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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 by two environmental scientists 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 and assess the condition and accessibility of these PRoWs as well as a visible inspection of recreational facilities.

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 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 PRoW present across the extent of the Proposed Marl Hill Section are detailed below⁸ and in Table 1:

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>

- Footpaths – for walking, running, mobility scooters or powered wheelchairs
- 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')⁹.

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 website¹⁰
- Waddington Village website¹¹
- Visit Clitheroe¹²

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.

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
Bonstone Compound				
3-29-FP-43	This PRoW connects Farrowfield to the B6478 passing through New Laithe. This PRoW followed the alignment of farm tracks and access gates/ stiles looked to be well maintained. Evidence of use of this PRoW whilst out surveying.	 <p style="text-align: center;">Route from B6478</p>	Low	Site Survey Possesses characteristics which are only locally significant

PRoW Number	Description	Photograph	Sensitivity	Reason for sensitivity assigned to PRoW
3-29-FP-42	It is anticipated that this PRoW is not heavily used as there was no clear pathway identified in the field beyond the stile and connects to the B6478.		Low	Site Survey Possesses characteristics which are only locally significant
3-29-FP 44	This PRoW connects the B6478 to Stone Fold. Inspection of this PRoW indicates lower levels of use		Low	Site Survey Possesses characteristics which are only locally significant

PRoW Number	Description	Photograph	Sensitivity	Reason for sensitivity assigned to PRoW
3-29-FP-40	This PRoW connects the B6478 at Wyndyates to the 3-29-FP-42 passing through Lower Slim Row.		Low	Site Survey Possesses characteristics which are only locally significant
Braddup Compound				
3-43-FP10	This PRoW runs to the east of the B6478 Slaidburn Road. Inspection of this PRoW indicates lower levels of use		Low	Site survey Possesses characteristics which are only locally significant

PRoW Number	Description	Photograph	Sensitivity	Reason for sensitivity assigned to PRoW
3-43-FP8	<p>Inspection of this PRoW indicates lower levels of use, access is difficult from the corner of Cross Lane and the B6478 Slaidburn Road. The PRoW connects Cross Lane with Buckstall.</p>		Low	<p>Site survey Possesses characteristics which are only locally significant</p>
3-5-FP3	<p>This PRoW connects Cross lane through to 3-5-BW1.</p>		Low	<p>Site survey Possesses characteristics which are only locally significant</p>



PRoW Number	Description	Photograph	Sensitivity	Reason for sensitivity assigned to PRoW
3-5-FP6	Inspection of this PRoW indicates lower levels of use, there is no clearly defined markings though the fields. The PRoW connects to 3-5-BW1.		Low	Site Survey Possesses characteristics which are only locally significant
3-5-BW1	Inspection of this PRoW indicates lower levels of use. The PRoW runs between Cross Lane and Browsholme Road.		Low	Site Survey Possesses characteristics which are only locally significant

Table 2: Recreational Facilities

Receptor Name	Facility	Website
Newton in Bowland Village Hall	Social Infrastructure	http://newtoninbowland.co.uk/
Various Fishing locations	Recreation	https://ribbletrust.org.uk/go-fishing/ www.stocksreservoir.com www.bankhouseflyfishery.co.uk www.barnsfoldwaters.co.uk www.riverlunefishing.co.uk www.wyresidelakes.co.uk
Browsholme Hall and Tithe Barn	Historical landmark	http://www.browsholme.com/
The Out Barn	Wedding Venue	https://www.cloughbottom.co.uk/
Cross Lane Caravan Park	Recreation	https://www.crosslanecaravans.co.uk/
Peter Barn Country House	B&B	http://www.clickbedandbreakfast.co.uk/bed-and-breakfast5371.asp
Ribble Valley Country Cottages	Holiday Cottages	https://ribblevalleycountrycottages.co.uk/
Waddington Social & Bowling Club	Community and Recreation	https://www.waddingtonclub.com/
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/
Pendle Witch Trail	Long distance footpath	https://www.visitlancashire.com/things-to-do/pendle-witch-trail-lancaster-to-pendle-p51630
Visit Lancashire Cycling	Recreation	https://www.visitlancashire.com/dbimgs/Ribble-Valley-Cycle-Map.pdf