasions	Thorntons	Ovilash	Regent Travel
Maison Jacqueline	The Poste of Stone	Bike Shack	Canine Cutz
Northfield Photography	R T Intech	Blue Rooms	Flower Fusion
Charles	Peter Bowers	The Stone Tanning Shop	Stones Pizza & Kebab House
Grindeys	Radford Hair Salon	The Red Lion	Donna Louise trust
Katherine House	Millies	Chatterbox Communications	The Stone Barbers
Crazy Daisies	Help the Aged	Church St Barbers	Zeta
Thomson	Herbies	Pour Les Pieds	Houses 2 Order
Barclays Bank	Stone Carpet Centre	Somerfield	Thoughts
Nusyte	Shabby Chic	Loafers Footwear Solutions	Whiteheads
R Mountford Ironmongers	The Swan Inn	Butters John Bee	Arcadia

Bus Information ii

Bus Service	Route and timetable Description
D and G Service 1	Granville Square, Radford Street, Oulton Road, Prince's Street, Old Road, Mount Street, Mount Avenue, Mount Road, Station Road, Margaret Street, Newcastle Street, Granville Square. Hourly service from 9.25 until 16.20, Monday - Saturday with no services on Sundays or bank holidays.
D and G Service 2	Stone, Granville Square, Radford Street, Christchurch Way, Lichfield Street, Lichfield Road, Uttoxeter Road, Aston Lodge Parkway, Saddler Avenue, Mercer Avenue, Saddler Avenue, Aston Lodge Parkway, Uttoxeter Road, Lichfield Road, Priors Road, Birch Road, Lichfield Road, Lichfield Street, Stafford Road, Crown Street, Newcastle Street, Granville Square. Half hourly service from 9.14 until 16.47 Monday - Friday with no services on Sundays or bank holidays.
D and G Service 3	Stone, Granville Square, Radford Street, Oulton Road, Prince's Street, Old Road, Field Terrace, Victor Street, Station Road, Margaret Street, Newcastle Street, Granville Square. Hourly service from 9.55 until 17.00 Monday - Saturday with no services on Sundays or bank holidays.
Bakerbus X1	Hanley - Stafford, calling at Stone A34 BP Garage, Granville Square and A51 Three Crowns. Operates hourly between 6.40 and 19.30 Monday - Friday and between 7.00 and 18.30 on Saturdays and bank holidays. There are no Sunday services.
First 101	Hanley - Stafford, calling at Stone at Filleybrooks Filling Station, Stone by-pass, Walton corner and Walton Industrial Estate. Operates every 20 minutes - half hour from 06.00 until 23.00 Monday - Saturday. Operates hourly service on Sundays and bank holidays.

Stone Rail Station

ii.1 Stone Rail Station is no longer served by trains, but by a bus service calling at Stone Granville Square.

iii Library Information

iii.1 Stone has one library in the Market Square, which has the following opening hours: -

- Monday: 9.00am - 5.00pm
- Tuesday: 9.00am - 6.00pm
- Wednesday: 9.00am - 1.00pm
- Thursday: 9.00am - 5.00pm
- Friday: 9.00am - 6.00pm
- Saturday: 9.00am - 4.00pm
- Sunday: CLOSED

iii.2 In addition there are the following mobile library services:

Location	Length of service	Day of service
Bromfield Court	30 minutes	Alternate Tuesdays
Lotus Court	35 minutes	Alternate Tuesdays
Longhope House	25 minutes	Alternate Tuesdays

Population and Demographics iv

iv.1 Below is the 1991 and 2001 census population figures for Stone.

Settlement	Population at Local Plan (1991 census)	2001 census	% change
Stone	12,648	14,555	+15.08

The population split between the three Stone wards is as follows:

- 5,451 (27.5%) live in Walton ward
- 4,253 (29.3%) live in Stonefield and Christchurch ward
- 4,851 (33.3%) live in St Michael's ward

v Sport and Recreation Information

v.1 Below is information regarding formal sport and recreation provision in Stone.

Description of Sport and Recreation Facility
<p>Alleyes Sports Centre, ST15 8DR</p> <p>2 grass pitches, sports hall, swimming pool, synthetic turf pitch</p> <p>Disability access, parking</p> <p>Owned by community school</p>
<p>Alleyes High School - A Technology School</p> <p>Grass Pitches</p> <p>Disability access, parking</p> <p>Owned by Community School</p>
<p>Oulton Cricket Club, ST15 8US</p> <p>Grass Pitches</p> <p>Managed by Cricket Club</p>
<p>Peter May Sports Ground, ST15 8JE</p> <p>Grass Pitches, parking</p> <p>Owned by Sports Club</p>
<p>Stone Youth Club, ST15 8ER</p> <p>Grass Pitches, parking</p> <p>Owned by Sports Club</p>
<p>Stone Golf Club, ST15 0NB</p> <p>Golf, parking</p> <p>Owned by Sports Club</p>
<p>The Studio Health & Fitness Gym, ST15 8JP</p>

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Description of Sport and Recreation Facility
<p>Total Health & Fitness Suite, parking</p> <p>Commercial ownership</p>
<p>Westbridge Park and Fitness Centre, ST15 8QW</p> <p>Total Health and Fitness Suite, Sports Hall,</p> <p>Disability access, parking</p> <p>Owned by Local Authority</p>
<p>Westbridge Park, ST15 0EX</p> <p>Grass Pitches, parking</p> <p>Owned by Local Authority</p>
<p>Walton Common, ST15 0HF</p> <p>Grass Pitches, parking</p> <p>Owned by Local Authority</p>
<p>Stone Cricket Club, ST15 8QH</p> <p>Grass pitches, parking</p> <p>Owned by Local Authority</p>
<p>Stone House Hotel Leisure Club, ST15 0BQ</p> <p>Total Health & Fitness Suite, swimming pool</p> <p>Disability access, parking</p> <p>Commercial ownership</p>
<p>Little Stoke Cricket Club, ST15 8RA</p> <p>Grass Pitches</p> <p>Disability access, parking</p>

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Description of Sport and Recreation Facility
Owned by Sports Club
Stone Lawn Tennis & Squash Club, Newcastle Road, ST15 8LD Tennis and squash courts, parking

(Source: Activeplaces survey, Sport England)