



Village Services Audit 2014



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1. Introduction

1.1 The report aims to present the distribution of local services and facilities within the parishes of the rural area of Melton Borough.

1.1 To achieve sustainable development, the National Planning Policy Framework (2012) points out the importance of “supporting a prosperous rural economy” by promoting “the retention and development of local services and community facilities in villages, such as local shops, meeting places, sports venues, cultural buildings, public houses and places of worship”.

1.2 Moreover, the Rural White Paper “Our Countryside: the future. A fair deal for rural England” (2000) sets out vital services for the rural community which should be supported, these include shops, health and education facilities. Also, the report highlighted the importance of basic local services such as pubs, garages and other businesses. The importance of the churches was also highlighted regarding the various services it can provide to the local community as a place of worship but also for multi-functional use.

1.3 DEFRA in its Rural Statement published in 2012 also reported the need to reduce inequalities for access to health care in rural areas.

1.4 In the light of these documents, the village services that are considered in this audit are as follow:

- education facilities (primary school and secondary school)
- local shops, post offices and petrol stations/garages
- health care facilities (general medical practice, dentist and pharmacy)
- community facilities (village hall, public house, library, sport and leisure groups and places of worship)
- transport facilities (a regular 6 day a week bus service)
- opportunities of employment in other businesses.

2. Methods of Data Collection

2.1 The data was collected in May 2014 during a desktop study and the sources used to identify the local services are presented in Table 1.

Service	Data Source
Primary School	Leicestershire County Council
Secondary School	Leicestershire County Council
Local Shop/ Convenience Store	Business Rate
Post Office	Royal Mail and Business Rate
Petrol Stations and Garages	Business Rate
General Medical Practice	Business Rate and National Health Service
Dentist	Business Rate and National Health Service
Pharmacy/Chemist	Business Rate and National Health Service
Village Hall	Local Land and Property Gazetteer and Business Rate

Public Houses, Coffees, Bars and Restaurants	Business Rate
Library	Business Rate, Leicestershire County Council
Sport and Leisure Groups	Business Rate
Places of Worship	Ordnance Survey Master Map and The Church of England
Regular 6 day a week bus service	Leicestershire County Council
Employment in other businesses	Business Rate

Table 1

2.2 Also, a consultation took place with the Parish Councils to obtain their comments about the presence of services and facilities in their area. We received 20 responses from 26 parishes and the necessary amendments were made.

2.3 The results of the audit are presented in table 2. Also, a series of maps has been produced to show the distribution of the village services and facilities at the parish level.

3. Results

3.1 Table

3.1.1 The Table 2 presents the result of the village services and facilities audit.

Village	Parishes	Primary School	Secondary School and higher education	Local Shop	Post Office	Petrol Stations and garages	General Medical Practice	Dentist	Pharmacy	Village Hall and Community Centres	Public Houses, coffees, bars and restaurants	Library	Sports & Leisure Groups	Places of Worship	Regular 6 day a Week bus service	Employment in other businesses	Total Facilities
Ab Kettleby	Ab Kettleby	1									1	1*		2	2	4	11
Holwell	Ab Kettleby				1 (1hour)					1		1*	1	1		6	11
Wartnaby	Ab Kettleby											1*		1		8	10
Asfordby	Asfordby	1		2	1	1	1 (FT)		1	1	4	1*		2	3	8	26
Asfordby Hill	Asfordby	1		1								1*	3		2	5	13
Asfordby Valley	Asfordby											1*			2	1	4
Welby	Asfordby													1		0	1
Belvoir	Belvoir											1*				3	4
Harston	Belvoir											1*		1	1	0	3
Knipton	Belvoir			1	1					1	1	1*	2	2	1	1	11
Bottesford	Bottesford	1	1	3	1		2 (FT)	1	1	1	11	1	12	3	1	12+	50+
Easthorpe	Bottesford											1*				1	2
Muston	Bottesford									1	2	1*		1		3	8
Normanton	Bottesford												1			16	17
Nether Broughton	Broughton and Old Dalby					1				1	1	1*		1	2	2	9
Old Dalby	Broughton and Old Dalby	1			1*					1	1	1*	1	1	1	26	34
Queensway	Broughton and Old Dalby												1		1	1	3
Buckminster	Buckminster	1		1								1*	2	1	1	7	14
Sewstern	Buckminster	1 shared								1	1	1*	1	1	1	0	7

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Burton Lazars	Burton and Dalby									1		1*		1	4	7	14
Great Dalby	Burton and Dalby	1								1	1	1*	1	2	1	1	9
Little Dalby	Burton and Dalby													1	1	3	5
Harby	Clawson Hose and Harby	1		1		1				1	1	1*	2	2	1	12	23
Hose	Clawson Hose and Harby	1		1	1	1				1	1	1*	1	2	1	6	17
Long Clawson	Clawson Hose and Harby	1		2	1*	1	1 (FT)		1	1	2	1*		3	1	10	25
Branston	Croxton Kerrial									1	1	1*		1		2	6
Croxton Kerrial	Croxton Kerrial	1					1 (FT)			1			1	2	2	3	11
Eastwell	Eaton			1						1	1	1*		1	1	2	8
Eaton	Eaton									1		1*		1	1	4	8
Goadby Marwood	Eaton											1*		2		0	3
Brentingby	Freeby														2	1	3
Freeby	Freeby									1		1*		2		2	6
Saxby	Freeby														2	16	18
Stapleford	Freeby										1			1		2	4
Wyfordby	Freeby											1*		1	2	1	5
Frisby on the Wreake	Frisby on the Wreake	1		1	1					1	1	1*	1	2	3	4	16

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Ashby Folville	Gaddesby									1	1	1*	1	1	1	0	6
Barsby	Gaddesby														1	0	1
Gaddesby	Gaddesby	1								1	1	1*	1	1	1	2	9
Coston	Garthorpe													1	1	1	3
Garthorpe	Garthorpe											1*		1	1		3
Grimston	Grimston									1	1	1*	1	1	1	3	9
Saxelby	Grimston											1*		1	1	2	5
Shoby	Grimston												2			9	11
Brooksby	Hoby and Rotherby		1											1	2	1	5
Hoby	Hoby and Rotherby									1	1	1*		2	1	1	7
Ragdale	Hoby and Rotherby											1*		1		2	4
Rotherby	Hoby and Rotherby											1*		1	2	0	4
Kirby Bellars	Kirby Bellars					1				1	1	1*	2	1	3	6	16
Cold Overton	Knossington and Cold Overton			1								1*		1		3	6
Knossington	Knossington and Cold Overton									1	1	1*		1		4	8
Barkestone le Vale	Redmile				1*						1	1*		1	1	0	5
Plungar	Redmile				1*					1	1	1*		1	1	0	6
Redmile	Redmile	1									1	1*		1	1	2	7

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Chadwell	Scalford											1*		1		0	2
Scalford	Scalford	1		1		1				1	1	1*	2	2	1	16	27
Wycomb	Scalford											1*				0	1
Burrough on the Hill	Somerby										1			1	1	12	15
Leesthorpe	Somerby															1	1
Pickwell	Somerby									1				1	1	0	3
Somerby	Somerby	1		1	1*		1 (PT)			1	1	1*	1	2	1	7	18
Bescaby	Sproxton															0	0
Saltby	Sproxton									1	1	1*		2	1	0	6
Sproxton	Sproxton									1	1	1*	1	1	1	3	9
Stonesby	Sproxton									1		1*		2	1	1	6
Stathern	Stathern	1		3	1*	1				1	3	1*	1	1	2	14	29
John O'Gaunt	Twyford and Thorpe											1*			1	10	12
Thorpe Satchville	Twyford and Thorpe					1				1	1	1*	1	1	1	2	9
Twyford	Twyford and Thorpe									1	1	1*		1	2	2	8
Thorpe Arnold	Waltham on the Wolds and Thorpe Arnold									1		1*	3	1		3	9
Waltham on the Wolds	Waltham on the Wolds and Thorpe Arnold	1		1		1	1 (FT)			1	1	1*	1	2	1	10	21
Edmondthorpe	Wymondham											1*		1	1	0	3
Wymondham	Wymondham	1		1	1(PT)					1	1	1*	1	2	1	13	23

Table2. Facilities in settlements

*Mobile Service

3.2 Total services and facilities

3.2.1 Figure 1 shows the overall number of services within each parish of the borough, while figure 2 displays the density of those same services per 100 inhabitants. The latter map was produced using the census population data from 2011. The census data, number of facilities and density of facilities are presented in Appendix 1.

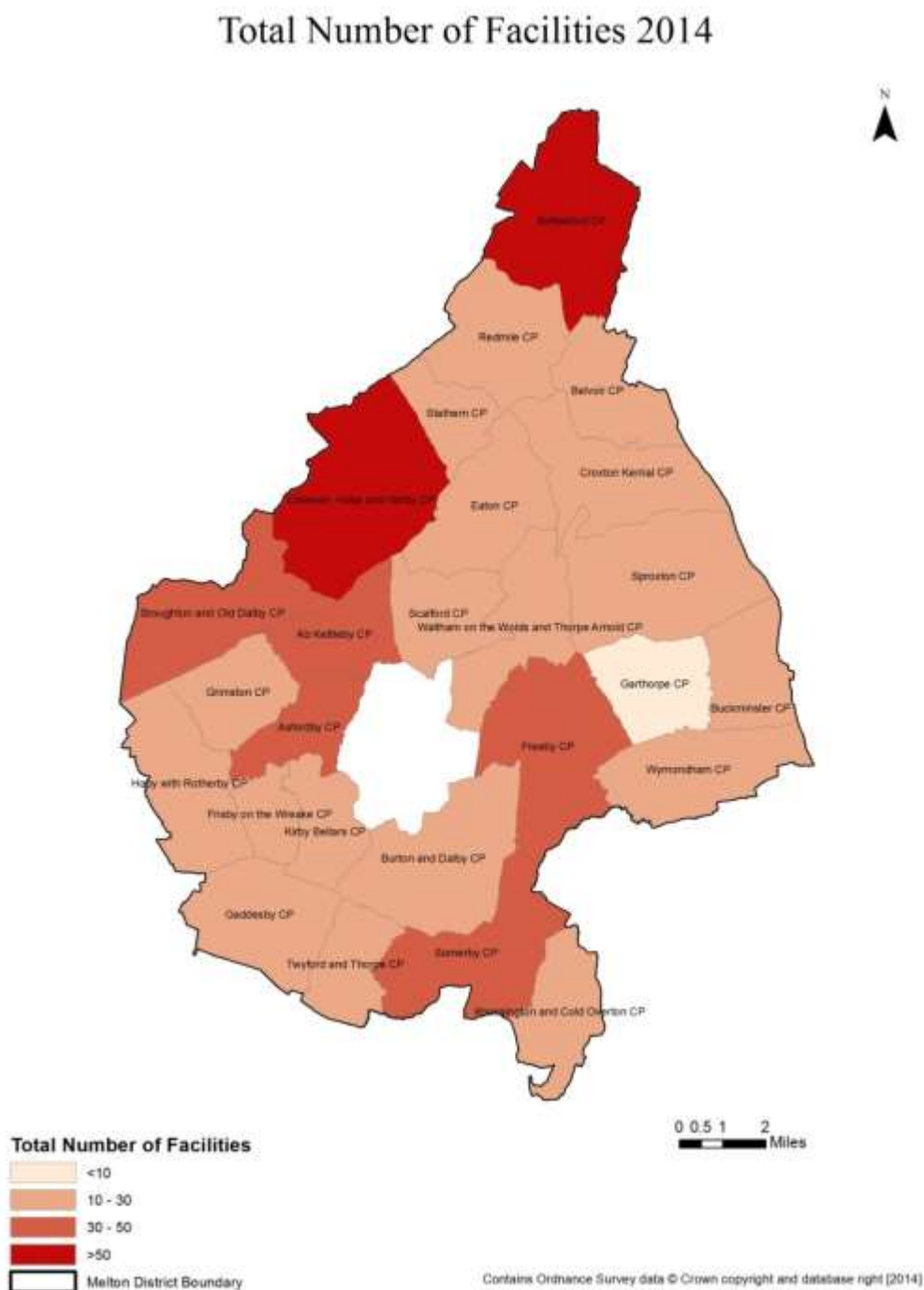


Figure 1

3.2.2 According to Figure 1, Garthorpe parish hosts the lowest number of facilities (less than 10) while Bottesford and Clawson, Hose and Harby parishes have more than 50 services. The majority of the parishes within Melton's borough have between 10 and 30 services or facilities.

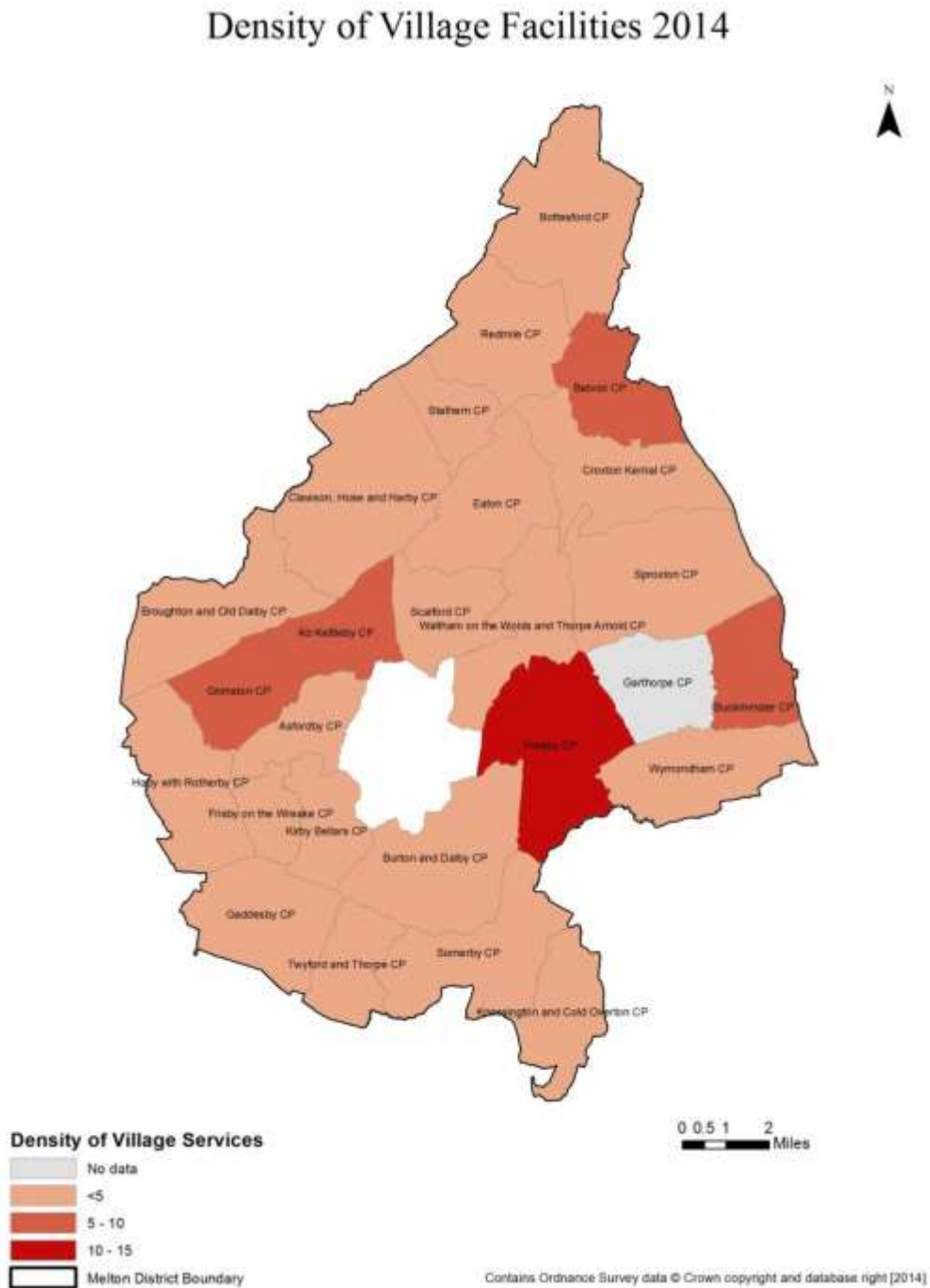


Figure 2

3.2.3 When the number of facilities is reported against the population, the parish of Freeby displays the higher density with more than 10 services per 100 inhabitants. This can be explained by the high number of businesses present in Saxby. The majority of parishes show a density of less than 5 facilities per 100 inhabitants.

3.3 Categories of services and facilities

3.3.1 Each category of services (Education, Shopping, Health, Community, Transport and Employment) is presented in figure 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8.

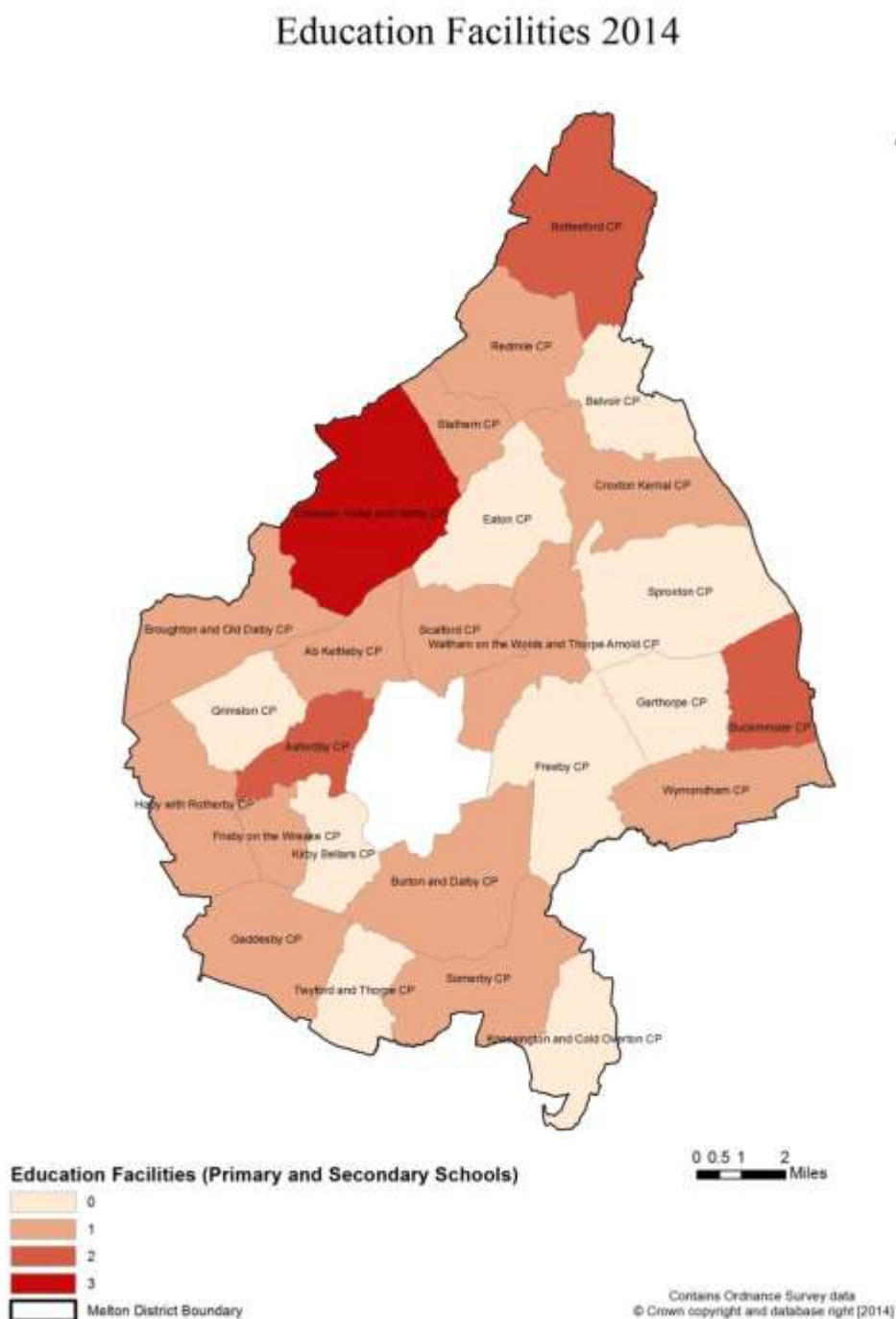


Figure 3

3.3.2 Figure 3 shows that 9 parishes within the borough do not have a primary school or a secondary school. Also, Clawson , Hose and Harby parish hosts the highest number of education facilities while it has the third most important population (based on the census 2011) after Bottesford and Asfordby parishes. Buckminster

parish is considered to have 2 education facilities as Buckminster Primary School is shared between the villages of Buckminster and Sewstern.

Convenience Store, Post Office and Garage Services 2014

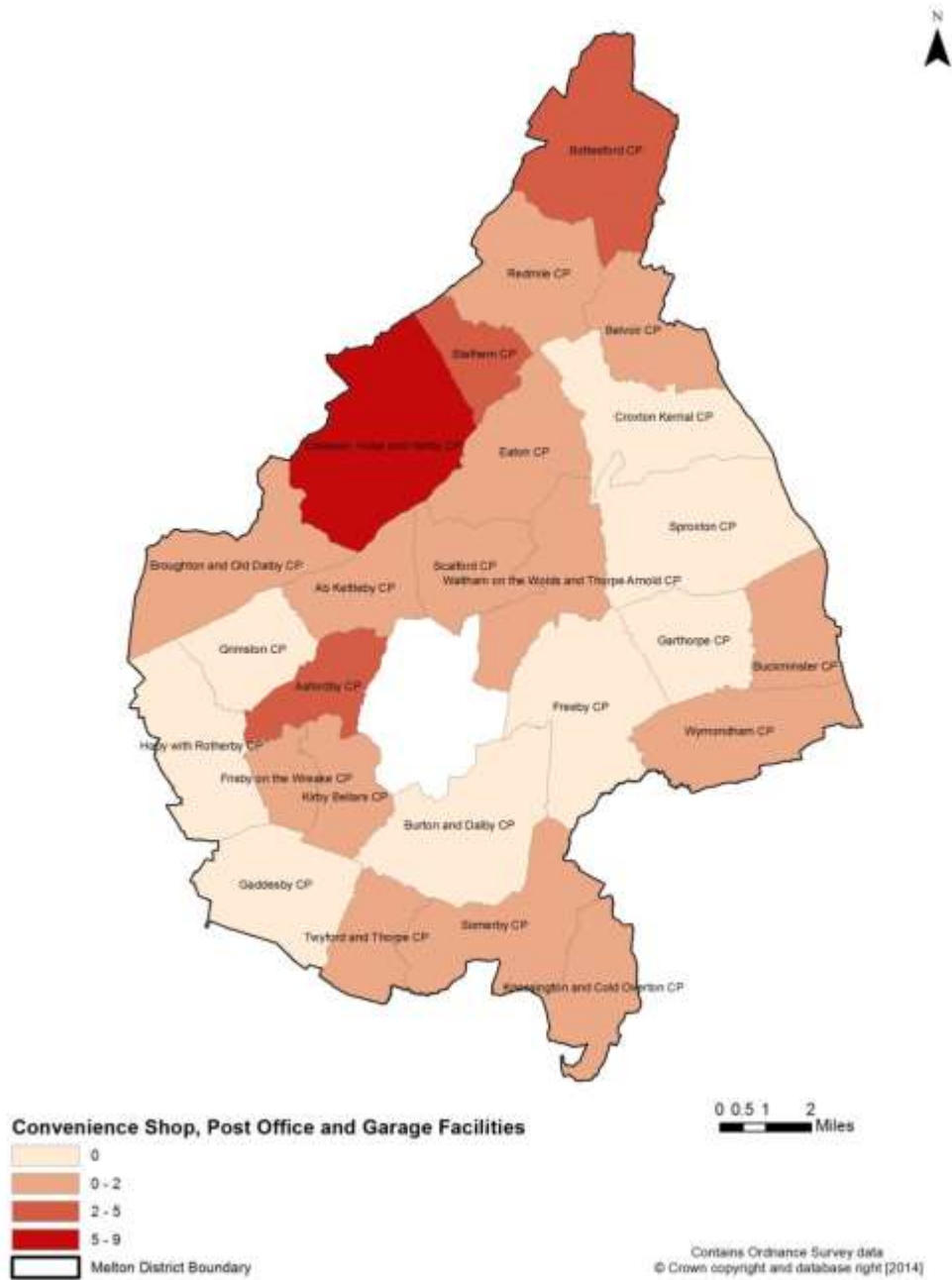


Figure 4

3.3.3 Figure 4 shows that 8 parishes within Melton’s Borough do not dispose of any convenience shop, post office or garage services.

Health Services 2014

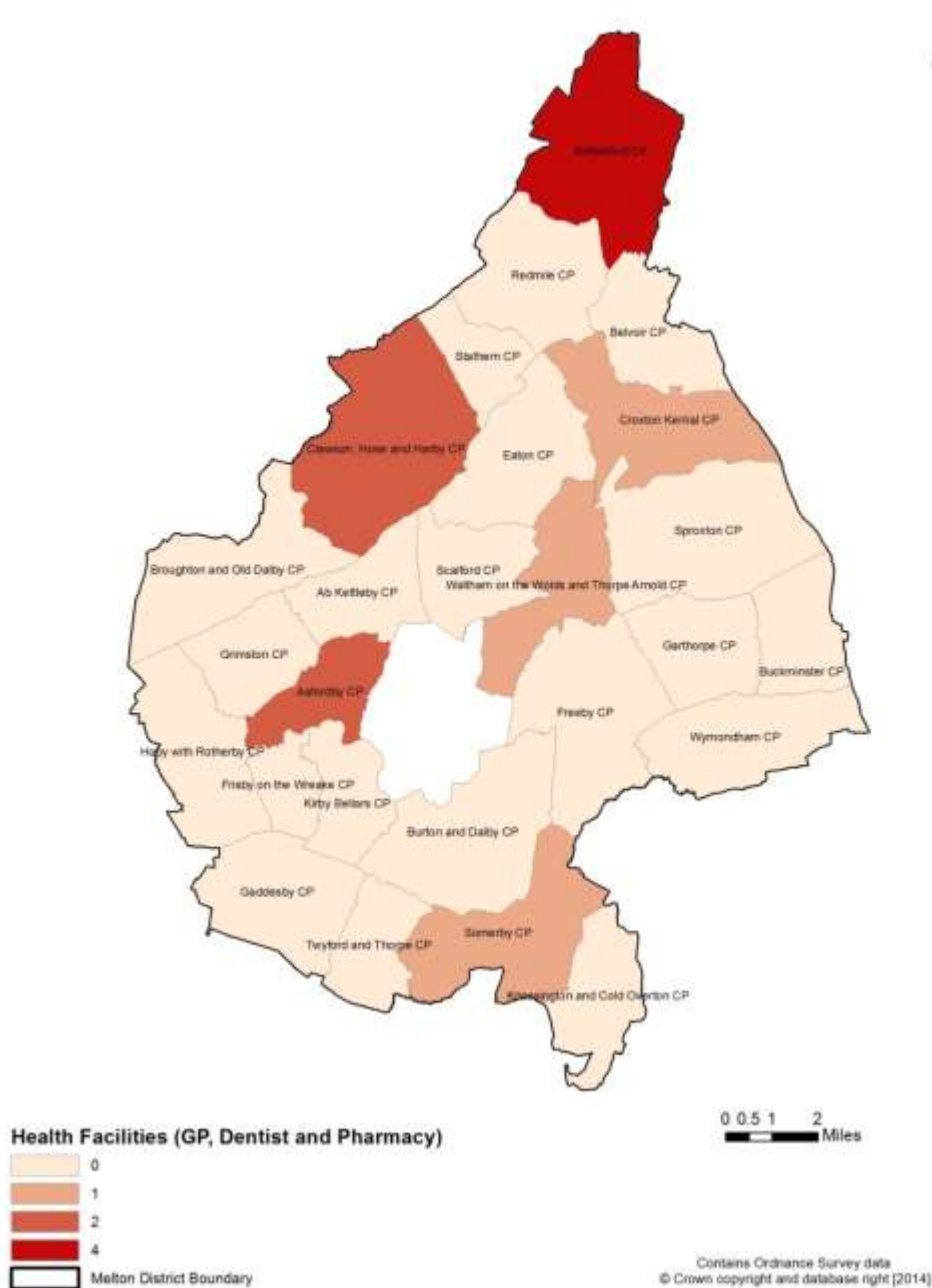


Figure 5

3.3.4 The majority of the parishes within the borough do not host any health service (20 parishes out of 26). Somerby, Croxton Kerral and Waltham on the Wolds and Thorpe Arnold parishes all have one general medical practice, while Asfordby and Clawson, Hose and Harby have one general medical practice and a pharmacy. Finally, Bottesford parish is best provided in terms of health services as it hosts 2 general medical practices, a pharmacy and a dentist within its boundary.

Community Facilities 2014

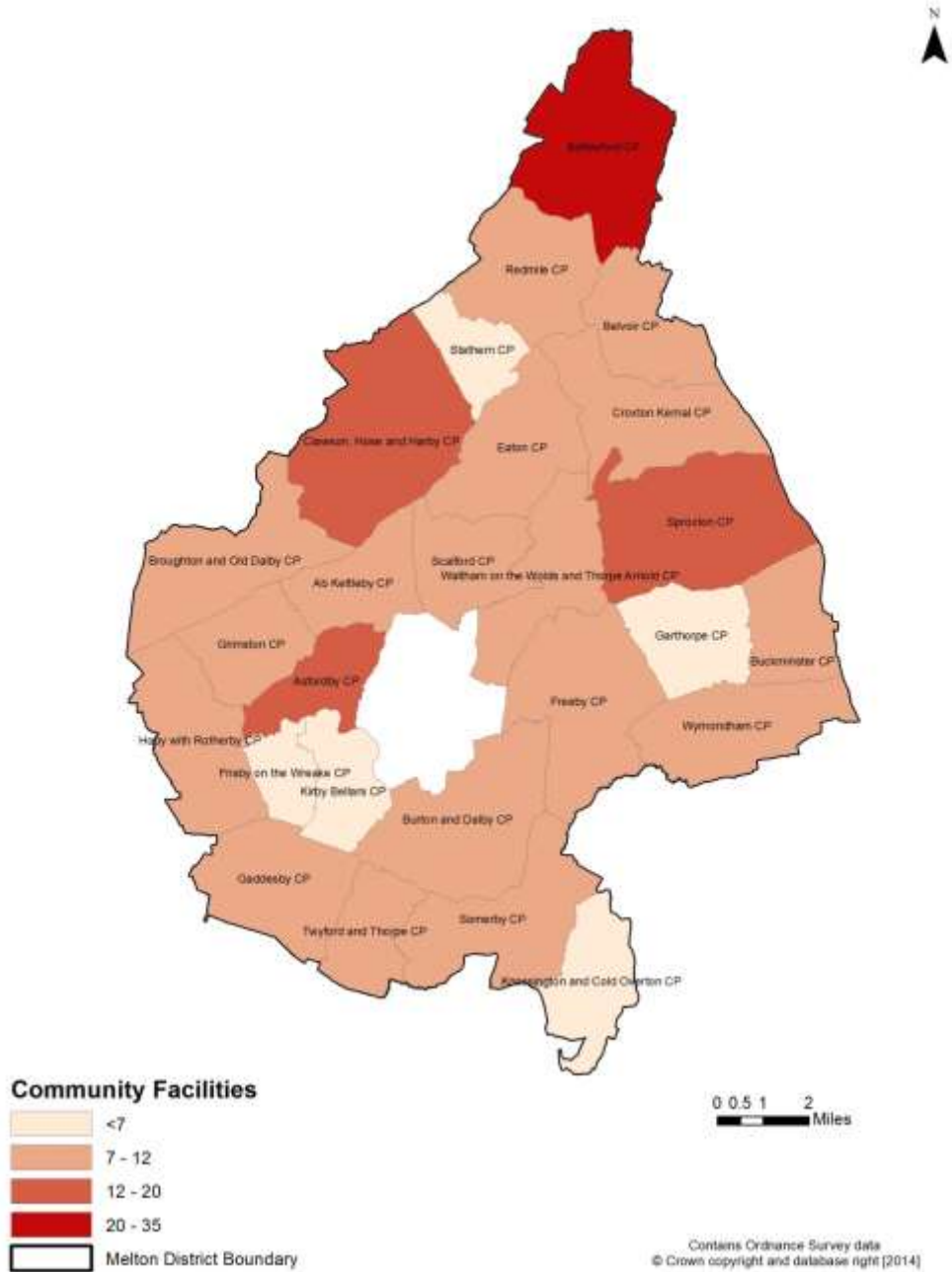


Figure 6

3.3.5 The majority of the parishes host between 7 to 12 community services. Stathern, Garthorpe, Frisby on the Wreake, Kirby Bellars and Knossington and Cold Overton parishes support less than 7 community facilities while Bottesford who also has the most important population hosts 35 community services.

Regular 6 Days a Week Bus Transport 2014

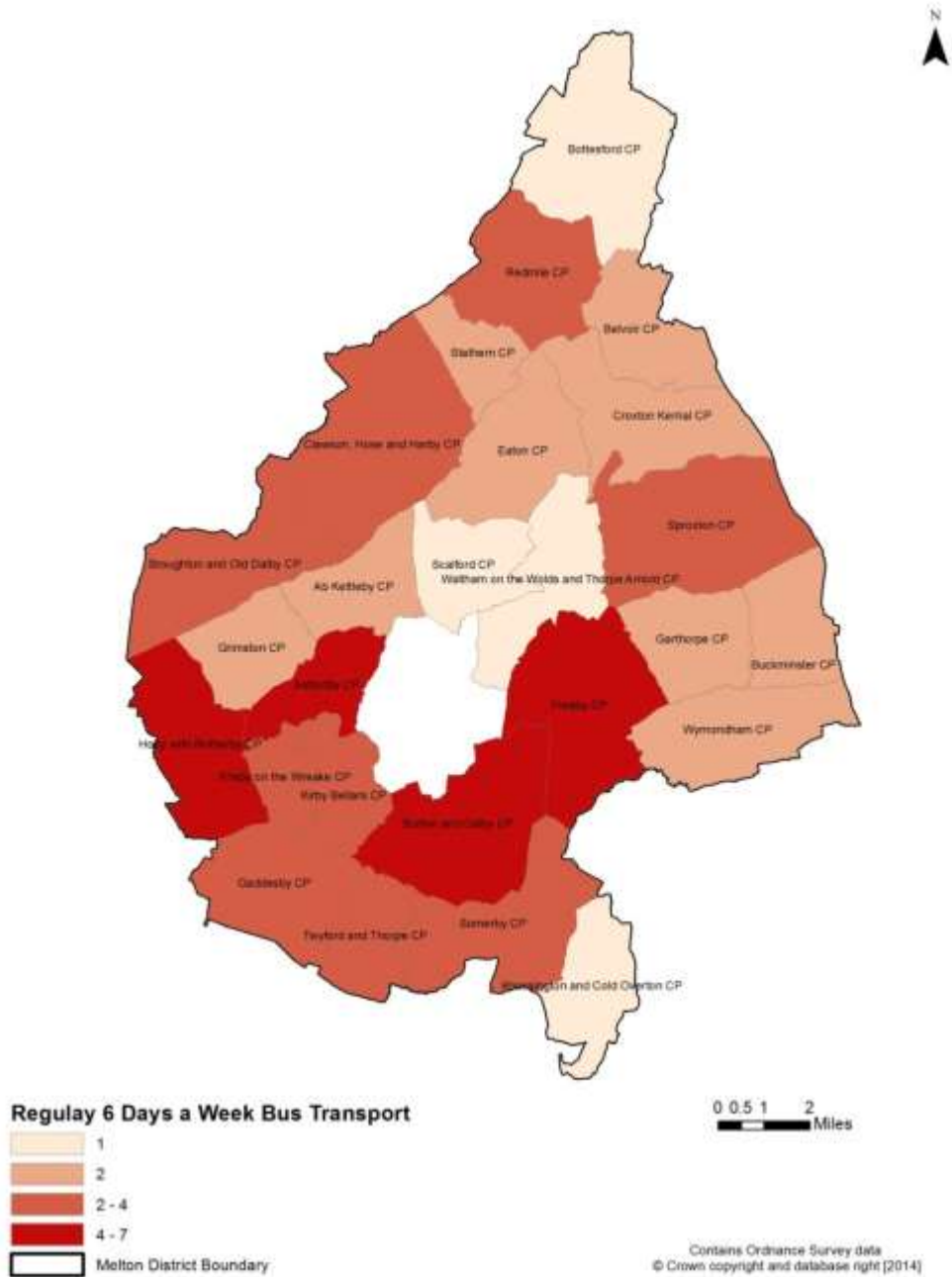


Figure 7

3.3.6 The best connected parishes in terms of bus routes are Hoby and Rotherby, Asfordby, Freeby as well as Burton and Dalby with 4 to 7 regular bus routes. The least connected parishes are Scalford, Waltham on the Wolds and Thorpe Arnold, Knossington and Cold Overton as well as Bottesford with only 1 bus route available. However, it has to be noted that Bottesford parish is also accessible via a railway service.

Employment Opportunities in Other Services 2014

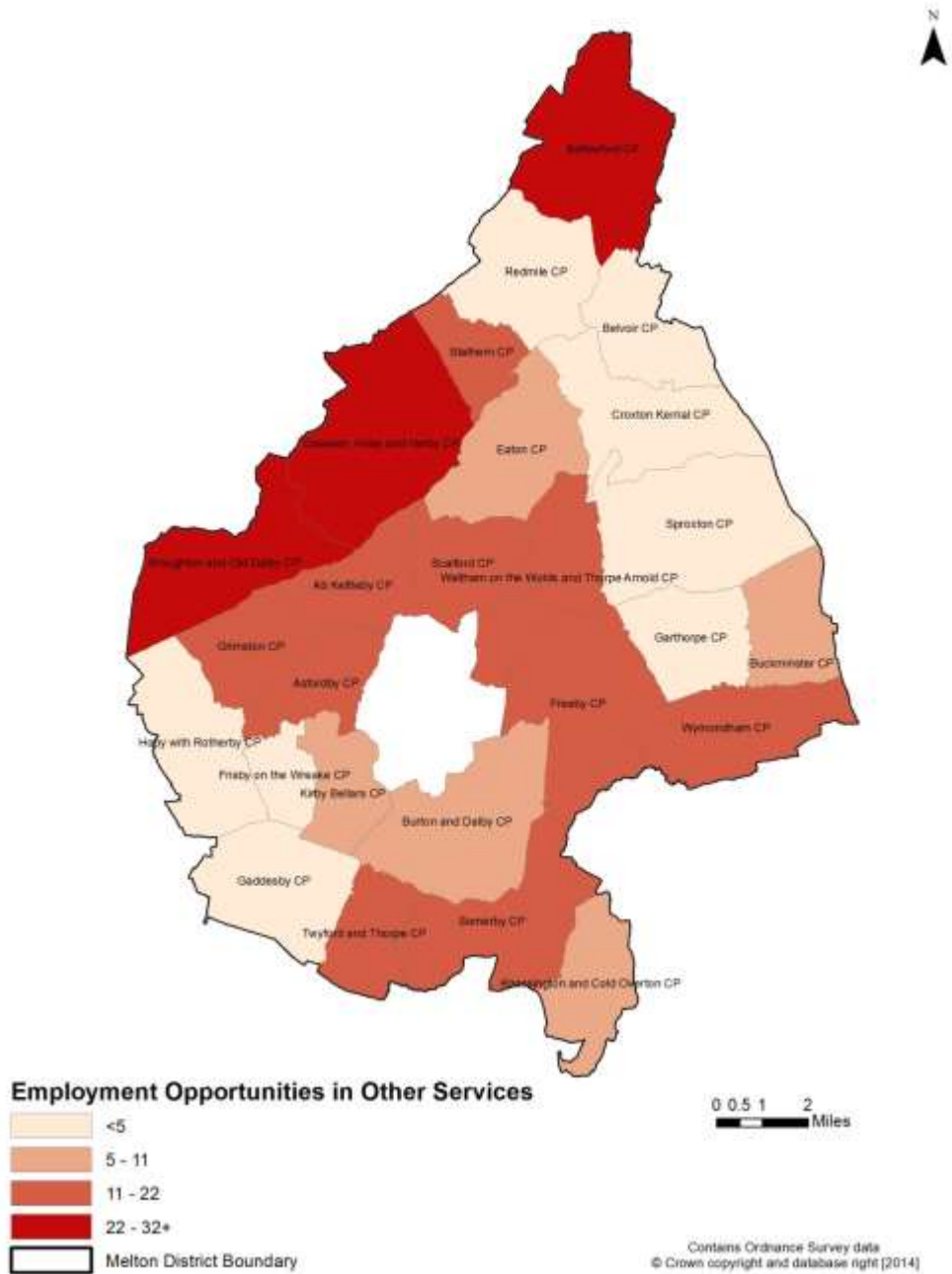


Figure 8

3.3.7 The parishes offering the more employment opportunities in other services are Bottesford, Clawson, Hose and Harby as well as Broughton and Old Dalby.

3.4 Changes over time

3.4.1 Since audits of village services such as Shops, Post Offices, Village Halls, Pubs, Primary Schools and Surgery were carried out in 1991, 2006 and 2009, there is the possibility to observe the changes in those services over time. Thus, we compared the changes between 1991 and 2006, 2006 and 2009 and 2009 and 2014. Also, since the construction of new houses can have an impact on the number of services and facilities, we have displayed the number of dwellings built within the same period. Figures 9, 10 and 11 present the results.

**Changes in Village Facilities and Number of Dwellings Built
1991 - 2006**

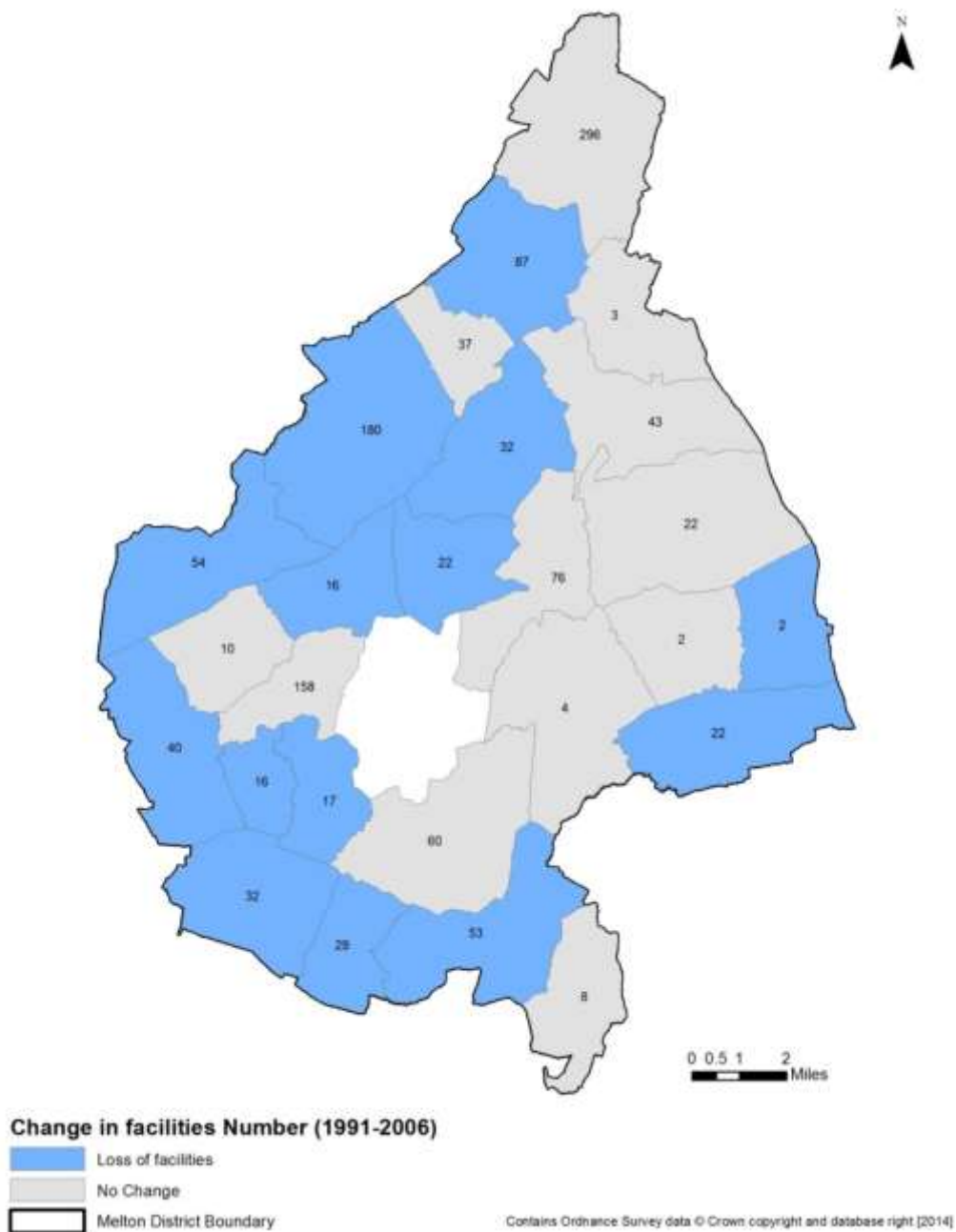


Figure 9

3.4.2 Between 1991 and 2006, it is clear that there has been a loss of services across 14 parishes within the borough, despite new housing being built within the same period in those parishes.

Changes in Village Facilities and Number of Dwellings Built 2006 - 2009

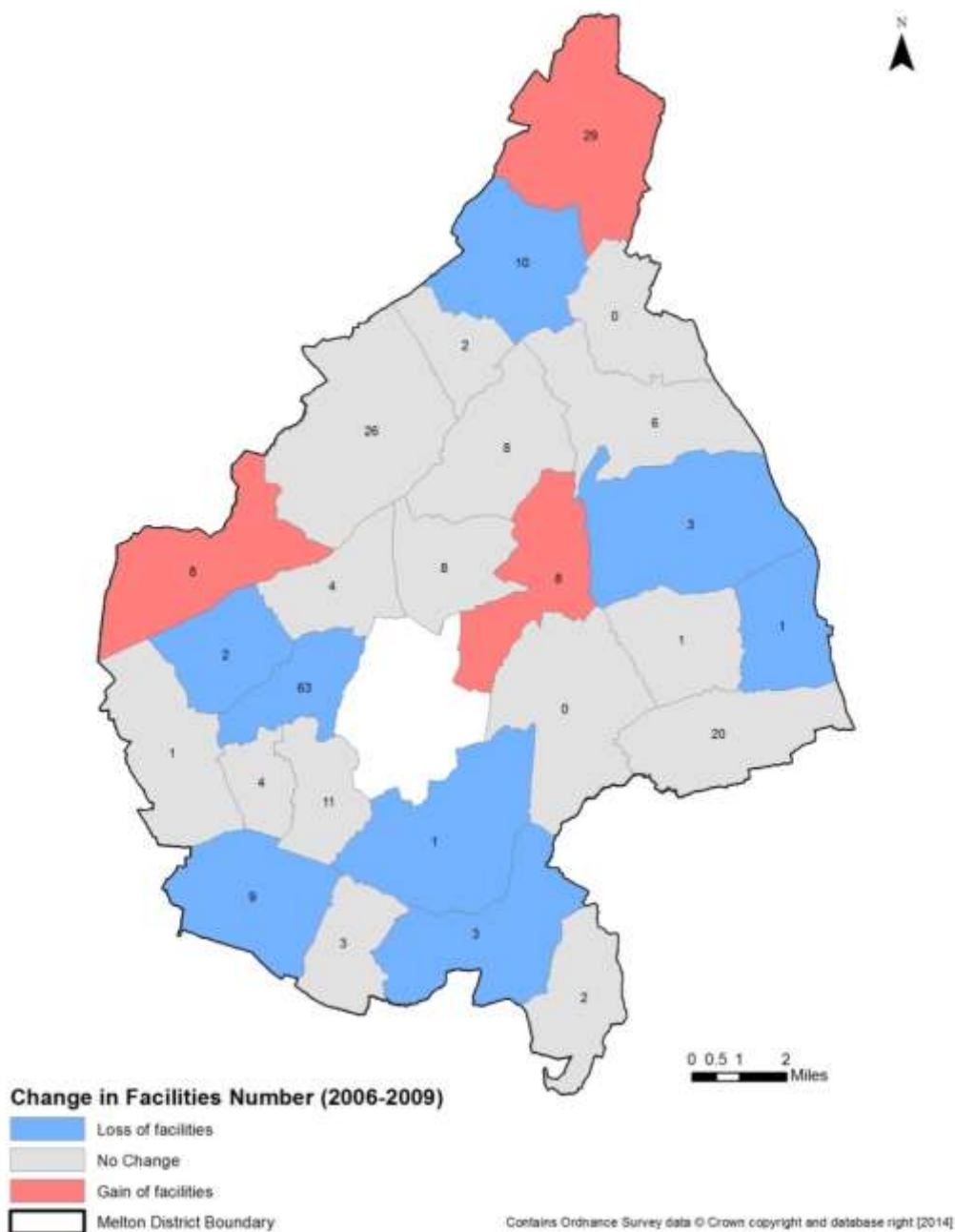


Figure 10

3.4.3 Between 2006 and 2009, 3 parishes have developed new facilities: Bottesford, Broughton and Old Dalby as well as Waltham on the Wolds and Thorpe Arnold, while 8 parishes have lost services. Amongst those 8 parishes, 4 had lost services in the previous period as well (Redmile, Buckminster, Somerby and Gaddesby). With the exception of Bottesford, the parishes that have gained services do not display the higher number of dwellings built.

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5. Appendix 1 – Total Population and Services by Parish

Parishes	Population (Census 2011)	Total Facilities	Total Facilities/100 inhabitants
Ab Kettleby	529	32	6
Asfordby	3286	44	1.3
Belvoir	263	18	6.8
Bottesford	3587	77+	2.1
Broughton and Old Dalby	1405	46	3.3
Buckminster	356	21	5.9
Burton and Dalby	985	28	2.8
Clawson Hose and Harby	2577	65	2.5
Croxton Kerrial	530	17	3.2
Eaton	648	19	2.9
Freeby	244	36	14.7
Frisby on the Wreake	557	16	2.9
Gaddesby	762	16	2.1
Garthorpe	No data*	6	No data*
Grimston	294	25	8.5
Hoby and Rotherby	556	20	3.6
Kirby Bellars	369	16	4.3
Knossington and Cold Overton	316	14	4.4
Redmile	921	18	1.9
Scalford	608	30	4.9
Somerby	812	37	4.5
Sproxton	658	21	3.2
Stathern	728	29	4
Twyford and Thorpe	628	29	4.6
Waltham on the Wolds and Thorpe Arnold	967	30	3.1
Wymondham	632	26	4.1

* No census 2011 data available