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## 1. Baseline Data

- 1) The following sections detail the baseline data for the public access and recreation assessment, the approach taken to collect this data and the sensitivity assigned to each receptor. The upfront sections describe the public access receptors and the latter sections describe the recreation receptors.

### 1.1 Public Rights of Way

- 2) The Public Rights of Way (PRoW) baseline data are based on desktop research, a site survey and consultation with local authorities and interest groups.

#### 1.1.1 Definitive Map

- 3) Lancashire County Council definitive map formed the basis of the PRoW data. Engagement was carried out with relevant stakeholders at each authority to obtain shapefiles of the PRoWs within the development area. From the shapefiles and review of the definitive maps a list of PRoWs that would be directly and indirectly affected by the proposed development was developed.

#### 1.1.2 Site Survey

- 4) A site survey was undertaken between the 17-18 February 2020 and 17-18 July 2020. The purpose of this site survey was to verify the directly and indirectly affected PRoWs, assess the condition and accessibility of these PRoWs, as well as undertake a visual inspection of recreational facilities.

#### 1.1.3 Desktop Research

- 5) The following sources were visited to inform the public access baseline data:
- Google Maps<sup>1</sup>
  - Maps & Related Information Online (MARIO) – Lancashire County Council's interactive mapping website<sup>2</sup>
  - Multi-Agency Geographic Information for the Countryside (MAGIC) web site. This data source provided information showing sensitive national designations that fall within the Proposed Bowland Section<sup>3</sup>
  - Sustrans<sup>4</sup>
  - Ordnance Survey Website<sup>5</sup>
  - AllTrails<sup>6</sup>
  - The Long Distance Walkers Association (LDWA)<sup>7</sup>
- 6) The baseline data for Public Access and Recreation are shown on Figure 13.1

#### 1.1.4 Definitive Public Rights of Way

- 7) Local authorities are obliged to maintain a definitive map, which is a legal record of the PRoWs. The different types of PRoWs present across the extent of the Proposed Bowland Section are detailed below<sup>8</sup> and in Table 1:
- Footpaths - for walking, running, mobility scooters or powered wheelchairs

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.google.com/maps>

<sup>2</sup> <http://mario.lancashire.gov.uk/agsmario/>

<sup>3</sup> <https://magic.defra.gov.uk/MagicMap.aspx>

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.sustrans.org.uk/>

<sup>5</sup> <https://osmaps.ordnancesurvey.co.uk/ncn>

<sup>6</sup> <https://www.alltrails.com/>

<sup>7</sup> [https://ldwa.org.uk/ldp/members/search\\_by\\_path.php](https://ldwa.org.uk/ldp/members/search_by_path.php)

<sup>8</sup> <https://www.gov.uk/right-of-way-open-access-land/use-public-rights-of-way>

- Bridleways - for walking, horse riding, bicycles, mobility scooters or powered wheelchairs
- Restricted byways - for any transport without a motor and mobility scooters or powered wheelchairs
- Byways open to all traffic - for any kind of transport, including cars (but they're mainly used by walkers, cyclists and horse riders)
- Some PRoW are also open to horse riders, cyclists or motorists.

8) Figure 13.1. shows the PRoWs based on the definitive map data.

#### 1.1.5 Permissive, non-designated footpaths

9) Permissive paths are access to private land if the landowner has agreed to let people use it, for example for walking, cycling or horse riding (sometimes known as giving 'permissive access')<sup>9</sup>.

### 1.2 Recreation

10) The recreation baseline data is based on desktop research and the use of Addressbase software.

11) The following sources were visited to inform the recreation baseline data:

- Google Maps
- Internet searches
- Addressbase Software
- Visit Lancashire website<sup>10</sup>
- Waddington Village website<sup>11</sup>
- Visit Clitheroe<sup>12</sup>

12) Recreational facilities have been identified in Table 2 including website details.

13) Figure 13.1 shows recreational facilities based on the AddressBase data, however, this may not represent the latest information as some facilities may have closed , new facilities opened or changed their names.

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<sup>9</sup> <https://www.gov.uk/right-of-way-open-access-land>


<sup>10</sup> <https://www.visitlancashire.com/>


<sup>11</sup> <https://waddington.website/>

<sup>12</sup> <http://www.visitclitheroe.co.uk/>


**Table 1: Public Rights of Way Baseline Data**



PRoW Number	Description	Photograph	Sensitivity	Reason for sensitivity assigned to PRoW
<b>Bowland TR3/A and TR3/B</b>				
<b>Lower Houses Compound</b>				
1-38-FP-21	Inspection of this PRoW indicates lower levels of use, no clear path through the fields.		Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Site survey</li> <li>▪ Possesses characteristics which are only locally significant</li> </ul>



PRoW Number	Description	Photograph	Sensitivity	Reason for sensitivity assigned to PRoW
1-38-FP 22	Inspection of this PRoW indicates lower levels of use, there was little evidence of a defined pathway through fields.		Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Site Survey</li> <li>▪ Possesses characteristics which are only locally significant</li> </ul>
1-38-FP 23	Inspection of this PRoW indicates lower levels of use, there are no clear markings indicating a pathway through the fields.		Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Site Survey</li> <li>▪ Possesses characteristics which are only locally significant</li> </ul>



PRoW Number	Description	Photograph	Sensitivity	Reason for sensitivity assigned to PRoW
1-38-FP 44	Inspection of this PRoW indicates lower levels of use. No clear access marks within surrounding fields.		Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Site Survey</li> <li>▪ Possesses characteristics which are only locally significant</li> </ul>
NCN 69	Connects Morecambe with Grimsby	No Photograph	High	Desk Based Assessment
NCN 90	130 mile loop taking in the Forest of Bowland, Arnsdale and Silverdale AONB, the Ribble Valley and Blackpool Pleasure Beach.	No Photograph	High	Desk Based Assessment




PRoW Number	Description	Photograph	Sensitivity	Reason for sensitivity assigned to PRoW
<b>Newton-in-Bowland Compound</b>				
3-29-FP15	This PRoW connects the B6478 north east of Newton -in-Bowland to Back Lane before rejoining the road to the west of Newton – in-Bowland, Access to this PRoW appears to be well maintained.		Branch North of Back Lane	Low <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Site survey</li> <li>▪ Possesses characteristics which are only locally significant</li> </ul>

PRoW Number	Description	Photograph	Sensitivity	Reason for sensitivity assigned to PRoW
		 <p data-bbox="1106 517 1491 576">South East Branch North of Back Lane</p>  <p data-bbox="1021 847 1346 874">Southern Branch Back Lane</p>		

PRoW Number	Description	Photograph	Sensitivity	Reason for sensitivity assigned to PRoW
		 <p data-bbox="1128 475 1458 539">Looking north from Newton Road/ Dunsop Bridge Road</p>		
3-29-FP-32	Inspection of this PRoW indicates lower levels of use it connects Newton Road/ Dunsop Bridge road to Foulscates Brook		Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Site Survey</li> <li>▪ Possesses characteristics which are only locally significant</li> </ul>

PRoW Number	Description	Photograph	Sensitivity	Reason for sensitivity assigned to PRoW
3-29-FP-31	This PRoW connect Newton Road / Dunsop Bridge Road with Hodder Bank Fell intersecting 3-29 FP 32 north of the River Hodder.		Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Site Survey</li> <li>▪ Possesses characteristics which are only locally significant</li> </ul>
3-29-FP 26	Inspection of this PRoW indicates lower levels of use, starting from Hallgate Hill to Farrowfield following the River Hodder.,		Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Site Survey</li> <li>▪ This route forms part of the Hodder Way</li> <li>▪ Possesses characteristics which are only locally significant</li> </ul>

PRoW Number	Description	Photograph	Sensitivity	Reason for sensitivity assigned to PRoW
3-29-FP 16	Adjacent to access track This route appeared to be relatively well used	The 'Photograph' column contains four images:                      1. Top-left: A paved road with a white line, a wooden signpost, and a grassy field.                     2. Top-right: A wooden sign on a fence that reads 'FOOT-PATH THIS WAY' with an arrow pointing right.                     3. Bottom-left: A stream flowing through a lush green area with trees and a stone wall.                     4. Bottom-right: A wooden bridge with railings crossing a stream, with a utility pole visible in the background.	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Site Survey</li> <li>▪ Connects to the Hodder Way long distance footpath</li> <li>▪ Possesses characteristics which are only locally significant</li> </ul>

PRoW Number	Description	Photograph		Sensitivity	Reason for sensitivity assigned to PRoW
3-29-FP 35	Connects to FP 26 at the point of the access track crossing.			Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Desk Based Assessment</li> <li>▪ Possesses characteristics which are only locally significant</li> </ul>

**Table 2: Recreational Facilities**

Receptor Name	Facility	Website
Newton in Bowland Village Hall	Social Infrastructure	<a href="http://newtoninbowland.co.uk/">http://newtoninbowland.co.uk/</a>
Lancashire Fly Fishing Association Newton Fishery	Recreation	<a href="http://www.lffa.co.uk/river-hodder/">http://www.lffa.co.uk/river-hodder/</a>
The Slaidburn Estate - River Hodder Fishing Right	Recreation	<a href="https://www.visithoddervalley.co.uk/walking-cycling-fishing">https://www.visithoddervalley.co.uk/walking-cycling-fishing</a>
Pendle Witch Trail	Recreational Trail	<a href="https://www.visitlancashire.com/things-to-do/pendle-witch-trail-lancaster-to-pendle-p51630">https://www.visitlancashire.com/things-to-do/pendle-witch-trail-lancaster-to-pendle-p51630</a>
The Trough of Bowland Trail	Recreational; Trail	<a href="https://www.alltrails.com/explore/trail/england/lancashire/britains-best-singletrack-trough-of-bowland">https://www.alltrails.com/explore/trail/england/lancashire/britains-best-singletrack-trough-of-bowland</a>
Dunsop Bridge to Slaidburn Trail	Recreational Trail	<a href="https://www.alltrails.com/explore/trail/england/lancashire/dunsop-bridge-to-slaidburn">https://www.alltrails.com/explore/trail/england/lancashire/dunsop-bridge-to-slaidburn</a>
Slaidburn Circular Walk	Recreational Trail	<a href="https://www.alltrails.com/explore/trail/england/lancashire/slaidburn-circular-walk">https://www.alltrails.com/explore/trail/england/lancashire/slaidburn-circular-walk</a>
Ribble Valley Villages	Recreational Route	<a href="https://www.visitlancashire.com/dbimgs/Ribble-Valley-Cycle-Map.pdf">https://www.visitlancashire.com/dbimgs/Ribble-Valley-Cycle-Map.pdf</a>
Clitheroe to Downham	Recreational Route	<a href="https://www.visitlancashire.com/dbimgs/Ribble-Valley-Cycle-Map.pdf">https://www.visitlancashire.com/dbimgs/Ribble-Valley-Cycle-Map.pdf</a>