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Ribble Valley Facilities Review

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Ribble Valley facilities modelling study

Overview

1. Introduction

a. Remit

The purpose of this short report is to collect and provide, together with a supporting analysis, information on the Sports facility offer for Ribble Valley BC Officers and Members to form a view of the current and anticipated facilities that meet the needs of the current residents and visitors to the Ribble Valley and anticipate demand for the Future. The report will we understand be made available to the public following internal consideration. The report anticipates and responds to the anticipated increase in population resulting from the Planning proposals outlined in the Ribble Valley Core Strategy (August 2013).

b. References for report information

Information for this review has been obtained from Sport England (Active Places Power), the Office for National Statistics (2011 dataset), Trends Business Research Ltd and Mindshare. Lancashire Sport Partnership has provided the analysis and recommendations based upon this information and relevant local intelligence.

2. Current facilities overview

a. Facilities summary

The Active Places Power tool has been used to provide an overview of the types, location and counts of the key sporting facilities in the Ribble Valley. In providing the analysis I have used a nearest neighbour (peer) analysis as identified by the CIPFA (Chartered Institute of Public Health and Finance) to provide a benchmarking comparison. I have also provided a Sport England modelled indication of the facilities per 1000 (where possible) that would be required to service of the population of the size (but not the distribution) of the Ribble Valley. I have also provided some indications of quality and value to the local and in some cases sub regional populations as appropriate.

Calculations of sport facility provision are based upon an expected increase by 2028 of 11,500 to the Ribble Valley population (based on Core Strategy profile). Currently; 78% of Ribble Valley population are aged 16 years and over, amounting to 44,700 people, based upon this ratio; the projected 2028 population aged 16 years and over for the Ribble Valley utilised within this document is 53, 670. The age 16 years and over population is the benchmark measure used to model access ratios per 1000 of population.

Headline summary comparison by Local Authority peer.

	Ribble Valley (Total)	Harborough	Maldon	Melton	South Northamp- tonshire
Population	53.6	65.7	48.7	36.8	69.2
Facility Type					
Golf	6	6	13	5	9
Grass Pitches	211*	77	44	34	126
Health and Fit- ness Suite	10	7	7	8	13
Indoor Tennis	1	1	1	0	0

Centre					
Ski Slopes	2	0	0	0	0
Sports Hall	16*	13	11	9	27
Swimming Pool	5*	5	8	5	6
Synthetic Turf Pitch	8*	6	3	1	5
Total	259*	115	87	62	186

*It should be noted that the figures highlighted represent the total facility profile and not those available exclusively for Community use in the Ribble Valley. For example the number of Community use grass pitches in the Ribble Valley is 85, against a total of 211. The reason for this disparity is that many of the facilities are owned and managed by schools and may have significantly restricted use. As an overall guide, approximately 75% of the Ribble Valleys non community facilities fall into this bracket.

Comment: This headline information provides a snapshot overview of the facility total count (as recorded on Active Places). Although figures for Ribble Valley are the highest, this is because of the inflating nature of the number of Grass pitches (Football, Cricket and Rugby) which are recorded in the Borough. It should also be noted that in our estimation nearly three quarters of all the facilities are based in educational establishments of which there is considerable uncertainty about the ability of the Community to

access the facilities when required; this will need to be considered on a case by case basis. The following calculations of sports facility

Summary analysis by facility type

The following information analysis by type provides a breakdown of the location of the facility by ward. Each separate facility will count in its own right; for example, two pitches on a single site would count as two pitches for the purposes of this study.

Facility Type : Health and Fitness Suite		
SNO.	Name of Ward	Count in Ward
1	Aighton, Bailey and Chaigley Ward	1
2	Alston and Hothersall Ward	1
3	Billington and Old Langho Ward	1
4	Edisford and Low Moor Ward	1
5	Gisburn, Rimington Ward	1
6	Littlemoor Ward	2
7	Mellor Ward	1
8	St. Mary's Ward	1
9	Whalley Ward	1
Total		10

Condition: The condition of the Leisure facilities offering Health and Fitness provision across the Borough is good; the oldest facility having been refurbished less than 10 years ago.

Access: The facilities are generally available through a pay and play and membership model. Only the Ribblesdale High School and Stonyhurst College facilities are identified as being solely private use.

Comment: The distribution of these facilities (255 stations in total – none Council owned) serves the deprived populations well in the Borough, but not the rural communities outside the main townships. In total 16 of the 24 wards have no direct access to these facilities. The ratio of these facilities per 1000 population is modelled by Sport England at 5.88 stations per 1000 population, with the Ribble Valley currently having 4.71 stations per 1000 (NW average 6.29 /1000).

Summary of current provision in meeting future need

Based on Sport England’s national ratio / 1000, (Which excludes the Ribblesdale and Stonyhurst Schools provision), the level of overall stations in the Borough are low and distribution is limited, particularly in rural areas. Overall the numbers of stations needs to rise by 63 overall to meet the Sport England average and consideration needs to be given to the growing population in Clitheroe and wider rural locations. It should be noted that this provision more than any other would lend itself to facilitation rather than direct delivery of the asset; RVBC may consider facilitating this additional provision through a third party e.g. Hotel provider or Social Enterprise on a strategic development basis - particularly with consideration of rural areas.

Facility Type : **Athletic Tracks**

Facility Sub Type : **All**

SNO.	Name of Ward	Count in Ward
		0
	Total	0

Comment: The Borough has no Athletics facility, although an Athletics Club exists (operating from Witton Park Track, Blackburn) The ratio of these facilities per 1000 population is modelled by Sport England at 0.05 facilities per 1000 population, with the Ribble Valley currently having 0.00 facilities per 1000 (NW average 0.05 /1000).

Summary of current provision in meeting future need

Based on Sport Englands national ratio / 1000, if the Borough were to have facilities of this type in line with the national and region-ally average ratio, 2.7 facilities would need to be considered against the current level of no facilities. The options for this facility

need to be examined, however the Whalley area (site availability) and a possible linkage with an educational provider (to ensure high usage levels) need to be considered.

Facility Type : **Indoor Tennis Centre**

Facility Sub Type : **Airhall**

SNO.	Name of Ward	Count in Ward
10	Edisford and Low Moor Ward	1
Total		1

Condition: The condition of the indoor tennis facility offering Health and Fitness provision across the Borough is good; the oldest facility having been refurbished less than 10 years ago.

Access: The facilities are generally available through a pay and play and membership model. Only the Ribblesdale High School and Stonyhurst College facilities are identified as being solely private use.

Comment: The distribution of this relatively specialised facility (1 Council owned facility in total; providing 2 courts) serves the population well in the wider Borough and potentially beyond its boundaries, but again is limited for rural communities outside Clitheroe. The ratio of these facilities per 1000 population is modelled by Sport England at 0.03 facilities per 1000 population, with the Ribble Valley currently having 0.04 facilities per 1000 (NW average 0.02 /1000).

Summary of current provision in meeting future need

Based on Sport Englands national ratio / 1000, the Borough has adequate if not a slight oversupply of provision which may allow it to serve a market beyond the Boundaries of the Borough with this relatively specialised provision.

Facility Type : **Grass Pitches**

Facility Sub Type : **Full sized Football**

SNO.	Name of Ward	Count in Ward
11	Aighton, Bailey and Chaigley Ward	5
12	Alston and Hothersall Ward	3
13	Billington and Old Langho Ward	5
14	Chatburn Ward	1
15	Chipping Ward	3
16	Derby and Thornley Ward	1
17	Edisford and Low Moor Ward	4
18	Langho Ward	2
19	Mellor Ward	1
20	Read and Simonstone Ward	1
21	Ribchester Ward	1
22	Sabden Ward	2
23	Salthill Ward	3
24	St. Mary's Ward	2
25	Waddington and West Bradford Ward	3
26	Whalley Ward	6
Total		43

Comment: The distribution of these facilities (43 pitches in total – high proportion Educational facility owned and managed and 6 are private use only), serves the deprived populations well in the Borough and the majority of rural communities outside the main townships. Only 8 of the 24 wards have no direct access to these facilities.

Summary of current provision in meeting future need

There are no modelled facility numbers of this type by Sport England, however evidence of use from the Lancashire Football Association indicates that there is latent demand and a shortage of access to full sized, high quality grass pitches for Youth and Adult games which will need further investigation and continued investment from the operators to maintain standards of provision (Including associated parking, access and changing facilities). It is recommended that consideration be given to expanding the availability of pitches in the Clitheroe area given the expanding population.

Facility Type : **Grass Pitches**

Facility Sub Type : **Junior Football**

SNO.	Name of Ward	Count in Ward
27	Alston and Hothersall Ward	5
28	Billington and Old Langho Ward	3
29	Bowland, Newton and Slaidburn Ward	1
30	Chipping Ward	2
31	Clayton-le-Dale with Ramsgreave Ward	1
32	Derby and Thornley Ward	3
33	Edisford and Low Moor Ward	8
34	Gisburn, Rimington Ward	1
35	Langho Ward	4
36	Littlemoor Ward	4
37	Mellor Ward	4
38	Primrose Ward	3
39	Read and Simonstone Ward	3
40	Sabden Ward	1
41	Salthill Ward	3
42	Waddington and West Bradford Ward	2

43	Whalley Ward	4
44	Wiswell and Pendleton Ward	2
Total		54

Comment: The distribution of these facilities (54 pitches in total – of which a high proportion are Educational facility owned and managed and 17 are private use only) serves the deprived populations well in the Borough and the majority of rural communities outside the main townships. Only 6 of the 24 wards have no direct access to these facilities. There are no modelled facility numbers of this type by Sport England, however evidence of use from the Lancashire Football Association indicates that there a thriving community of regular users for this type of facility in the Borough, however there are concerns that some of the facilities are over played and in some cases are in need of investment to maintain their current and future condition.

Summary of current provision in meeting future need

There are no modelled facility numbers of this type by Sport England, however evidence of use from the Lancashire Football Association indicates that there a thriving community of regular users for this type of facility in the Borough, however there are concerns that some of the facilities are over played and in some cases are in need of significant investment to maintain their current and future condition. It is suggested that consideration be given to upgrading and maintaining the existing stock and ensuring access arrangements are secured with Educational partners.

Facility Type : **Grass Pitches**

Facility Sub Type : **Mini Soccer**

SNO.	Name of Ward	Count in Ward
45	Mellor Ward	4
46	Langho	1
Total		5

Comment: The distribution of this specialised facility (5 pitches in total – none of which are private use only) serves the deprived populations well in the Borough yet is somewhat lacking for more rural communities outside the main townships. Only 2 out of the 24 wards have direct access to this type of facility. There are no modelled facility numbers of this type by Sport England, however evidence of use from the Lancashire Football Association indicates that there a Community of regular users for this type of facility in the Borough.

Summary of current provision in meeting future need

There are no modelled facility numbers of this type by Sport England, however evidence of use from the Lancashire Football Association indicates that there a thriving community of regular users for this type of facility in the Borough. The oldest mini soccer pitch was built in 2002 and refurbished in 2003; it is therefore believed that such facilities will be presently in relatively good condition for users. It is suggested that consideration be given to consistently maintaining the existing stock and developing new facilities of this type in the Clitheroe area.

Facility Type : **Grass Pitches**

Facility Sub Type : **Cricket**

SNO.	Name of Ward	Count in Ward
45	Aighton, Bailey and Chaigley Ward	4
46	Bowland, Newton and Slaidburn Ward	1
47	Chatburn Ward	1
48	Clayton-le-Dale with Ramsgreave Ward	1
49	Derby and Thornley Ward	2
50	Littlemoor Ward	1
51	Read and Simonstone Ward	1
52	Salthill Ward	3
53	Waddington and West Bradford Ward	2
54	Whalley Ward	2

Total	19
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Comment: The distribution of these facilities (19 pitches in total – all are club and educational facility owned and managed and 1 is private use only) serves the deprived populations well in the Borough and the key townships. In total 14 of the 24 wards have no direct access to these facilities, however access and travel times appear to be manageable.

Summary of current provision in meeting future need:

There are no modelled facility numbers of this type by Sport England, however the English Cricket Board indicate a thriving community of regular users for this type of facility across the Borough with provision appearing to be stable and meeting current local demand.

Facility Type : **Grass Pitches**

Facility Sub Type : **Senior Rugby League**

SNO.	Name of Ward	Count in Ward
55	Littlemoor Ward	1
Total		1

Comment: The distribution of this relatively specialised facility for Lancashire (1 Club owned facility in total) serves the population well in the wider Borough and potentially beyond its boundaries, but again is limited for rural communities outside Clitheroe.

Summary of current provision in meeting future need:

There is no Sport England ratio for this facility type, however given the emerging nature of Rugby League this level of facility may be considered a little low; consideration should be given to developing a similar facility elsewhere in the Borough; potentially linking with an educational partner.

Facility Type : **Grass Pitches**

Facility Sub Type : **Senior Rugby Union**

SNO.	Name of Ward	Count in Ward
56	Aighton, Bailey and Chaigley Ward	9
57	Billington and Old Langho Ward	1
58	Littlemoor Ward	1
59	Salthill Ward	1
Total		12

Comment: The distribution of these facilities (12 facilities in total mainly educationally based and 11 are private use only) has the potential to serve the population well in the wider Borough, but again is limited for rural communities outside Clitheroe. Access to these facilities particularly in the educational setting needs to be confirmed for the wider population.

Summary of current provision in meeting future need:

There are no Sport England ratios for these facilities however feedback from the RFU indicates that the provision is adequate for local need and development at present.

Facility Type : **Grass Pitches**

Facility Sub Type : **Rounders**

SNO.	Name of Ward	Count in Ward
60	Aighton, Bailey and Chaigley Ward	6
61	Alston and Hothersall Ward	6

62	Chatburn Ward	1
63	Chipping Ward	1
64	Derby and Thornley Ward	3
65	Edisford and Low Moor Ward	3
66	Littlemoor Ward	3
67	Mellor Ward	1
68	Read and Simonstone Ward	2
69	Sabden Ward	1
70	Waddington and West Bradford Ward	1
71	Whalley Ward	1
Total		29

Comment: The distribution of these facilities (29 all educational facility owned in total and 26 are private use only) serves the population well in the wider Borough.

Summary of current provision in meeting future need:

There are no facilities profiles provided for this facility type by Sport England, however based upon what information we have access to, the provision appears to be adequate for the Boroughs population.

Facility Type : **Sports Hall**

Facility Sub Type : **Main**

SNO.	Name of Ward	Count in Ward
72	Aighton, Bailey and Chaigley Ward	1
73	Alston and Hothersall Ward	2

74	Billington and Old Langho Ward	1
75	Chipping Ward	0
76	Edisford and Low Moor Ward	1
77	Littlemoor Ward	1
78	Salthill Ward	0
79	St. Mary's Ward	1
80	Waddington and West Bradford Ward	1
81	Whalley Ward	1
Total		9

Comment: The distribution of these facilities (1 Council owned, remainder in educational ownership and 2 are private use only) serves the population well in the wider Borough, but again is limited for more isolated rural communities outside key townships (14 of the 24 wards do not have direct access to these facilities). The ratio of these facilities per 1000 population is modelled by Sport England at 80.71m2 of facility per 1000 population, with the Ribble Valley currently having 95.80m2 facility per 1000 (NW average 80.18m2 /1000). It must be underlined that these facilities are mainly in educational settings and access to the facilities is variable to say the least.

Summary of current provision in meeting future need:

As access to many of the facilities is restricted due to Curriculum provision and school management Committee requirements, the apparent over provision we believe in fact masks considerable low levels of provision; particularly in rural areas. A full and detailed analysis of the available provision for the Borough needs to be undertaken to determine the true level of Community access to school based sports provision, together with consideration of future access and management arrangements which maximise Community need.

Facility Type : **Sports Hall**

Facility Sub Type : **Activity Hall**

SNO.	Name of Ward	Count in Ward
82	Alston and Hothersall Ward	1
83	Whalley Ward	2
84	Chipping	1
85	Salthill	1
86	Edisford and Low Moor	1
87	Littlemoor	1
Total		7

Comment: The distribution of these facilities (4 educational and 3 community based facilities owned in total, only 1 is private use only) provides limited value and opportunity to the population of the wider Borough, but serves local communities well.

Summary of current provision in meeting future need:

There are no facilities guidance levels provided for this facility by Sport England, however this provision which is complimentary to the main sports hall provision, should be examined to provide additional provision, particularly in more rural areas. Additionally there may also be alternative provision not identified here which may serve as a quasi Sports Hall function e.g. Salesbury Memorial Hall which are not formally recorded in the survey.

Facility Type : **Swimming Pool**

Facility Sub Type : **Main/General**

SNO.	Name of Ward	Count in Ward
88	Aighton, Bailey and Chaigley Ward	1
89	Edisford and Low Moor Ward	1

Total**2**

Condition: The Ribblesdale main pool (Council owned) was built in 1972 and refurbished in 2005. The Stonyhurst College pool was built in 1980.

Comment: These facilities (1 Council owned, 1 in educational ownership) are limited in their capacity and access by the Borough population, particularly for more isolated rural communities outside key townships. The ratio of these facilities per 1000 population is modelled by Sport England at 13.07m2 of facility per 1000 population, with the Ribble Valley currently having 11.41m2 facility per 1000 (NW average 11.79m2 /1000). It must be underlined that half of these facilities are in an educational setting and access to the facilities is very restricted for the local population. Ribble Valley residents do access facilities in neighbouring Authority areas which supplements the need for a further Ribble Valley facility.

Summary of current provision in meeting future need: In our assessment, we believe that the Borough has realistically (see above) 1 main swimming pool to service its population. This level of provision falls well short of the national average for the Borough and what can be considered realistic travel times for the rural populations. It should be noted that the Boroughs population can access within a 30 minute travel time neighbouring Boroughs facilities in Lancaster (Hornby and Salt Ayre), Hyndburn (Great Harwood and Accrington), Preston (West View and Fulwood) and Craven (Skipton) in our opinion these meet the Boroughs overall needs.

Facility Type : **Swimming Pool**

Facility Sub Type : **Learner/Teaching/Training**

SNO.	Name of Ward	Count in Ward
90	Billington and Old Langho Ward	1
91	Edisford and Low Moor Ward	1
92	Gisburn, Rimington Ward	1
Total		3

Condition: The Ribblesdale main pool (Council owned) was built in 1972 and refurbished in 2005. The Gisburn Maree Leisure pool was built in 1997 and refurbished in 2005. The Foxfields Hotel (Langho) was built in 1997.

Comment: These facilities (1 Council owned, 2 in private ownership) are limited in their capacity and access by the Borough population, particularly for more isolated rural communities outside key townships. The ratio of these facilities per 1000 population is modelled by Sport England combined with the main swimming provision (above) at 18.92m² of facility per 1000 population, with the Ribble Valley currently having 04.08m² facility per 1000 (NW average 16.61m² /1000). This secondary provision provides an additional 2 locations to the main pools but are relatively small facilities (40m² and 48m²). We understand that a planning application has recently been submitted for a small pool in Longridge which would serve the local population.

Summary of current provision in meeting future need: If and when the proposed Longridge small pool were to come on line, this would provide a base of provision which would meet the Boroughs needs, bringing the provision up to the Sport England national average.

Facility Type : **Synthetic Turf Pitch**

Facility Sub Type : **Sand Based**

SNO.	Name of Ward	Count in Ward
93	Alston and Hothersall Ward	1
94	Littlemoor Ward	1
	Chipping	1
	Salthill	1
	Edisford and Lowmoor	1
Total		5

Comment: The distribution of this relatively specialised facility (mainly Football and Hockey, option for Handball), (2 education facilities in total) serves the population poorly in the wider Borough having a limited for rural communities offer outside Clitheroe. We

understand that in reality there is only 1 facility that is available for Community use (Longridge High School). The ratio of these facilities per 1000 population is modelled by Sport England at 0.03 facilities per 1000 population, with the Ribble Valley currently having 0.09 facilities per 1000 (NW average 0.03 /1000). There has been a significant increase in these facilities across the Country in recent years due their longevity and versatility, particularly in poor weather conditions.

Summary of current provision in meeting future need: Under current access arrangements there is sufficient provision for the local community of this type in Ribble Valley to meet the local population need.

Facility Type : **Synthetic Turf Pitch**

Facility Sub Type : **Water Based**

SNO.	Name of Ward	Count in Ward
95	Aighton, Bailey and Chaigley Ward	1
Total		1

Comment: The distribution of this relatively specialised (largely Hockey based) facility (1 education owned facility in total) serves the population of the southern Borough well, but again is limited for rural communities. The ratio of these facilities per 1000 population is modelled by Sport England at 0.00 facilities per 1000 population, with the Ribble Valley currently having 0.01 facilities per 1000 (NW average 0.00 /1000).

Summary of current provision in meeting future need: There are sufficient facilities of this type in Ribble Valley to meet the local population need and potentially outside the Borough to a limited degree.

Facility Type : **Synthetic Turf Pitch**

Facility Sub Type : **Rubber crumb pile (3G)**

SNO.	Name of Ward	Count in Ward
96	Salthill Ward	1

Total	2
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Comment: The distribution of this relatively specialised facility (mainly Football, option for Handball), (2 education facilities in total) serves the population poorly in the wider Borough, having a limited for rural communities offer outside Clitheroe. The ratio of these facilities per 1000 population is modelled by Sport England at 0.01 facilities per 1000 population, with the Ribble Valley currently having 0.03 facilities per 1000 (NW average 0.01 /1000). There has been a significant increase in these facilities across the Country in years due their longevity and versatility, particularly in poor weather conditions; many facilities have received private and educational investment.

Summary of current provision in meeting future need: There are sufficient facilities of this type in Ribble Valley to meet the local population need although these are poorly distributed.

Facility Type : **Golf**

Facility Sub Type : **Standard**

SNO.	Name of Ward	Count in Ward
98	Aighton, Bailey and Chaigley Ward	1
99	Derby and Thornley Ward	1
100	Langho Ward	1
101	Whalley Ward	1
102	Wilpshire Ward	1
103	Wiswell and Pendleton Ward	1
Total		6

Comment: The distribution of this popular specialist facility within the Ribble Valley, (6 private facility sites in total) serves the population of the wider Borough well. The ratio of these facilities per 1000 population is modelled by Sport England at 0.67 facilities per

1000 population, with the Ribble Valley currently having 1.11 facilities per 1000 (NW average 0.67 /1000). These facilities must be recognised as being a considerable strength for the Ribble Valley.

Summary of current provision in meeting future need: There are sufficient facilities of this type in Ribble Valley to meet the local population need and that of the wider sub region, with some of the facilities being of an exceptional quality and offer.

Facility Type : **Ski Slopes**

Facility Sub Type : **Outdoor Artificial**

SNO.	Name of Ward	Count in Ward
104	Wiswell and Pendleton Ward	2
Total		2
Grand Total		199

Comment: The distribution of this very specialised facility (1 private club facility site in total) serves the population well in the wider Borough and has a wider draw outside the Borough. The ratio of these facilities per 1000 population is modelled by Sport England at 0.00 facilities per 1000 population, with the Ribble Valley currently having 0.03 facilities per 1000 (NW average 0.00 /1000). These facilities are very cost intensive and although a strong club, tough indoor provision has weakened the long term future of outdoor artificial ski slopes.

Summary of current provision in meeting future need: There are sufficient facilities of this type in Ribble Valley to meet the local population need and serve some sub regional need.

Changing rooms

The Borough has 100 separate locations for changing facilities across the Borough. These facilities are split approximately 60% Schools, 20% Clubs and commercial Clubs, 10% Private business operations and 10% Local Authority.

The poorest provision according to age of stock associated with facility refurbishment is to be found in the Sport Clubs and Commercial Clubs.

As an overview there are 9 Sports Clubs which operate changing facilities with Cricket pitches across the Borough and 9 Sports Clubs that operate changing facilities with Football pitches across the Borough.

Ribble Valley BC owns two cricket venues with changing facilities (Waddington and Chatburn) and seven football venues with changing facilities (Conway Dr, Kestor Ln, Mardale, Roefield, Sabden, Valley Field and Waddington).

Managing body

The management of the facilities across the Borough is diverse and balanced showing a mature and positive level of Community support and ownership for the operation of Sports Facilities in the Borough. Several collocated facilities may be operated by one managing body.

Management of facility	Number
Local Authority	11
Schools and Colleges	44
Sports Clubs	32
Community Organisations	4
Trust	1

Access and travel times

According to the Sport England mapping tool, only 28 of the total 199 facilities are located in Village / hamlet and Isolated dwelling areas (in excess of 75% of Ribble Valley geographical area).

Based upon a car journey travel time which exceeds 15 minutes (Sport Englands maximum advisory).

It is important to note that this time is to the nearest facility – a number of which will fall outside the Borough.

Facility type	Super Output areas not able to achieve travel time target (193 Super Output areas in Ribble Valley BC)
Athletics track	14
Golf	6
Health & Fitness suites	9
Sports Halls	6
Swimming pools	19
Synthetic pitches	10

Based upon this study, there are considerable areas of the Borough (10%) where swimming pool access is a major concern, although this may be relieved by the introduction of the proposed Longridge pool.

The next major concern is the travel time to the Athletics facility for around 6% of the Boroughs Communities.

3. Current population provision summary

The following data in this section has been sourced from Sport Englands demographic profiling toolkit. The data has been taken from the 2011 ONS dataset.

a. Size and distribution / population demand

Summary: The age 16+ population of the Ribble Valley has fallen by around 2000 individuals over the past 5 years to a low of 44 700 in 2011(actual and not projected figures). This figure represents a 4.1% reduction in the 16+ population over 3 years. These figures are set against a rise in local populations in East Lancashire and the NW region. The Ribble Valley also has a markedly older population compared to its immediate neighbours and the NW and national profiles. The population of the Ribble Valley is economically active with relatively low levels of unemployment and worklessness.

Demographic characteristic count - Age 16+ (000s)

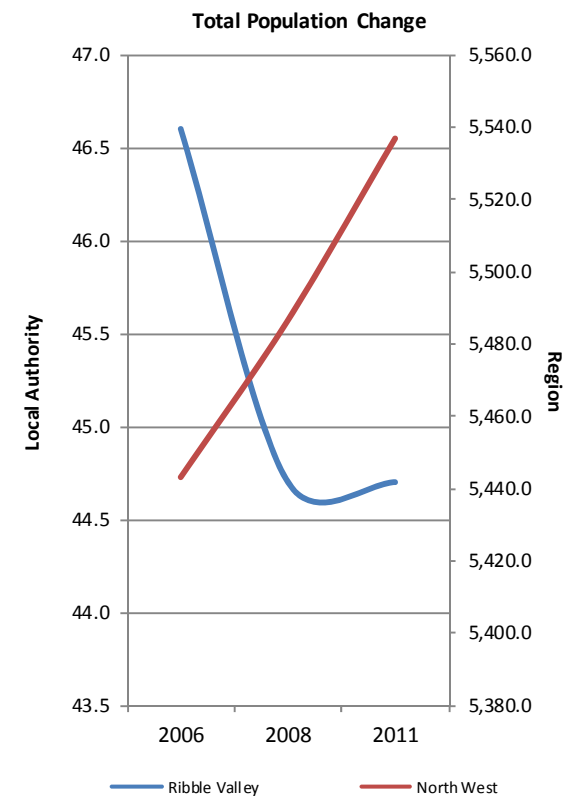
Indicator	Ribble Valley			North West			England		
	2006	2008	2011	2006	2008	2011	2006	2008	2011
Male	23.1	22.9	20.9	2,639.2	2,672.2	2,704.3	19,667.9	20,056.9	20,468.3
Female	23.6	21.8	23.8	2,803.9	2,814.4	2,832.5	20,743.9	21,028.4	21,365.1
Total	46.6	44.7	44.7	5,443.1	5,486.5	5,536.8	40,411.0	41,083.8	41,833.5
16 to 19	1.9	4.2	2.4	374.3	375.0	361.3	2,618.5	2,647.5	2,581.5
20 to 24	2.8	2.8	3.4	464.1	485.2	500.4	3,284.2	3,449.5	3,554.3
25 to 34	2.9	2.8	7.0	825.2	815.5	850.1	6,637.7	6,630.4	6,912.2
35 to 49	14.8	14.5	10.2	1,492.6	1,486.5	1,447.0	11,185.9	11,283.4	11,195.4
50 to 64	13.9	11.8	12.7	1,235.7	1,254.5	1,276.0	8,967.7	9,166.7	9,356.8
65+	10.3	8.6	9.0	1,052.2	1,070.2	1,102.2	7,714.2	7,904.1	8,233.4
White	46.6	44.4	44.7	5,103.0	5,108.0	5,117.0	36,335.5	36,599.9	37,052.0
Non-White	*	*	*	338.8	376.9	419.8	4,046.8	4,457.6	4,781.5
Both DDA & worklimiting	2.2	2.9	3.5	543.9	544.4	608.8	3,459.3	3,460.7	3,955.1
DDA only disabled	1.4	2.0	2.3	213.7	211.4	242.6	1,568.5	1,649.4	1,779.6
Work-limiting only	1.2	0.9	*	128.8	125.8	147.7	1,027.5	1,014.2	1,133.9
Not disabled	31.5	30.3	29.2	3,503.1	3,532.5	3,435.5	26,628.7	27,043.9	26,731.5
Total	46.6	44.7	44.7	5,443.1	5,486.5	5,536.8	40,411.0	41,083.8	41,833.5

Source: Annual Population Survey Year: 2006, 2008 & 2011

Measure: Number of adult population broken down by gender, age, ethnicity and disability

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NB: * signifies that the entry has been suppressed due to confidentiality or because of sample size and this is the case throughout the spreadsheet



Demographic characteristic proportions - Age 16+

Indicator	Ribble Valley			North West			England		
	2006	2008	2011	2006	2008	2011	2006	2008	2011
Male	49.6%	51.2%	46.8%	48.5%	48.7%	48.8%	48.7%	48.8%	48.9%
Female	50.6%	48.8%	53.2%	51.5%	51.3%	51.2%	51.3%	51.2%	51.1%
16 to 19	4.1%	9.4%	5.4%	6.9%	6.8%	6.5%	6.5%	6.4%	6.2%
20 to 24	6.0%	6.3%	7.6%	8.5%	8.8%	9.0%	8.1%	8.4%	8.5%
25 to 34	6.2%	6.3%	15.7%	15.2%	14.9%	15.4%	16.4%	16.1%	16.5%
35 to 49	31.8%	32.4%	22.8%	27.4%	27.1%	26.1%	27.7%	27.5%	26.8%
50 to 64	29.8%	26.4%	28.4%	22.7%	22.9%	23.0%	22.2%	22.3%	22.4%
65+	22.1%	19.2%	20.1%	19.3%	19.5%	19.9%	19.1%	19.2%	19.7%
White	100.0%	99.3%	100.0%	93.8%	93.1%	92.4%	89.9%	89.1%	88.6%
Non-White	*	*	*	6.2%	6.9%	7.6%	10.0%	10.9%	11.4%
Both DDA & worklimiting	4.7%	6.5%	7.8%	10.0%	9.9%	11.0%	8.6%	8.4%	9.5%
DDA only disabled	3.0%	4.5%	5.1%	3.9%	3.9%	4.4%	3.9%	4.0%	4.3%
Work-limiting only	2.6%	2.0%	*	2.4%	2.3%	2.7%	2.5%	2.5%	2.7%
Not disabled	67.6%	67.8%	65.3%	64.4%	64.4%	62.0%	65.9%	65.8%	63.9%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Source: Annual Population Survey Year: 2006, 2008 & 2011

Measure: Proportion of adult population broken down by gender, age, ethnicity and disability

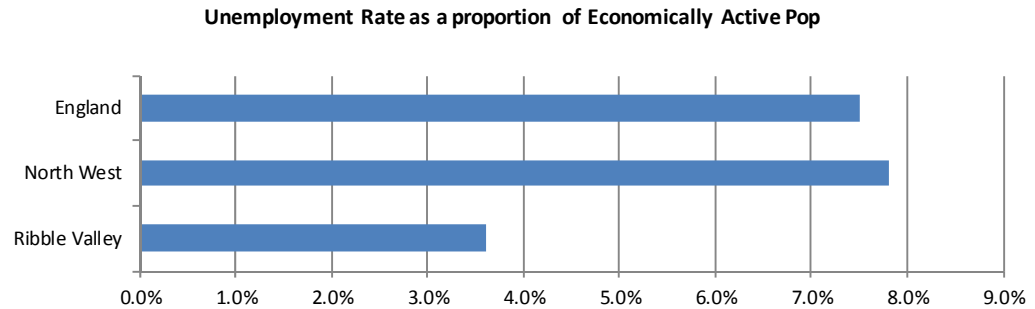
Unemployment as a proportion of economically active (000s)

Geography	Unemployed	Economic-ally Active	Rate
Ribble Valley	1.0	29.1	3.6%
North West	262.2	3,382.7	7.8%
England	1,989.5	26,360.8	7.5%

Source: Annual Population Survey Year: 2011

Measure: Number and proportion of adult population that are unemployed and number that are economically active.

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b. Levels of participation

Ribble Valley residents are typically physically active and engaged in sport on a regular basis. The most useful measure for this (NI8) indicates that residents of the Borough participate 3 times or more per week above the NW and national average and that the Borough has lower than average levels of inactivity.

As participation is typically linked with income profile this level of participation is to be anticipated in the Borough.

Adult (16+) Participation in Sport & Active Recreation (formerly N18) by year, frequency and gender

Indicator	Year	Ribble Valley			North West			England		
		All	Male	Female	All	Male	Female	All	Male	Female
0 days / 0x30	2005/06	45.6%	42.6%	48.3%	51.9%	46.1%	57.2%	50.0%	45.1%	54.6%
	2009/11	45.2%	40.2%	49.9%	49.5%	42.9%	55.7%	48.2%	42.2%	54.0%
1-3 days	2005/06	7.3%	*	8.7%	8.0%	8.5%	7.6%	8.8%	9.5%	8.1%
	2009/11	9.2%	9.4%	9.0%	8.1%	8.6%	7.5%	9.1%	9.9%	8.4%
4-7 days / 1x30	2005/06	14.3%	15.0%	13.6%	11.4%	12.0%	10.9%	12.0%	12.8%	11.3%
	2009/11	13.3%	13.9%	12.8%	11.9%	12.9%	10.9%	12.4%	13.5%	11.4%
8-11 days / 2x30	2005/06	8.5%	7.4%	9.5%	7.9%	8.7%	7.1%	8.0%	8.7%	7.3%
	2009/11	8.7%	8.8%	8.5%	8.1%	9.1%	7.1%	8.3%	9.3%	7.4%
12-19 days / 3x30	2005/06	11.3%	15.0%	7.9%	9.6%	10.9%	8.4%	9.6%	10.9%	8.4%
	2009/11	10.8%	12.4%	9.3%	11.1%	12.8%	9.4%	10.6%	12.1%	9.2%
12+ days / 3x30 - N18	2005/06	24.4%	29.3%	20.0%	20.8%	24.6%	17.2%	21.3%	24.0%	18.7%
	2009/11	23.7%	27.7%	19.8%	22.5%	26.4%	18.8%	21.9%	25.2%	18.9%
20+ days / 5x30	2005/06	13.1%	14.3%	12.0%	11.2%	13.7%	8.9%	11.7%	13.1%	10.3%
	2009/11	12.9%	15.4%	10.5%	11.5%	13.6%	9.5%	11.3%	13.1%	9.7%

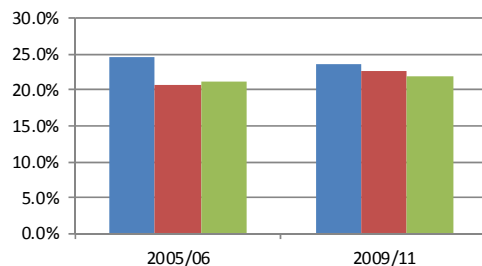
Source: Active People Survey, Year: 2005/06 (APS1), 2009/11 (APS4/5) or 2010/11 (APS5) if LA sample is boosted, Measure: Adult participation

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NB - The most recent data for this local authority is from the APS4/5 Dataset

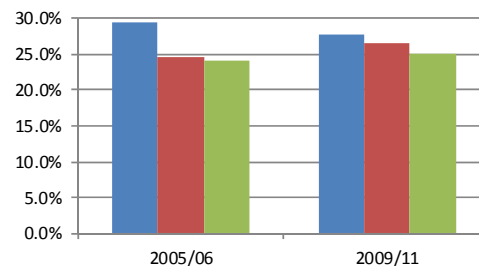
NB - Former N18 Key Indicator has been highlighted (i.e. 3x30 min sessions or more of moderate intensity activity a week)

Total Participation (at least) 3x30



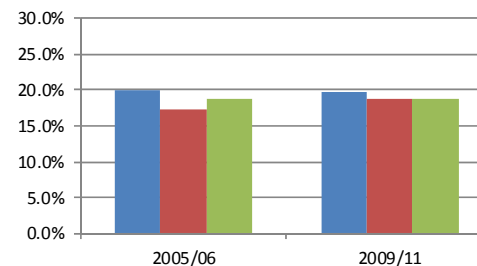
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Male Participation (at least) 3x30



■ Ribble Valley ■ North West ■ England

Female Participation (at least) 3x30



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Adult (16+) Participation in Sport & Active Recreation (formerly N18) by year, frequency and ethnicity

Indicator	Year	Ribble Valley			North West			England		
		All	White	Non w hite	All	White	Non w hite	All	White	Non w hite
0 days / 0x30	2005/06	45.6%	45.5%	*	51.9%	51.6%	57.4%	50.0%	49.6%	54.3%
	2009/11	45.2%	44.7%	*	49.5%	49.0%	52.9%	48.2%	47.6%	51.8%
1-3 days	2005/06	7.3%	7.3%	*	8.0%	8.1%	7.7%	8.8%	8.8%	9.0%
	2009/11	9.2%	9.3%	*	8.1%	8.0%	9.1%	9.1%	9.1%	9.7%
4-7 days / 1x30	2005/06	14.3%	14.4%	*	11.4%	11.6%	8.6%	12.0%	12.1%	11.2%
	2009/11	13.3%	13.5%	*	11.9%	11.9%	13.0%	12.4%	12.5%	12.0%
8-11 days /	2005/06	8.5%	8.7%	*	7.9%	7.9%	7.8%	8.0%	8.1%	6.8%

c. Health profile

Ribble Valley out performs its national peers as well as the NW and the national average in terms of obesity and costs to Health services as a result of its active and participative population profile. This level of health profile and activity is strongly linked to deprivation, an area in which the Borough with its high income levels has a relatively limited profile; however in this study we are not able to account for rural deprivation and access.

Obesity levels in adults and children (000s)

Geography	Adult Obesity		Childhood Obesity	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Ribble Valley	9.2	20.5%	71.0	12.7%
North West	1,292.9	23.4%	13,773.0	19.3%
England	10,106.3	24.2%	93,695.0	18.7%

Source: Department of Health: Year: 2006-2008 (Adults) 2009/10 (Children)

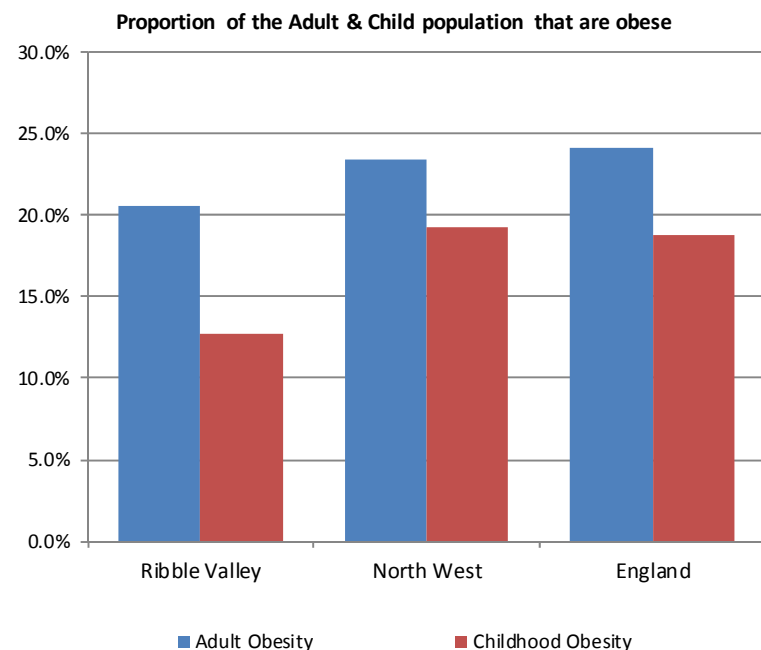
Measure: Number of people & proportion of the adult population and child population that are obese

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Mapping participation and obesity

Maps of modelled medium super output area data for participation in sport and active recreation (3x30) and obesity for the local authority area can be accessed at:

<https://public.sportengland.org>



Life expectancy by gender

Geography	Life Expectancy	
	Male	Female
Ribble Valley	79.2	82.8
North West	76.6	80.8
England	78.3	82.3

Source: Department of Health: Year: 2007-2009 Measure: Life expectancy in years

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Deprivation levels as measured by the Index of Multiple Deprivation (IMD)

Geography	Deprivation 2010
Score in Ribble Valley	9.88
Rank in North West (out of 46)	41
Rank in England (out of 353)	316

Source: Department for Communities and Local Government Year: 2010

Measure: Index of multiple deprivation and rank in region and nation

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Health costs of physical inactivity

Geography	The Health Costs of Physical Inactivity	
	Cost	Cost per 100,000 pop
Ribble Valley	£937,742	£1,632,170
North West	£127,908,653	£1,871,009
England	£764,661,980	£1,531,401

Source: Department of Health - Be Active Be Healthy, Year: 2006/7

Measure: Health costs of physical inactivity

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[For more detailed data on illness types pertaining to physical inactivity please click here](#)

Please note that the information at the above link is based on PCT boundaries rather than LA boundaries

Obesity levels* in adults and children by local authority area

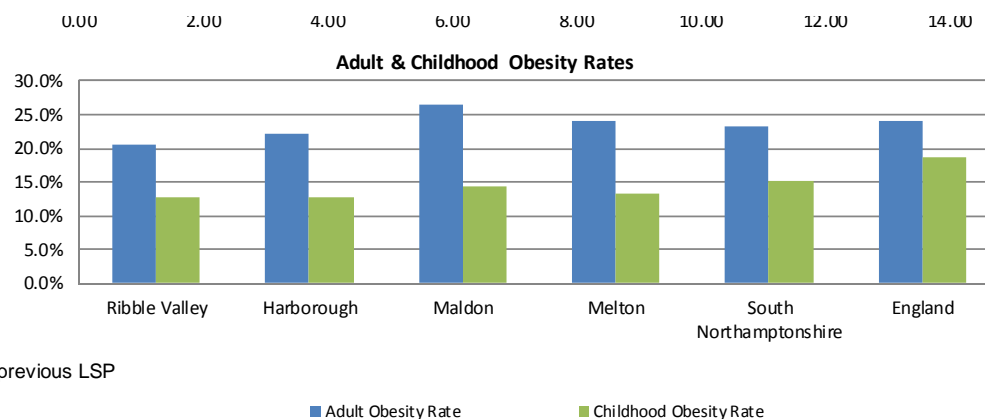
Geography	Adult Obesity Rate	Childhood Obesity Rate
Ribble Valley	20.5%	12.7%
Harborough	22.1%	12.8%
Maldon	26.5%	14.4%
Melton	24.1%	13.4%
South Northamptonshire	23.3%	15.0%
England	24.2%	18.7%

Source: Department of Health, Year: 2006-2008 (adults) and 2009-2010 (children),

Measure: Proportion of the adult and child population that are obese

* The measurement employed for Childhood Obesity has changed from that used in previous LSP

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d. Supply and demand balance

In terms of anticipated performance, the Ribble Valley population is performing slightly above where it would be anticipated to be in terms of its levels of participation in sport and physical activity. There is no under performance for either men or women.

The key market segments Ralph & Phylis, Roger & Joy, Philips, Elaines and Tims are considerably over represented in the Borough, showing a considerable skewing to the older age range. Increases in affordable housing should start to rebalance the age profile significantly with an associated higher demand for facilities generally associated with younger people – this would be particularly the case for specialist facilities such as a running track.

The key sports that are undertaken in the Borough: Swimming, Gym, Cycling, Athletics and Football strongly correlate to the high market segments identified. The Athletics profile and recent Olympic medal success is interesting given the lack of community focus for this activity with a lack of specialist facility in the Borough.

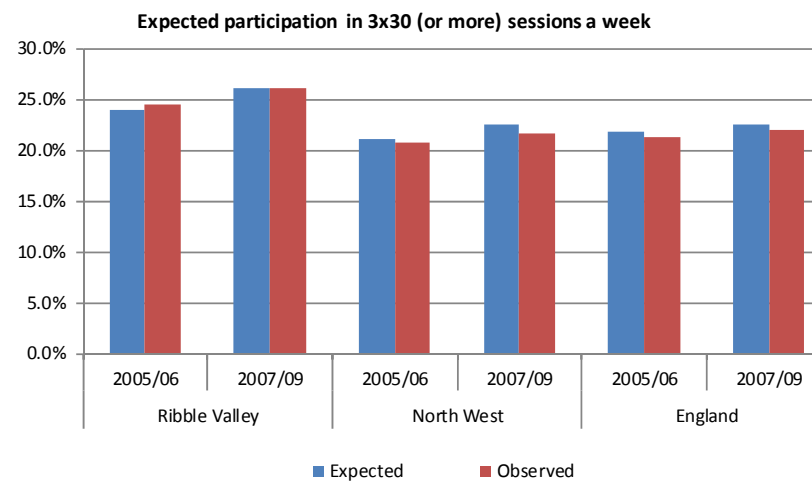
Expected participation in 3x30 (or more) sessions a week

Expected Participation	Ribble Valley		North West		England	
	2005/06	2007/09	2005/06	2007/09	2005/06	2007/09
Expected	24.0%	26.1%	21.0%	22.5%	21.9%	22.5%
Observed	24.4%	26.1%	20.8%	21.7%	21.3%	21.9%
Difference	0.5%	0.0%	-0.2%	-0.8%	-0.6%	-0.5%

Source: Mindshare, Year 2005/06-2007/9, Measure: 3x30 minute sport sessions a week

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NB: 2007/09 refers to the combined APS2-APS3 sample



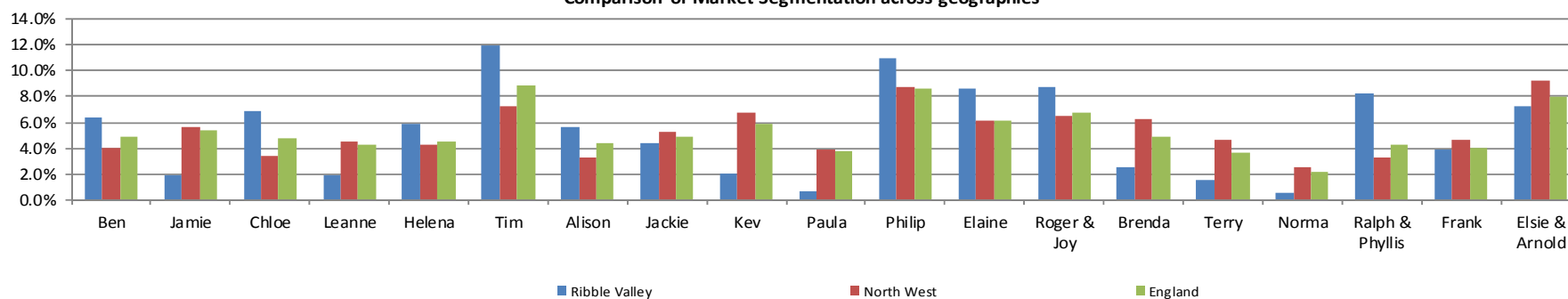
Market segmentation

Code	Name	Description	Ribble Valley		North West		England	
			Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
A01	Ben	Competitive Male Urbanites	2.9	6.3%	216.9	4.0%	1,989.1	4.9%
A02	Jamie	Sports Team Drinkers	0.9	1.9%	301.6	5.6%	2,162.9	5.4%
A03	Chloe	Fitness Class Friends	3.2	6.9%	186.6	3.5%	1,896.5	4.7%
A04	Leanne	Supportive Singles	0.9	1.9%	243.9	4.5%	1,711.6	4.3%
B05	Helena	Career Focused Females	2.7	5.8%	232.7	4.3%	1,829.8	4.5%
B06	Tim	Settling Down Males	5.5	12.0%	389.0	7.2%	3,554.0	8.8%
B07	Alison	Stay at Home Mums	2.6	5.7%	175.2	3.2%	1,766.4	4.4%
B08	Jackie	Middle England Mums	2.0	4.4%	285.1	5.3%	1,965.0	4.9%
B09	Kev	Pub League Team Mates	1.0	2.1%	366.6	6.8%	2,386.6	5.9%
B10	Paula	Stretched Single Mums	0.3	0.7%	207.2	3.8%	1,507.3	3.7%
C11	Philip	Comfortable Mid-Life Male	5.1	11.0%	467.5	8.7%	3,480.0	8.6%
C12	Elaine	Empty Nest Career Ladies	3.9	8.6%	327.8	6.1%	2,443.9	6.1%
C13	Roger & Joy	Early Retirement Couples	4.0	8.7%	350.6	6.5%	2,723.7	6.8%
C14	Brenda	Older Working Women	1.2	2.5%	337.2	6.3%	1,976.8	4.9%
C15	Terry	Local 'Old Boys'	0.7	1.5%	248.5	4.6%	1,484.5	3.7%
C16	Norma	Later Life Ladies	0.3	0.6%	135.0	2.5%	855.0	2.1%
D17	Ralph & Phyllis	Comfortable Retired Couple	3.8	8.3%	174.7	3.2%	1,700.2	4.2%
D18	Frank	Twilight Year Gents	1.8	4.0%	248.7	4.6%	1,612.9	4.0%
D19	Elsie & Arnold	Retirement Home Singles	3.3	7.2%	497.3	9.2%	3,206.3	8.0%
Total			46.1	100.0%	5,392.1	100.0%	40,252.4	100.0%

Source: Sport England and Experian Ltd, Year: 2010, Measure: Sport Market Segmentation

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Comparison of Market Segmentation across geographies



Top 5 sports in local authority with regional and England comparison

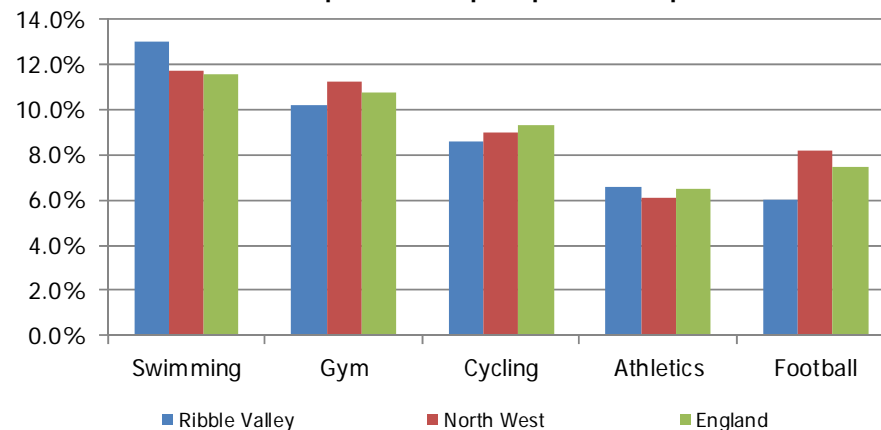
Sport	Ribble Valley		North West		England	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Swimming	5.8	13.0%	647.9	11.7%	4,838.8	11.6%
Gym	4.6	10.2%	622.6	11.2%	4,494.2	10.7%
Cycling	3.8	8.6%	498.8	9.0%	3,875.0	9.3%
Athletics	2.9	6.6%	336.4	6.1%	2,698.5	6.5%
Football	2.7	6.0%	452.0	8.2%	3,103.1	7.4%

Source: Active People Survey 5, Population data: ONS Annual Population Survey 2011

Measure: Participation rate of the top 5 sports and the number of people that participate at least once per month

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Participation in Top 5 Sports - Comparison



Number of adults (16+) wanting to do more sport

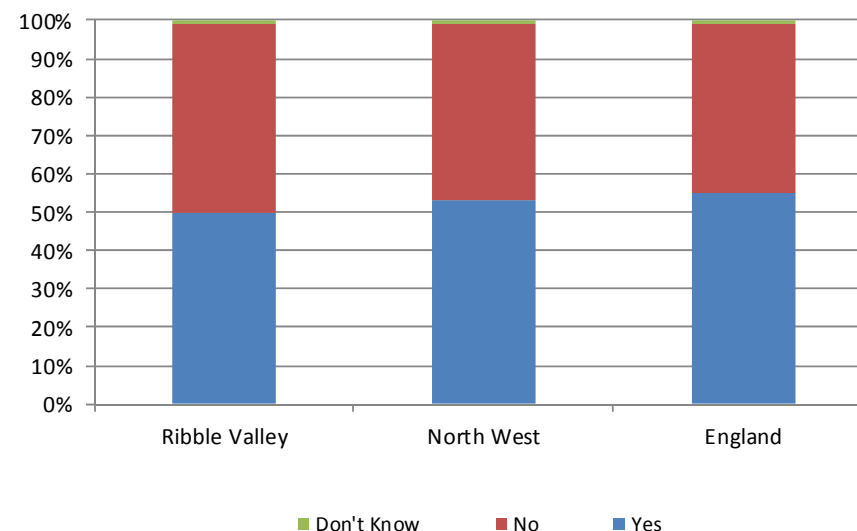
	Ribble Valley		North West		England	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Yes	22.3	49.8%	2,941.2	53.1%	22,974.4	54.9%
No	22.0	49.2%	2,539.7	45.9%	18,431.1	44.1%
Don't Know	0.5	1.0%	55.9	1.0%	427.9	1.0%

Source: Active People Survey 5, Population data: ONS Annual Population Survey 2011

Measure: Proportion and number of adults (16+) wanting to do more sport

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Proportion of adults (16+) wanting to do more sport



Specific Sport(s) that adults want to do most

Sport	Ribble Valley	
	Number	Rate
Cycling	3.6	8.1%
Swimming	2.7	6.0%

Source: Active People Survey 5

Population data: ONS Annual Population Survey 2011

Measure: Top sport(s) in latent demand by adults based on proportion

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4. Projected population provision summary

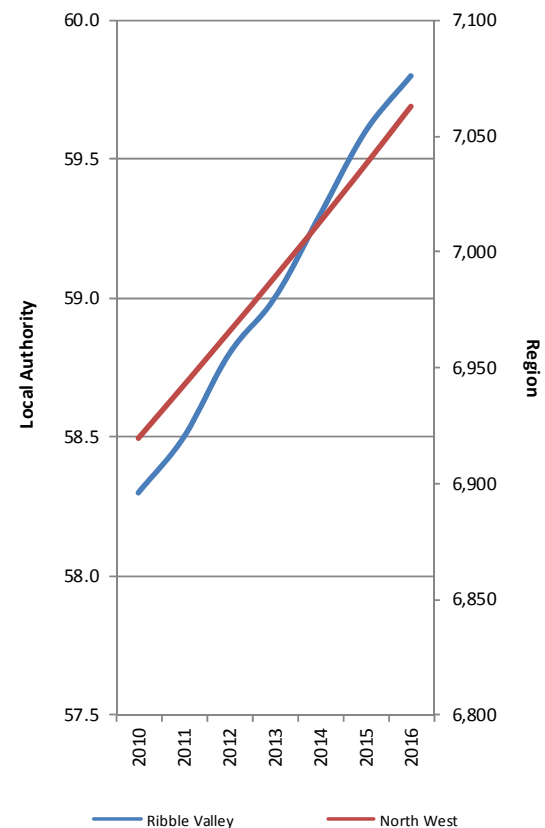
a. Size and distribution / population demand

The all age (previous slides 16+) population in the Ribble Valley is due to increase markedly over the next 4 to 5 years according to national trends, local data and the potential for increased access to Housing in the Borough. The ONS predicts that the Boroughs population will rise by 2.5% by 2016 (up 1500 individual from 2010). This increase in population will place the population back to where it was in 2006 (see section 3). The proposed 4000 additional households 2008 -2028 will increase the population overall by potentially some 11,000 individuals during the period. This proposed increase has not been calculated into this study at this stage.

Population projections by local authority area (2010-2016) (000s)

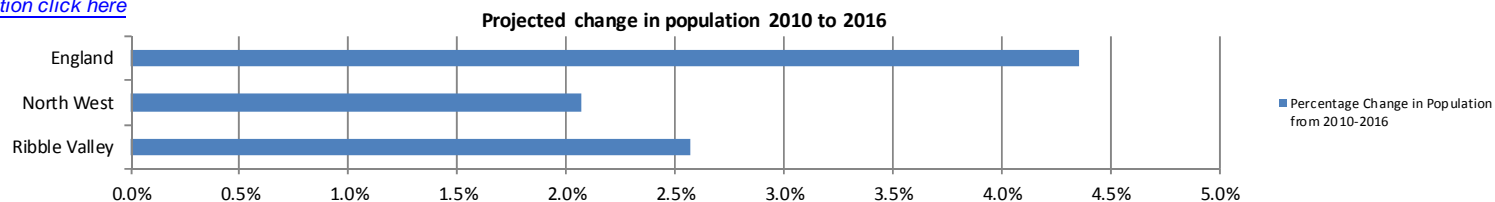
Indicator	Ribble Valley							Chg 10 - 16	% Chg
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016		
Male	28.6	28.7	28.9	29.0	29.1	29.3	29.4	0.8	2.8%
Female	29.7	29.8	29.9	30.0	30.2	30.3	30.4	0.7	2.4%
0-4	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7	-0.1	-3.6%
5-9	3.3	3.2	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	0.0	0.0%
10-14	3.8	3.9	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.6	-0.2	-5.3%
15-19	3.7	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.5	3.5	-0.2	-5.4%
20-24	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.3	2.2	2.2	2.1	-0.3	-12.5%
25-29	2.4	2.5	2.5	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7	0.3	12.5%
30-34	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.5	2.6	2.7	2.7	0.3	12.5%
35-39	3.6	3.3	3.1	3.0	2.9	2.9	2.9	-0.7	-19.4%
40-44	4.8	4.8	4.7	4.5	4.3	4.1	3.8	-1.0	-20.8%
45-49	5.0	5.1	5.1	5.1	5.1	5.0	5.0	0.0	0.0%
50-54	4.3	4.4	4.6	4.7	4.9	5.1	5.1	0.8	18.6%
55-59	3.9	4.0	4.0	4.1	4.2	4.3	4.4	0.5	12.8%
60-64	4.4	4.3	4.1	4.0	3.9	3.9	4.0	-0.4	-9.1%
65-69	3.5	3.7	4.0	4.2	4.3	4.3	4.2	0.7	20.0%
70-74	2.8	2.8	2.9	3.0	3.2	3.3	3.4	0.6	21.4%
75-79	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.4	2.5	2.5	2.6	0.3	13.0%
80-84	1.5	1.6	1.7	1.7	1.8	1.9	1.9	0.4	26.7%
85-89	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.1	0.1	10.0%
90+	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.2	50.0%
Ribble Valley	58.3	58.5	58.8	59.0	59.3	59.6	59.8	1.5	2.6%
North West	6,919.5	6,942.4	6,965.4	6,989.0	7,013.0	7,037.5	7,062.8	143.3	2.1%
England	52,196.7	52,577.1	52,953.9	53,332.0	53,710.0	54,087.8	54,471.6	2,274.9	4.4%

Population projections (000s) 2010 to 2016



Source: Office of National Statistics, Sub National Population Projections: 2010-2016 Measure: Projected population and forecasted percentage change in time period.

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5. Summary

a. Overview

Broadly the Ribble Valley has the appropriate facility mix and capacity to meet its current population level of need and profile. There is an identified need for an Athletics track and evidence for full size grass football pitches to be maintained, improved and new facilities brought on line. There is also an emerging picture of the Ribble Valleys heavy reliance on Education sports provision; which is variable in its accessibility and longevity of tenure for the Community. The proposed increases in the Ribble Valley population (2008 – 2028) in line with planning and development opportunities will clearly release some funding for new provision, however it is proposed that if the Ribble Valley will meet the challenges of an increase in demand and a diversity of facility type (particularly in rural areas), the Borough Council may consider undertaking a strong facilitation and leadership role; working with the education providers, private sector and social enterprises to strategically plan and secure the sports provision for its Communities.

b. Recommendations

It is recommended on the basis of the facility study mapping that Ribble Valley Borough Council specifically gives consideration to the development of:

- i) Increased Health and fitness provision in line with the current population needs (38 stations based upon anticipated population levels) and monitors this level of provision in line with future anticipated demand. It is recommended that these facilities are located in areas of poor provision linked to more isolated and remote communities. Lancashire Sport believe that examination of existing Sports facilities, Community facilities (e.g. Village Halls) and / or encouragement given to private sector partners (e.g. Hotel and retirement facilities) may increase efficiently the overall provision and its distribution in line with need and the older age profile for the Ribble Valley.
- ii) A specialist Athletics facility with consideration being given to an athletics running track. It is proposed that this facility should be linked with an existing facility such as a school and / or Community Club and that Whalley being considered as a suitable location. The current and latent demand for Athletics in the Borough will be sufficient to sustain this facility and meet future anticipated need. The option for the Ribble Valley Athletics to operate the facility should be examined.

- iii) A planned approach to maintaining, improving and increasing the capacity of full size grass football pitches across the Borough in line with emerging need and rural community requirements. It is proposed that leadership for these developments comes from the Borough Council with consideration being given to sites being operated by clubs and social enterprises in the future where possible.
- iv) Strategically planned and collocated sports facilities in the three key communities of Whalley, Longridge and Clitheroe in line with the total emerging housing capacity and community profile for those areas. Consideration should be given to co locating existing sports facilities on a single site to find efficiencies of operation e.g. one shared changing facility, collaboration e.g. shared school and club facilities and coherence / profile within Communities i.e. an identified centre for Community sport provision.