

Local Service Village (LSV) Definition

Bearley is one of 39 Local Service Villages (LSV) in the Stratford-on-Avon District.

Villages are classified in one of 4 categories, based on a number of criteria. The following scoring system has been used as part of the methodology:

Size of settlement:

Large (600-1000 dwellings) = 3 points

Medium (250-600 dwellings) = 2 points

Small (100-250 dwellings) = 1 point

General Store:

Large/long opening hours = 3 points

Small/long opening hours = 2 points

Small/short opening hours = 1 point

Primary School:

Large (>200 pupils) = 3 points

Medium (100-200 pupils) = 2 points

Small (<100 pupils or only infant or junior) = 1 point

Public Transport:

Very good (at least hourly Mon-Sat) = 3 points

Good (at least two hourly Mon-Sat) = 2 points

Fair (less than two hour) = 1 point

Based on this system Bearley score is 4 points (size 2 points, shop and school 0 points and public transport 2 points). Unfortunately, there was an error scoring the public transport service as very good in the revision of the LSV to be discussed on 11 February 2014 which temporarily placed Bearley as a category 3 LSV. The error was corrected in the revisions discussed 10 March 2014 and category 4 classification was confirmed by a letter dated 3 February 2014.

The four documents attached show the classifications and conclude that Bearley is a Category 4 LSV. Although they also detail the proposal at that time that would impose a housing burden on LSVs based on their categorisation, with larger, higher scoring villages taking a higher number of houses.

However, during the development of Stratford District Council's Core Strategy, it has been deemed that LSVs which lie within the Green Belt should not be subject to the same housing burden as a similarly categorised LSV which is located outside the Green Belt. This has removed the requirement for Bearley to accommodate a specific number of houses.