



Settlement Hierarchy Background Paper

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1. Introduction and Scope

- 1.1 This paper sets out the settlement hierarchy for Fylde, and will form part of the background evidence for the Fylde Local Plan to 2042. It indicates in broad terms which settlements are best placed to deliver the sustainable development, in order to meet Fylde's development needs, and therefore underpins the Development Strategy for the Local Plan. The key objective of sustainable development is expressed in both the National Planning Policy Framework and Planning Practice Guidance (PPG).
- 1.2 This document follows the approach of the Settlement Hierarchy Background Paper 2016 which was produced in support of the Fylde Local Plan to 2032. The approach used in the 2016 paper was found sound by the Inspector who examined the Fylde Local Plan to 2032¹. This document is therefore an update of the 2016 paper to reflect any changes in circumstances of the individual settlements and their facilities. Further details are set out in the Methodology section.
- 1.3 This document assesses the following locations so as to produce a hierarchy of settlements in Fylde, for inclusion in the Fylde Local Plan to 2042. The locations considered here have been expanded in comparison to the 2016 paper to include smaller collections of development, for completeness. In addition, the newly developing area of Whitehills has been added (this was only in the earliest stages of development at the time of the 2016 paper). Similarly, the as-yet undeveloped area of Whyndyke which is committed through the existing Local Plan is considered in the assessment based on access to current facilities. Not all of the locations included necessarily warrant description as a settlement.

Table 1: Locations in Scope

Ansdell and Fairhaven	Lytham	Warton
Ballam	Moss Side	Weeton
Clifton	Newton	Weeton Barracks
Elswick	Normoss	Wesham
Freckleton	Roseacre	Westby
Great and Little Singleton	Squires Gate	Wharles
Great Plumpton	St Annes	Whitehills
Greenhalgh	Staining	Whyndyke
Kirkham	Thistleton	Wrea Green
Little Eccleston	Treales	

¹ <https://new.fylde.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/5-Fylde-Local-Plan-to-2032-Inspector-s-Final-Report-including-Appendix.pdf> paragraphs 25-36

2. Methodology

- 2.1 The former North West of England Plan Regional Spatial Strategy to 2021 (RSS), set out accessibility criteria and scoring schemes for new employment and residential development. These criteria and scoring scheme are based upon the criteria and scoring in the former Joint Lancashire Structure Plan.
- 2.2 The purpose of the settlement hierarchy is to rank and group the settlements of the borough according to the size of their population and the availability of services and facilities. As the accessibility criteria and scoring in the former RSS is used to assess the accessibility of new employment and residential development to services and facilities, it is not feasible to use this to determine the settlement hierarchy. Although the RSS has been revoked, the principles it used to ascertain the settlement hierarchy remain sound and so the criteria and scoring in that document can be used to provide an indication of the weight that could be given to different themes, such as access to schools, open space and public transport.
- 2.3 In consideration of this, the criteria and scoring in the former RSS has been used as a basis for the criteria and scoring in the settlement hierarchy. It should be noted that the criteria and scoring in the former RSS was always intended as good practice, and is not policy. The settlement hierarchy has specifically been informed by the residential criteria and scoring, as this sets out criteria that are more relevant to inform a settlement hierarchy, such as access to shopping and schools.

Fylde settlement hierarchy criteria and scoring

- 2.4 The criteria and scoring used for this settlement hierarchy are set out below. The criteria are the same as for the 2016 paper but have been consolidated in this one section for greater clarity.

Maximum score: 5

The factors below are regarded to have the biggest influence on the position of each settlement in the settlement hierarchy. Therefore, maximum scores of '5' have been attributed to each criterion listed.

- Population
- Bus services
- Primary schools
- Open space
- Town/district/local centres/ local convenience store

Maximum score: 3

The factors below are considered to have a moderate influence on the position of each settlement in the settlement hierarchy. Therefore, maximum scores of '3' have been attributed to each criterion listed.

- Train service
- Secondary schools
- Supermarkets

Maximum score: 1

The factors below are considered to be basic services that have a lesser influence on the position of each settlement in the settlement hierarchy. Therefore, maximum scores of '1' have been attributed to each criterion listed.

- Post office
- Library
- Community facility
- Doctor's surgery (GPs)
- Indoor sport / leisure / entertainment facilities

As an exception, a maximum score of '2' is given for a library, in order to differentiate from settlements that only have access to a mobile library, where a score of '1' is given.

- 2.5 In carrying out these assessments it is acknowledged that, in the future, certain services available in some of the settlements may be discontinued or the level of provision reduced and that access to services may change. However, as the outcome of these service reviews is unknown at this time, all services have been assessed at their current levels of provision.
- 2.6 The settlements are defined by the limits of development; however a pragmatic approach has been taken in small rural settlements where development may be discontinuous. Where settlements adjoin, the limits are taken to be the parish boundaries. Normoss overlaps into Wyre and Blackpool; Squires Gate overlaps into Blackpool. The settlements are considered to be the parts of the areas located in Fylde, but may be served by facilities within the distances required by the criteria in Wyre or Blackpool.

Distances from services and facilities

- 2.7 The hierarchy considers population, along with services and facilities that are within easy access of a settlement. For the purpose of the hierarchy, easy access is generally considered to be no more than 10 minutes walking distance from the centre of the settlement. This is taken to be 800 metres. It should be noted that the centre of Normoss is considered to be the central part of the area of Normoss within Fylde. The centre of Squires Gate is considered to be the central part of the residential area of Squires Gate within Fylde.
- 2.8 There are two exceptions to the 10 minute walk rule. The first is secondary school access. A maximum threshold of 1km cycling distance to a secondary school from a new residential development has been used for the hierarchy to determine whether a settlement has access to a secondary school, as measured from the centre of the settlement.
- 2.9 The second exception is access to a supermarket. These are places where consumers often undertake weekly shopping trips, therefore the majority visit using the car or public transport. Consequently, a threshold of 3km from the centre of each settlement has been used to determine whether each settlement has easy access to a supermarket.
- 2.10 The above methodology means that some settlements will have access to facilities and services that are within adjacent settlements / areas / boroughs.

Population

- 2.11 The population figures have been taken from the 2024 mid-year population estimates using the neighbourhood statistics site. The data is based upon parishes, unless there is more than one settlement within the parish. In these cases, new areas have been constructed, using the 'custom' section of the website, in order to obtain population data for a specific area.

Bus services

- 2.12 The hierarchy takes account of the number of buses and the number of destination settlements that can be accessed by bus. Bus timetables have been used to obtain this information. The scoring for each settlement has therefore been derived by combining the frequency of the bus service along with the number of destinations visited. Only settlements identified as key service centres or local service centres in the current Local Plan are counted as destinations to avoid bias from a small number of long circuitous routes. Destinations outside Fylde are included: Blackpool, Preston, Poulton-le-Fylde, Cleveleys and Fleetwood, all of which have town centres. Blackpool Victoria Hospital is included as a destination in its own right owing to its importance. The scoring is based on the point in the settlement which has the most frequent bus service.
- 2.13 The tables in the appendix show how the scoring for bus services has been derived for each settlement. The number of buses per hour are from Monday to Saturday, and are one way (ie the number in each direction). The scoring does not take account of school services.

Train services

- 2.14 The settlement hierarchy takes account of train frequency, and this information has been obtained from train timetables. Kirkham and Wesham railway station, which is situated on both the North Fylde Railway line and the South Fylde Railway Line, between Preston and Blackpool, is the station served by the highest number of train services in Fylde. There are two services that stop at the Kirkham and Wesham railway station every hour. Squires Gate, St Annes, Ansdell, Lytham and Moss Side stations are all situated on the South Fylde railway line, and there is only one service per hour at these stations. None of the other settlements have a rail service.

Retail centres

- 2.15 The urban settlements have been categorised by type of centre by way of a Retail Hierarchy: i.e. town centre, district centre and local centre. This provides an indication of the level of shopping within each centre. The adopted Fylde Local Plan includes defined town, district and local centre boundaries. The settlements are scored in accordance with the presence of these centres. In the case of Normoss, there is a local centre designated in the adopted Wyre Local Plan. The clusters of shops at Squires Gate are just within the Blackpool boundary, and are designated as local centres in the Blackpool Local Plan. (There are three 'local centres' at Squires Gate).
- 2.16 A new local centre is planned for Whyndyke. In Whitehills, planning permission has been granted for the development of a new local centre and construction has commenced.
- 2.17 In rural settlements, settlements are scored based on whether the settlement has a local convenience retail store.

Supermarkets

- 2.18 The supermarkets identified are Booths, Heyhouses, St Annes; Booths, Lytham; Morrison's, Kirkham; Morrisons, Squires Gate; Sainsbury's, St Annes; Marks and Spencer Simply Food; St Annes; Aldi, St Annes; Aldi, Wesham, Aldi, Lytham; Lidl, Squires Gate; and Lidl, Lytham. In addition, Tesco Extra, Clifton Road, Blackpool, Lidl, Garstang Road East Poulton-le-Fylde and

Booths, Poulton-le-Fylde are recognised as supermarkets although outside the Borough boundary.

3. Results

Population

3.1 The following scoring has been used for the population of each settlement:

Population of each settlement		Score
More than 10,000	St Annes	5
5,000-10,000	Ansdell, Kirkham, Lytham, Warton	4
3,000-5,000	Freckleton, Wesham	3
1,000-3,000	Elswick, Newton, Squires Gate, Staining, Whitehills, Wrea Green	2
500-1,000	Clifton, Little Eccleston, Great and Little Singleton, Normoss, Weeton, Weeton Barracks	1
Under 500	Ballam, Great Plumpton, Greenhalgh, Moss Side, Roseacre, Thistleton, Treales, Westby, Wharles, Whyndyke	0

Bus services

3.2 The table below shows how the scores for each settlement relates to the hierarchy scores. The appendix shows how the scoring for bus services has been derived.

Bus service score (i.e. the total number of buses per hour, plus the number of destinations)						
Bus service score	0	1-9	10-19	20-29	30-39	40+
Settlement hierarchy score	0	1	2	3	4	5

3.3 In line with the above scoring system, each settlement is ranked as follows in relation to bus services. The score is the total number of buses per hour plus the number of destinations (see Appendix at back of this paper).

Access to bus services					
Settlement	Score	Settlement hierarchy Score	Settlement	Score	Settlement hierarchy score
Squires Gate	47	5	Whyndyke	11	2
St Annes	43	5	Whitehills	11	2
Lytham	43	5	Weeton Barracks	10	2
Ansdell	43	5	Great Plumpton	9	1
Kirkham	27	3	Gt & Lt Singleton	9	1
Warton	25	3	Little Eccleston	8	1
Normoss	19	2	Thistleton	8	1
Wesham	18	2	Greenhalgh	0	0
Freckleton	17	2	Wharles	0	0
Weeton	17	2	Westby	0	0
Wrea Green	15	2	Ballam	0	0
Clifton	13	2	Roseacre	0	0
Newton	13	2	Moss Side	0	0
Elswick	12	2	Treales	0	0
Staining	11	2			

Rail services

- 3.4 Kirkham and Wesham railway station has the most frequent train service in Fylde. Therefore, these settlements are given a score of '3'. Squires Gate, St Annes, Ansdell, Lytham and Moss Side, each with one service (in each direction) per hour, are given scores of '2', in order to give weight to their accessibility to a train service. The other settlements are given a '0' score, as they have no train services.

Access to rail services		Score
2 or more per hour	Wesham, Kirkham	3
1 per hour	Ansdell & Fairhaven, Lytham, Moss Side, St Annes, Squires Gate	2
No service	Ballam, Clifton, Elswick, Freckleton, Great Plumpton, Greenhalgh, Little Eccleston, Newton, Normoss, Roseacre, Gt & Lt Singleton, Staining, Thistleton, Treales, Warton, Weeton, Weeton Barracks, Westby, Wharles, Whitehills, Whyndyke, Wrea Green	0

Retail Centres

- 3.5 The scoring for Fylde's retail centres is set out in the table below.

Access to retail centres		Score
Town centres	Kirkham, Lytham, St Annes	5
District centres	Ansdell & Fairhaven	4
Local centres	Freckleton, Normoss, Squires Gate, Warton, Whitehills	3
Local convenience store	Clifton, Elswick, Little Eccleston, Great and Little Singleton, Newton, Staining, Weeton Barracks, Wesham, Whyndyke, Wrea Green	2
No provision	Ballam, Great Plumpton, Greenhalgh, Moss Side, Roseacre, Thistleton, Treales, Weeton, Westby, Wharles	0

Supermarkets

3.6 The scoring in relation to supermarket access is set out in the table below.

Access to supermarkets		Score
Supermarket within settlement or within 3km of settlement	Ansdell and Fairhaven, Great and Little Singleton, Greenhalgh, Kirkham, Lytham, Moss Side, Newton, Normoss, Staining, St Annes, Squires Gate, Treales, Warton, Wesham, Whitehills, Whyndyke, Wrea Green	3
Supermarket further than 3km from settlement	Ballam, Clifton, Elswick, Freckleton, Great Plumpton, Little Eccleston, Roseacre, Thistleton, Weeton, Weeton Barracks, Westby, Wharles	0

Post Offices

3.7 This part of the hierarchy is based on whether the settlement has access to a post office. Some of the larger settlements have more than one post office. However, as they are serving larger populations, they are given equal scores to those settlements with only one post office. The scoring in relation to post office access is set out in the table below. In the case of Little Eccleston, the post office in Great Eccleston in Wyre is within walking distance of the centre of the settlement.

Access to Post Offices		Score
Post office	Ansdell and Fairhaven, Clifton, Freckleton, Kirkham, Little Eccleston, Lytham, Newton, Normoss, St Annes, Squires Gate, Warton, Weeton Barracks, Wesham, Wrea Green	1
No post office	Ballam, Elswick, Great Plumpton, Greenhalgh, Moss Side, Roseacre, Great and Little Singleton, Staining, Thistleton, Treales, Weeton, Westby, Wharles, Whitehills, Whyndyke	0

Library

- 3.8 This part of the hierarchy is based on whether the settlement has access to a library. The scoring for library access is set out in the table below. The library at Langdale Rd Blackpool is within 800m of the Whyndyke area.

Access to Libraries		Score
Library	Ansdell, Freckleton, Kirkham, Lytham, Normoss, St Annes, Wesham, Whyndyke	2
Mobile library	Elswick, Great Plumpton, Little Eccleston, Newton, Roseacre, Singleton, Staining, Warton, Weeton, Weeton Barracks, Whitehills, Wrea Green	1
No library	Ballam, Clifton, Greenhalgh, Moss Side, Squires Gate, Thistleton, Treales, Westby, Wharles	0

Community Facility

- 3.9 The term 'community facility' in the context of this settlement hierarchy refers to an indoor community facility where a room (or rooms) can be hired for community functions e.g. bingo, yoga etc, and that can also be hired for private use e.g. wedding reception. Such buildings are typically halls and community centres. The scoring in relation to access to community facilities is set out in the table below.

Access to Community Facilities		Score
Community facility	Ansdell, Elswick, Freckleton, Kirkham, Lytham, Newton, St. Annes, Singleton, Staining, Warton, Weeton, Wesham, Wrea Green	1
No community facility	Ballam, Clifton, Great Plumpton, Greenhalgh, Little Eccleston, Moss Side, Normoss, Roseacre, Squires Gate, Thistleton, Treales, Weeton Barracks, Westby, Whitehills, Wharles, Whyndyke	0

- 3.10 Marton and Mereside Youth and Community Centre is within 800m of parts of the Whyndyke site but farther than 800m from the centre of the site. Therefore Whyndyke is taken to not have access to a community facility.

GPs' Surgery

- 3.10 This part of the settlement hierarchy is based on whether the settlement has access to a doctors' surgery (GP). The scoring in relation to access to a doctors' surgery is set out in the table below.

Access to Doctors Surgeries (GPs)		Score
General Practitioner	Ansdell, Freckleton, Kirkham, Lytham, St Annes, Weeton Barracks	1
No General Practitioner	Ballam, Clifton, Elswick, Great Plumptre, Greenhalgh, Little Eccleston, Moss Side, Newton, Normoss, Roseacre, Singleton, Staining, Squires Gate, Thistleton, Treales, Warton, Weeton, Wesham, Westby, Wharles, Whitehills, Whyndyke, Wrea Green	0

- 3.11 The nearest doctors' surgery (GP) to Wesham is further than 800 metres from the centre of the settlement. Therefore, Wesham is not considered to have easy access to a doctors' surgery (GP) as the doctors' surgery is more than 800 metres from the centre of the settlement.
- 3.12 The nearest doctors' surgery (GP) to Warton is within Freckleton. This facility is further than 800 metres from the centre of Warton. Therefore, Warton is not considered to have easy access to a doctors' surgery (GP).
- 3.13 Normoss has a doctors' surgery (GP) more than 800 metres outside the centre of the settlement. Therefore, Normoss is not considered to have easy access to a doctors' surgery (GP).
- 3.14 The health centre in Great Eccleston is more than 800 metres from the centre of Little Eccleston. Therefore, Little Eccleston is not considered to have easy access to a doctors' surgery (GP).
- 3.15 The nearest doctors' surgery (GP) to Squires Gate is more than 800 metres from the centre of the residential part of Squires Gate. Therefore, Squires Gate is not considered to have easy access to a doctors' surgery (GP).

Indoor sport / leisure / entertainment facilities

- 3.16 This part of the hierarchy is based on whether a settlement has easy access to indoor sports and leisure facilities, such as a swimming pool, gym, cinema or other similar type of facility. The scoring in relation to access to such facilities is set out in the table below.

Access to indoor sports and leisure facilities		Score
Indoor sport / leisure facility	Ansdell, Kirkham, Lytham, Normoss, St Annes, Warton, Whitehills	1
No indoor sport / leisure facility	Ballam, Clifton, Elswick, Freckleton, Great Plumpton, Greenhalgh, Little Eccleston, Moss Side, Newton, Roseacre, Singleton, Staining, Squires Gate, Thistleton, Treales, Weeton, Wesham, Westby, Wharles, Whyndyke, Wrea Green	0

- 3.17 St Annes has several facilities, including a cinema and swimming pool. Ansdell has the YMCA Sports Arena. Lytham has the Lowther Pavilion and YMCA leisure centre. Kirkham has a swimming pool and access to Ribby Hall Village. Warton has the BACTIVE Fitness Centre. Normoss has the Walterz Centre at Newton Hall which includes a bowling alley. The other settlements are not within reach of facilities.

Primary Schools

- 3.18 This part of the settlement hierarchy is based on whether a settlement has easy access to a primary school. The scoring for primary school access is set out in the table below.

Access to primary schools		Score
Primary school	Ansdell, Freckleton, Kirkham, Lytham, Newton, Normoss, St Annes, Singleton, Staining, Warton, Weeton, Weeton Barracks, Wesham, Wrea Green	5
No primary school	Ballam, Clifton, Elswick, Great Plumpton, Greenhalgh, Little Eccleston, Moss Side, Roseacre, Squires Gate, Thistleton, Treales, Westby, Wharles, Whitehills, Whyndyke	0

3.19 Notes on the scoring:

- Roseacre Primary School in Blackpool is more than 800 metres from the centre of the residential part of Squires Gate. Therefore, Squires Gate is not considered to have easy access to a primary school.
- St Mary's RC School in Great Eccleston is further than 800 metres from the centre of Little Eccleston. Therefore, Little Eccleston is not considered to have easy access to a primary school.
- Treales School is further than 800 metres from the centre of Treales. Therefore, Treales is not considered to have easy access to a primary school.
- Copp C of E Primary School, North of Elswick, is more than 800 metres from the centre of Elswick. Therefore, Elswick is not considered to have easy access to a primary school.

Secondary Schools

3.20 This part of the settlement hierarchy refers to whether a settlement has easy access to a secondary school. The scoring for secondary school access is set out in the table below.

Access to secondary schools		Score
Secondary school	Ansdell, Kirkham, Lytham, Normoss, St Annes	3
No secondary school	Ballam, Clifton, Elswick, Freckleton, Great Plumptton, Greenhalgh, Little Eccleston, Moss Side, Newton, Roseacre, Singleton, Squires Gate, Staining, Thistleton, Treales, Warton, Weeton, Weeton Barracks, Wesham, Westby, Wharles, Whitehills, Whyndyke, Wrea Green	0

3.21 Notes on the scoring:

- Ansdell, Kirkham, Lytham and St Annes all have secondary schools within their settlements.
- The schools in Kirkham are more than 1km from the centre of Wesham. Therefore, Wesham is not considered to have easy access to a secondary school.
- Armfield Academy is more than 1km from the centre of the residential part of Squires Gate. Therefore Squires Gate is not considered to have easy access to a secondary school.
- Normoss is within 1km of St Mary's Catholic Academy in Blackpool. Therefore Normoss is considered to have easy access to a secondary school.

Open Space

- 3.22 This part of the hierarchy refers to whether a settlement has easy access (i.e. accessibility) to open space (Green Infrastructure network). Specifically, this refers to Public Open Space and Recreational Areas. Normoss Public Open Space as designated in the Blackpool Local Plan is within 800 metres of the centre of the settlement. Therefore, Normoss is given a score. These types of open space have been chosen because they are areas of outdoor recreation space that are accessible to the general public.
- 3.23 Some settlements have only one area of open space (Green Infrastructure network), whilst other settlements may have several areas of open space. To differentiate between these settlements, a category has been added to the scoring that gives extra weight to settlements with more than one area of open space. The scoring in relation to open space access is set out in the following table.

Table 15: Access to Open Space (Green Infrastructure network)		Score
More than one designated open space	Andsell, Elswick, Freckleton, Kirkham, Lytham, St Annes, Singleton, Squires Gate, Weeton, Warton, Wesham, Whitehills, Wrea Green	5
Designated open space	Clifton, Newton, Normoss, Staining, Treales	3
No designated open space	Ballam, Great Plumpton, Greenhalgh, Little Eccleston, Moss Side, Roseacre, Thistleton, Weeton Barracks, Westby, Wharles, Whyndyke	0

Overall results

	Andsell	Ballam	Clifton	Elswick	Freckleton	Great Plumpton	Greenhalgh	Kirkham	Little Eccleston	Lytham	Moss Side	Newton	Normoss	Roseacre	St Annes	Singleton	Staining	Squires Gate	Thistleton	Treales	Warton	Weeton	Weeton Barracks	Wesham	Westby	Wharles	Whitehills	Whyndyke	Wrea Green
Population	4	0	1	2	3	0	0	4	1	4	0	2	1	0	5	1	2	2	0	0	4	1	1	3	0	0	2	0	2
Public transport																													
Bus service	5	0	2	2	2	1	0	3	1	5	0	2	2	0	5	1	2	5	1	0	3	2	2	2	0	0	2	2	2
Train service	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	2	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0
Shopping																													
Centres	4	0	2	2	3	0	0	5	2	5	0	2	3	0	5	2	2	3	0	0	3	0	2	2	0	0	3	2	2
Supermarket	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	0	3	3	3	3	0	3	0	0	3	0	3	3	0	0	3	0	0	3	3	3
Services																													
Post office	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Library	2	0	1	1	2	1	0	2	1	2	0	1	2	1	2	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	2	0	0	1	2	1
Community facility	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
GPs' Surgery	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Indoor leisure	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Schools																													
Primary school	5	0	0	0	5	0	0	5	0	5	0	5	5	0	5	5	5	0	0	0	5	5	5	5	0	0	0	0	5
Secondary school	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	0	0	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Open space																													
Open space	5	0	3	5	5			5	0	5	0	3	3	0	5	5	5	5	0	3	5	5	0	5	0	0	5	0	5
TOTAL SCORE	37	0	10	11	23	2	3	37	6	38	5	20	24	1	39	16	18	21	1	6	26	15	13	27	0	0	17	9	19

4. Conclusions

4.1 The settlement hierarchy has been derived from the results of the assessment, and is set out below:

Location	Score	Settlement Hierarchy
St Annes	39	Key Service Centre
Lytham	38	Key Service Centre
Kirkham	37	Key Service Centre
Ansdel & Fairhaven	37	Local Service Centre
Wesham	27	Local Service Centre
Warton	26	Local Service Centre
Normoss	24	Settlement adjoining boundary
Freckleton	23	Local Service Centre
Squires Gate	21	Settlement adjoining boundary
Newton	20	Tier 1: Larger Rural Settlement
Wrea Green	19	Tier 1: Larger Rural Settlement
Staining	18	Tier 1: Larger Rural Settlement
Whitehills	17	To become Local Service Centre
Singleton	16	Tier 2: Smaller Rural Settlement
Weeton	15	Tier 2: Smaller Rural Settlement
Weeton Barracks	13	Tier 2: Smaller Rural Settlement
Elswick	11	Tier 2: Smaller Rural Settlement
Clifton	10	Tier 2: Smaller Rural Settlement
Whyndyke	9	To become Local Service Centre
Little Eccleston	6	Not included
Treales	6	Not included
Moss Side	5	Not included
Greenhalgh	3	Not included
Great Plumpton	2	Not included
Roseacre	1	Not included
Thistleton	1	Not included
Ballam	0	Not included
Westby	0	Not included
Wharles	0	Not included

- 4.2 Although Ansdell and Fairhaven achieves a similar score to Kirkham, the settlement hierarchy only identifies those locations with a designated town centre as Key Service Centres. Ansdell and Fairhaven is the only location in the Borough with a District Centre. In the hierarchy it is a Local Service Centre to make clear its lower status compared to St Annes and Lytham which it adjoins.
- 4.3 Whitehills and Whyndyke are identified in the existing Local Plan to become Local Service Centres. Although they currently have lower levels of services than appropriate, this reflects that the areas are developing; in the case of Whyndyke, development has not commenced. Further services and facilities will be provided to reach an appropriate level for the projected settlement size.
- 4.4 The settlement areas which adjoin settlements in neighbouring boroughs do not have identified status. In both cases a larger population exists on the other side of the boundary: in Squires Gate within Blackpool and at Normoss within areas of both Wyre and Blackpool. Accordingly their overall place in any hierarchy is better determined through the plans of those boroughs.
- 4.5 It is recommended that the settlement hierarchy as shown in the table above be taken forward in the new Local Plan. Some locations are not included in the hierarchy and as such should not be treated as settlements in the emerging Local Plan.

Appendix 1

Scoring for Bus Services

Ansdell and Fairhaven													
Bus													Number per hour
	Cleveleys	BLACKPOOL	Blackpool Victoria	Poulton-le-Fylde	Squires Gate	St Annes	Lytham	Warton	Freckleton	Kirkham	Wesham	PRESTON	
7													2
10													2
11													2
68													3
76													1
78													1
													11

Score: Total buses per hour + No. destinations $11 + 32 = 43$

Ballam									
Bus									Number per hour
None									0
									0

Score: Total buses per hour + No. destinations $0 + 0 = 0$

Clifton								
Bus								Number per hour
	BLACKPOOL	Fleetwood	Cleveleys	Poulton-le-Fylde	Wesham	Kirkham	PRESTON	
75								1
61								2
								3

Score: Total buses per hour + No. destinations 3 + 10 = 13

Elswick											
Bus											Number per hour
	Fleetwood	Poulton-le-Fylde	St Annes	Andell	Lytham	Warton	Freckleton	Kirkham	Wesham	PRESTON	
78											1
74											1
											2

Score: Total buses per hour + No. destinations 2 + 10 = 12

Freckleton										
Bus										Number per hour
	BLACKPOOL	Squires Gate	St Annes	Ansdell	Lytham	Warton	Kirkham	Wesham	PRESTON	
68										3
78										1
										4

Score: Total buses per hour + No. destinations $4 + 13 = 17$

Great and little Singleton									
Bus									Number per hour
	BLACKPOOL	Blackpool Victoria	Poulton-le-Fylde	Kirkham	Warton	Lytham	Ansdell	St Annes	
76									1
									1

Score: Total buses per hour + No. destinations $1 + 8 = 9$

Note: buses 42 and 74 operate via the bypass and make no stops close to either settlement area

Great Plumpton									
Bus								Number per hour	
	BLACKPOOL	Blackpool Victoria	Poulton-le-Fylde	Kirkham	Warton	Lytham	Ansdell	St Annes	
76									1
									1

Score: Total buses per hour + No. destinations $1 + 8 = 9$

Greenhalgh									
Bus								Number per hour	
None								0	
								0	

Score: Total buses per hour + No. destinations $0 + 0 = 0$

Kirkham													
Bus													Number per hour
	BLACKPOOL	Blackpool Victoria	St Annes	Andsell	Lytham	Warton	Freckleton	Fleetwood	Cleveleys	Poulton-le-Fylde	Wesham	PRESTON	
75													1
76													1
78													1
61													2
													5

Score: Total buses per hour + No. destinations 5 + 22 = 27

Little Eccleston						
Bus						Number per hour
	BLACKPOOL	Fleetwood	Poulton-le-Fylde	Garstang	PRESTON	
42						1
74						1
						2

Score: Total buses per hour + No. destinations 2 + 6 = 8

Lytham													
Bus													Number per hour
	Cleveleys	BLACKPOOL	Blackpool Victoria	Poulton-le-Fylde	Squires Gate	St Annes	Andell	Warton	Freckleton	Kirkham	Wesham	PRESTON	
7													2
10													2
11													2
68													3
76													1
78													1
													11

Score: Total buses per hour + No. destinations $11 + 32 = 43$

Moss Side									
Bus									Number per hour
None									0
									0

Score: Total buses per hour + No. destinations $0 + 0 = 0$

Newton								
Bus								Number per hour
	BLACKPOOL	Fleetwood	Cleveleys	Poulton-le-Fylde	Wesham	Kirkham	PRESTON	
75								1
61								2
								3

Score: Total buses per hour + No. destinations	3 + 10 = 13
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Normoss										
Bus										Number per hour
	Squires Gate	BLACKPOOL	Blackpool Victoria	Fleetwood	Cleveleys	Poulton-le-Fylde	Wesham	Kirkham	PRESTON	
75										1
5A										1
5										2
										4

Score: Total buses per hour + No. destinations	4 + 15 = 19
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Service 5 runs along Normoss Road outside the Borough boundary but the stop is within 400m of the centre of the part of Normoss within Fylde.

Roseacre									
Bus									Number per hour
None									0
									0

Score: Total buses per hour + No. destinations $0 + 0 = \underline{0}$

Squires Gate														
Bus														Number per hour
	Fleetwood	Cleveleys	BLACKPOOL	Blackpool Victoria	Poulton-le-Fylde	St Annes	Ansdell	Lytham	Warton	Freckleton	Kirkham	Wesham	PRESTON	
5														2
5A														1
5B														1
7														2
11														2
18														1
68														3
Tram														4
														16

Score: Total buses per hour + No. destinations $16 + 31 = 47$

St. Annes

Bus													Number per hour
	Cleveleys	BLACKPOOL	Blackpool Victoria	Poulton-le-Fylde	Squires Gate	Andell	Lytham	Warton	Freckleton	Kirkham	Wesham	PRESTON	
7													2
10													2
11													2
68													3
76													1
78													1
													11

Score: Total buses per hour + No. destinations $11 + 32 = 43$

Staining

Bus										Number per hour
	Squires Gate	BLACKPOOL	Blackpool Victoria	Fleetwood	Cleveleys	Poulton-le-Fylde	Wesham	Kirkham	PRESTON	
75										1
5A										1
										2

Score: Total buses per hour + No. destinations $2 + 9 = 11$

Thistleton											
Bus											Number per hour
	Fleetwood	Poulton-le-Fylde	St Annes	Andsell	Lytham	Warton	Freckleton	Kirkham	Wesham	PRESTON	
78											1
											1

Score: Total buses per hour + No. destinations $1 + 7 = 8$

Treales									
Bus									Number per hour
None									0
									0

Score: Total buses per hour + No. destinations $0 + 0 = 0$

Warton												
Bus												Number per hour
	BLACKPOOL	Blackpool Victoria	Poulton-le-Fylde	Squires Gate	Andsell	Lytham	Warton	Freckleton	Kirkham	Wesham	PRESTON	
68												3
76												1
78												1
												5

Score: Total buses per hour + No. destinations 5 + 20 = **25**

Weeton													
Bus												Number per hour	
	BLACKPOOL	Blackpool Victoria	St Annes	Ansdell	Lytham	Warton	Fleetwood	Cleveleys	Poulton-le-Fylde	Wesham	Kirkham	PRESTON	
75													1
76													1
													2

Score: Total buses per hour + No. destinations 2 + 15 = **17**

Weeton Barracks

Bus													Number per hour
	BLACKPOOL	Blackpool Victoria	St Annes	Ansdell	Lytham	Warton	Fleetwood	Cleveleys	Poulton-le-Fylde	Wesham	Kirkham	PRESTON	
76													1
													1

Score: Total buses per hour + No. destinations $1 + 9 = 10$

Wesham

Bus												Number per hour
	BLACKPOOL	St Annes	Ansdell	Lytham	Warton	Freckleton	Fleetwood	Cleveleys	Poulton-le-Fylde	Kirkham	PRESTON	
75												1
78												1
61												2
												4

Score: Total buses per hour + No. destinations $4 + 14 = 18$

<u>Westby</u>									
Bus									Number per hour
None									0
									0

Score: Total buses per hour + No. destinations $0 + 0 = \underline{0}$

<u>Wharles</u>									
Bus									Number per hour
None									0
									0

Score: Total buses per hour + No. destinations $0 + 0 = \underline{0}$

Whitehills

Bus								Number per hour
	BLACKPOOL	Blackpool Victoria	Poulton-le-Fylde	Squires Gate	Kirkham	Wesham	PRESTON	
18								1
61								2
								3

Score: Total buses per hour + No. destinations $3 + 8 = 11$

Whyndyke

Bus								Number per hour
	BLACKPOOL	Blackpool Victoria	Poulton-le-Fylde	Squires Gate	Kirkham	Wesham	PRESTON	
18								1
61								2
								3

Score: Total buses per hour + No. destinations $3 + 8 = 11$

Wrea Green											
Bus											Number per hour
	BLACKPOOL	Blackpool Victoria	Poulton-le-Fylde	St Annes	Ansdell	Lytham	Warton	Kirkham	Wesham	PRESTON	
76											1
61											2
											3

Score: Total buses per hour + No. destinations	3 + 12 = 15
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