

Supplementary statement

This supplementary statement is published as an update to the original PNA published on 1st April 2018 following a pharmacy consolidation which took effect on 19th July 2021.

Continuing site

Rowlands Pharmacy, 294 London Road, North End, Portsmouth, Hampshire PO2 9JN

Closing site

Rowlands Pharmacy, 151-153 Copnor Road, Portsmouth, Hampshire PO3 5BS

The Portsmouth Health and Wellbeing Board decided that:

- The proposed consolidation of two pharmacies would not create a gap in pharmaceutical services that could be met by a routine application to meet a current or future need for pharmaceutical services.
- The proposed consolidation of two pharmacies would not create a gap in pharmaceutical services that could be met by a routine application to secure improvements, or better access, to pharmaceutical services.

Summary of impact of consolidation

Description of the area

The continuing site and the closing site are located in the North End (Nelson Ward) and Copnor (Copnor Ward) areas. The distance between the sites is just over 1km.

How will this consolidation affect accessibility?

Opening hours

- The continuing site will retain its current opening hours.
 - o Core opening hours = 40 hours a week.
 - o Supplementary opening hours (additional opening hours, and which can be amended if NHS England consents) = the current additional 3 hours (43 hours a week) to be retained, which is 20 mins fewer per week than the closing site (as at 1st Feb 2021).
- The overall provision of opening hours will not be affected.
 - o Both sites had similar total supplementary opening hours although the closing site had a shorter lunchtime closure, but no Saturday opening (as at 1st Feb 2021).
- Weekend opening hours will not be affected.
 - o Both sites had the same Saturday opening times up to the end of January 2021, but since 1st Feb 2021, the closing site closed on a Saturday. The continuing site will continue to open on Saturday mornings. Both sites did not open on Sundays, this will remain unchanged.
- Evening opening hours will not be affected.
 - o Both the continuing site and closing site were open until 6pm, which will remain unchanged.
- Lunchtime opening hours are 40 mins longer at the continuing site, compared to the closing site.

- The continuing site has a lunchtime closure from 1pm to 2pm. This will remain unchanged. The closing site had a shorter lunchtime closure between 1pm to 1.20pm. (based on the supplementary hours).

The map showing all current pharmaceutical service providers as per paragraph 7 of Schedule 1 of the 2013 Regulations has been redrawn to remove the closing site (figure 1).

For people with specific needs

Both the continuing and closing sites had the same provision of access for wheelchair users, access without steps, an induction loop and parking.

In making this response, an equality impact assessment was conducted which considered needs of all equality groups.

Travel times

This proposed consolidation is considered to have a negligible effect on travel times to a pharmacy for Portsmouth residents. These pharmacies are situated in an area well served by pharmaceutical services. There are four pharmacies within 1km radius of the closing site -one of which is within 0.5 km of the proposed closed pharmacy, and equidistant from the nearest GP Practice, as shown in figure 2.

There is a only a small increase in the estimated population not within 5 minutes' walk, 4 minutes' drive, or 5 minutes by public transport of a pharmacy as a result of this consolidation. There is no increase in the estimated populations within 10 minutes' walk, 8 minutes' drive or 10 minutes by public transport. Appendix A shows the 5 minute walk times with current provision and with the proposed closure.

Access	Travel time (minutes)	Excluded population: Portsmouth pharmacies as at February 2021	Excluded population: Portsmouth pharmacies if Rowlands pharmacy, 151-153 Copnor Road closed	Estimated additional population excluded if Rowlands pharmacy, 151-153 Copnor Road closed
Walk: by				
time	5	69,923	73,270	3,347
	10	29,700	29,700	0
	15	8,383	8,383	0
	20	1,837	1,837	0
	30	0	0	0
Car: by				
time	4	8,923	10,454	1,531
	8	0	0	0
	12	0	0	0
	16	0	0	0
	20	0	0	0
Public transport				
	5	48,655	50,463	1,808
	10	12,614	12,614	0
	15	0	0	0
	20	0	0	0
	30	0	0	0

Source: SHAPE Place, Public Health England

The map showing pharmacies with a 1.6km straight line buffer zone has been redrawn to remove the closing site (figure 3) showing no gaps have been created by this consolidation.

How will this consolidation affect provision of pharmaceutical services?

The application has considered the type of pharmaceutical activity undertaken in each site.

The application states that at the closing site there are low levels of activity both in terms of pharmaceutical services and retail sales, the need for which could be met by the surrounding pharmacies.

With respect to advanced, enhanced and locally commissioned services, the closing site provided a wide range of pharmaceutical services. Pharmaceutical services continuing are Medicines Use Reviews, New Medicines Service, Community Pharmacy Seasonal Influenza vaccination, Community Pharmacist Consultation Service (CPCS), alcohol service, condom supply, emergency hormonal contraception, smoking cessation, urgent repeat medicine service, concordance support, minor ailments scheme. However, the Needle Exchange service which was provided at the closing site, but not currently provided at the continuing site will be taken on after consolidation. There is also a needle exchange and Supervised consumption service at the Copnor Pharmacy within 1km of the closing site.

Neither the continuing or closing sites are currently distance selling premises or appliance contractor premises.

How may anticipated changes in the area affect local demand for pharmaceutical services?

Major regeneration projects are identified in the city as well as new student accommodation anticipated. These sites are not in the immediate area of the closing and continuing sites relevant to this application and therefore, are not expected to change demand for pharmaceutical services in the local area.

Figure 1.

The map detailing the location of Pharmaceutical Service providers in Portsmouth; and the nearest providers outside the city (April 2021)

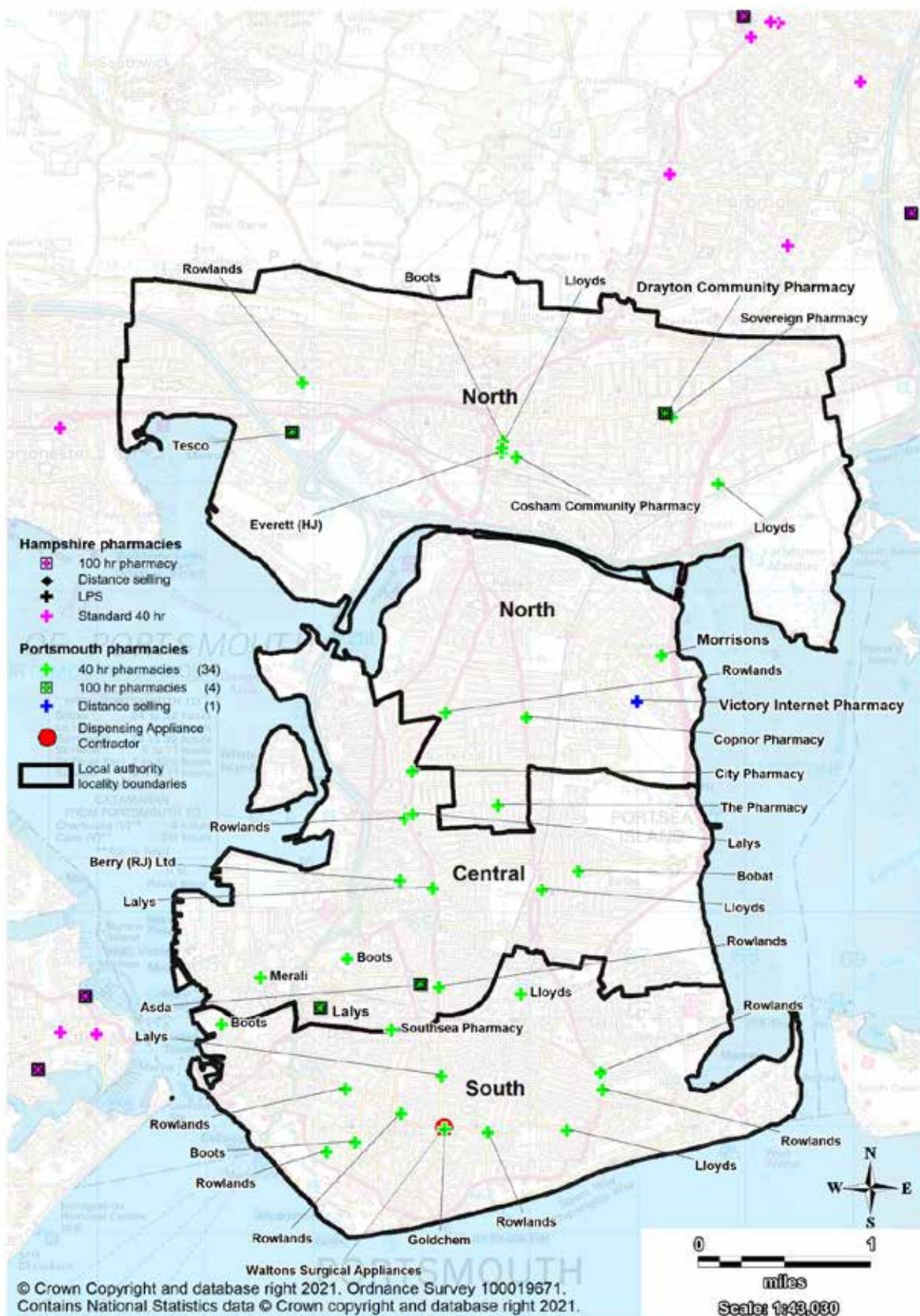


Figure 2.

Map of pharmacies indicating those within a 0.5km and 1km radius of the closing site, Portsmouth, (April 2021)

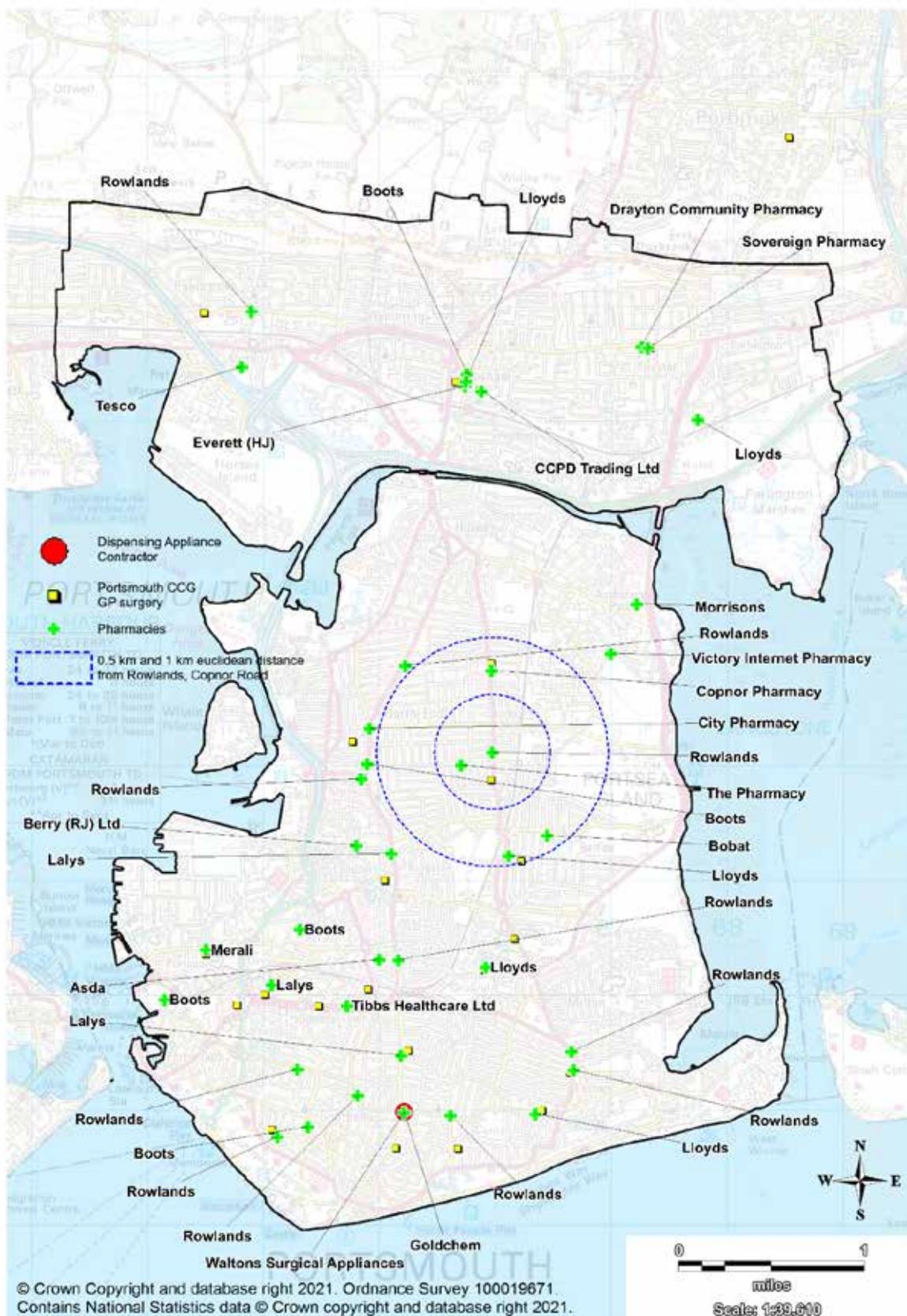
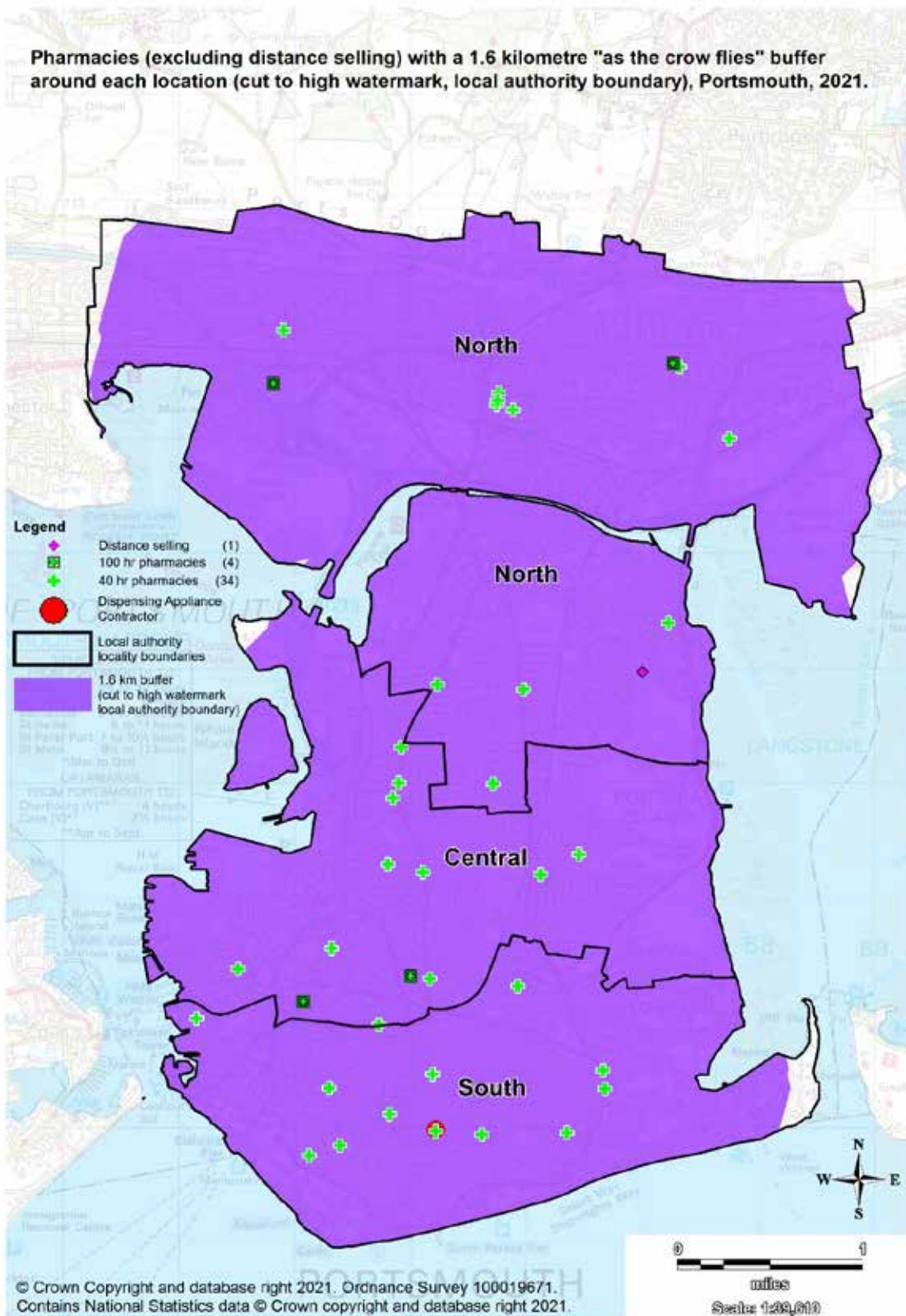


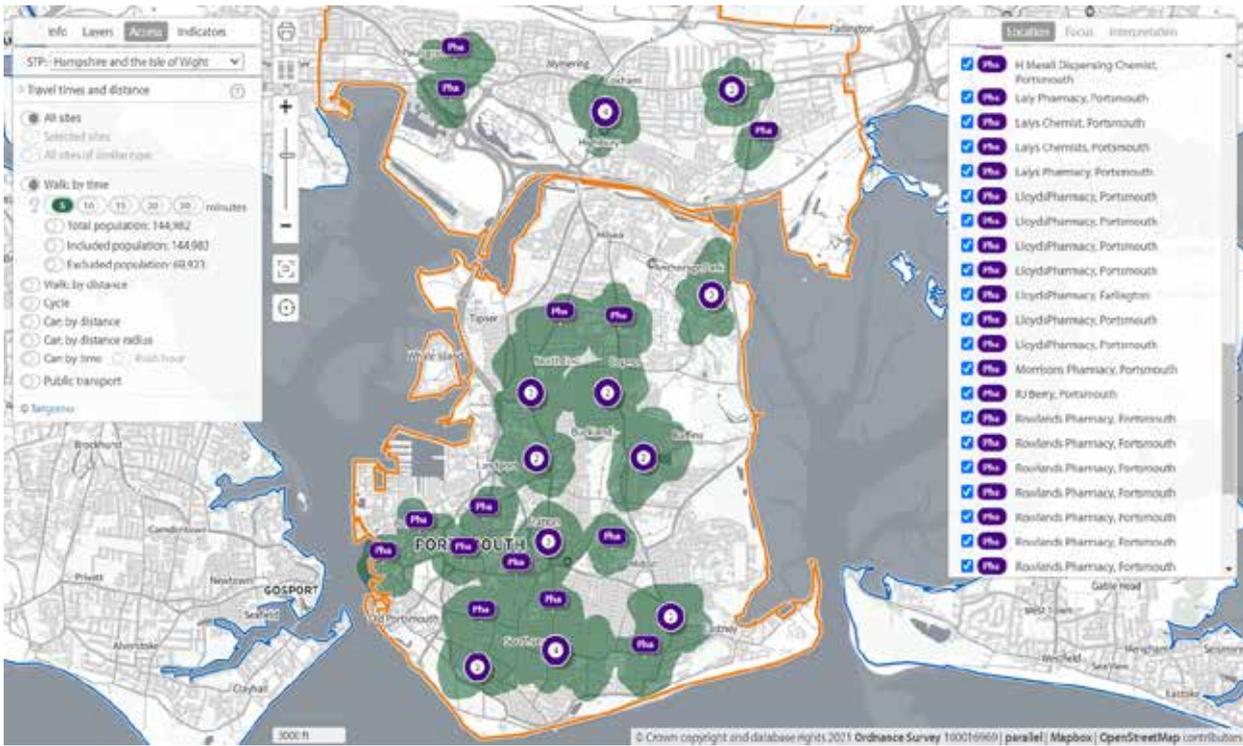
Figure 3.

Map of pharmacies with a 1.6km straight line buffer zone (purple), Portsmouth, (April 2021)



Appendix A

5 minute walk times with and without Rowlands Pharmacy at 151-153 Copnor Road



An additional population of 3,347 is estimated to be excluded from being within a 5 minute walk of a pharmacy with the closure of Rowlands Pharmacy, 151-153 Copnor Road

