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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 is 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 on the 22 October 2020 and 22 February 2021. The purpose of this site survey was to verify the directly and indirectly affected PRoWs, assess the condition and accessibility of these PRoWs.

1.1.3 Desktop Research

- 5) The following sources were visited to inform the public access baseline data:
- Google Maps¹
 - Maps & Related Information Online (MARIO) – Lancashire County Council's interactive mapping website²
 - 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 Section³
 - Sustrans⁴
 - Ordnance Survey Website⁵
 - AllTrails⁶
 - The Long Distance Walkers Association (LDWA)⁷
- 6) The baseline data for the PRoWs is 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 below⁸ and in Table 1:
- Footpaths - for walking, running, mobility scooters or powered wheelchairs

¹ <https://www.google.com/maps>

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

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

⁴ <https://www.sustrans.org.uk/>

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

⁶ <https://www.alltrails.com/>

⁷ https://ldwa.org.uk/ldp/members/search_by_path.php

⁸ <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 kinds 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.

1.1.5 Permissive, non-designated footpaths

- 8) 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')⁹.

1.2 Recreation

- 9) The recreation baseline data is based on desktop research and the use of Addressbase software.
- 10) The following sources were visited to inform the recreation baseline data:
- Google Maps
 - Internet searches
 - Addressbase Software
 - Visit Lancashire website¹⁰
 - Waddington Village website¹¹
 - Visit Clitheroe¹²
- 11) Recreational facilities have been identified in Table 2 including website details.
- 12) 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.

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

¹⁰ <https://www.visitlancashire.com/>

¹¹ <https://waddington.website/>

¹² <http://www.visitclitheroe.co.uk/>

Table 1: Public Rights of Way Baseline Data

PRoW Number	Description	Photograph	Sensitivity	Reason for sensitivity assigned to PRoW
3-43-FP 24	This PRoW connects West Bradford Road with Clitheroe Road in the centre of Waddington	 <p>The 'Photograph' column contains two images. The top image shows a wide, grassy field with a faint path leading towards a row of houses under a clear blue sky. The bottom image shows a similar grassy field with a large, bare tree on the left and a building in the background under a hazy sky.</p>	Low	Possesses characteristics which are only locally significant

PRoW Number	Description	Photograph	Sensitivity	Reason for sensitivity assigned to PRoW
3-43-FP 23	This PRoW connects West Bradford Road to footpath 3-44-FP 21 and 3-44-FP 23		Low	Possesses characteristics which are only locally significant
3-43-FP 22	This PRoW connects West Bradford Road with Clitheroe Road		Low	Possesses characteristics which are only locally significant

PRoW Number	Description	Photograph	Sensitivity	Reason for sensitivity assigned to PRoW
3-43-FP 21	This PRoW connects Clitheroe Road with 3-44-FP 21 and 3-44-FP 22, allowing pedestrians to join Clitheroe Road at West Bradford, West Bradford Road near to the Ribble Way and West Bradford Road near Waddington and West Bradford C of E Primary School.		Low	Possesses characteristics which are only locally significant

PRoW Number	Description	Photograph	Sensitivity	Reason for sensitivity assigned to PRoW
3-44-FP 21	This PRoW, connects onto 3-43-FP 21, 3-44-FP 22, and 3-44-FP 23 allowing users to connect between Clitheroe Road south of West Bradford, West Bradford Road and Clitheroe Road (B6478)		Low	Possesses characteristics which are only locally significant
3-44-FP 23	This PRoW, connects onto 3-44-FP 22, and 3-44-FP 21 allowing users to connect between Clitheroe Road/West Bradford Road, and Waddington Road/West Bradford Road		Low	Possesses characteristics which are only locally significant

PRoW Number	Description	Photograph	Sensitivity	Reason for sensitivity assigned to PRoW
3-44-FP 22	This PRoW, connects onto 3-43-FP 21, 3-44-FP 22, and 3-44-FP 23 allowing users to connect between Clitheroe Road south of West Bradford, West Bradford Road and Clitheroe Road (B6478)		Low	Possesses characteristics which are only locally significant
3-1-FP 2	This PRoW connects West Bradford Road to Waddington Road via 3-1-FP 1. This footpath also connects to the Ribble Valley Sculpture Trail.		Low	This footpath forms part of the Ribble Way


PRow Number	Description	Photograph	Sensitivity	Reason for sensitivity assigned to PRow
				
3-44-FP 20	This PRow connects between West Bradford Road and Ribble Lane	No photographs	Low	Possesses characteristics which are only locally significant

Table 2: Recreational Facilities

Receptor Name	Facility	Website
Ribble Valley Sculpture Trail	Recreational Trail	https://www.ribblevalley.gov.uk/info/200304/parks_and_open_spaces/995/ribble_valley_sculpture_trail
Pendle Witch Trail	Recreational Trail	https://www.visitlancashire.com/things-to-do/pendle-witch-trail-lancaster-to-pendle-p51630
Ribble Valley Villages	Recreational Route	https://www.visitlancashire.com/dbimgs/Ribble-Valley-Cycle-Map.pdf
Clitheroe to Downham	Recreational Route	https://www.visitlancashire.com/dbimgs/Ribble-Valley-Cycle-Map.pdf
Waddow Hall- guide conference centre	Community and Recreation	https://www.visitlancashire.com/places-to-stay/waddow-hall-p51640 https://girlguidingactivitycentres.org.uk/centre/waddow-hall/
Waddington Social & Bowling Club	Community and Recreation	https://www.waddingtonclub.com/
Waddington Methodist Church		https://www.clitheroemethodistcircuit.co.uk/waddingtonmethodistchurch.htm
Visit Lancashire Cycling	Recreation	https://www.visitlancashire.com/dbimgs/Ribble-Valley-Cycle-Map.pdf
Waddington Arms	Accommodation	https://www.waddingtonarms.co.uk/
Higher Buck	Accommodation	https://www.higherbuck.com/
Lower Buck	Accommodation	https://thelowerbuck.com/