

Shaping a Spatial Strategy and Housing Figure

Assessment of Settlement Characteristics



	Settlement	Population ¹	Characteristics ³	Conclusion ³
North Sub-Area	High Bentham	2002 ²	Main part of Bentham. Only town and largest settlement in north sub-area, with greatest concentration of population, housing, employment, services, facilities. Railway station is a bonus.	Main centre of activity and good location for allocations.
	Low Bentham	647 ²	Other part of Bentham with close physical and social relationship with High Bentham. A medium-sized village of mainly residential character, but benefitting from easy access to what High Bentham has to offer.	Good for small allocations due to links with High Bentham.
	Ingleton	2120	Largest village and second largest settlement (to High Bentham) in north sub-area, with substantial concentration of population, housing, employment, services, facilities. No railway station, but good access to A65. A small part is inside the national park.	Centre of activity and good location for allocations, but not to same degree as Bentham.
	Burton-in-Lonsdale	590	Medium-sized village and third largest settlement in north sub-area. Mainly residential in character, but with some services and facilities. Good access to A687.	Could support some growth with small allocations.
	Clapham	180 ²	Smaller village of north sub-area, mostly inside national park, partly inside AONB. Mainly residential in character, but role as national park visitor centre supports additional services, facilities. Railway station is detached and so less of a bonus. Good access to A65.	Could support some growth with small allocations, but national park limits land supply.
Mid Sub-Area	Settle	2580	Only town and largest settlement in mid sub-area, with greatest concentration of population, housing, employment, services, facilities. Railway station is popular and well-used. Good access to A65. A small part is inside the national park.	Main centre of activity and good location for allocations.
	Hellifield	1370	Now the largest village and second largest settlement in mid sub-area (overtaking Giggleswick since 2001), mainly residential in character, but with some notable services and facilities. Railway station is a bonus. Good access to A65, A682.	Could support some growth with small allocations.
	Giggleswick	1290	Third largest settlement in mid sub-area. Close physical and social relationship with Settle. Mainly residential in character with some services and facilities. Benefits from easy access to what Settle has to offer. Railway stations are a bonus. Good access to A65. A small part is inside the national park.	Good for small allocations due to links with Settle.
	Long Preston	878	Medium-sized village of the mid sub-area, with some services and facilities, but almost entirely within the national park. Railway station is a bonus. Good access to A65.	Allocations not possible, as no land available outside national park.
	Rathmell	302	Smaller village of the mid sub-area. Mainly residential in character with some services, facilities. Within reasonably good reach of A65 and Settle/Giggleswick.	Could support some growth with small allocations.
	Wigglesworth	90 ²	Small hamlet of the mid sub-area. Mainly residential in character with limited services, facilities. Further from Settle/Giggleswick than Rathmell.	Too small and too far from Settle to justify allocations.

	Settlement	Population¹	Characteristics³	Conclusion³
South Sub-Area	Skipton	14,530	Largest settlement of the district and only true town in south sub-area, with by far the greatest concentration of population, housing, employment, services, facilities. Railway station is popular and well-used. Good access to A65, A59/A56, A629.	Major centre of activity and good location for allocations.
	Glusburn & Cross Hills	3980	Two large villages in close physical and social relationship, combining to form south sub-area's second largest settlement. Substantial concentration of population, housing, employment, services, facilities with some town-like qualities. No railway station. Direct access to A629 and A6068, but with constraints.	Centre of activity and good location for allocations, but not to same degree as Skipton.
	Sutton-in-Craven	3710	Large village and third largest settlement in south sub-area. Mainly residential in character. Some services and facilities, plus easy access to Glusburn & Cross Hills, which are very close-by. Access to A629 and A6068, but with constraints.	Good for small allocations due to size and proximity to Glusburn & Cross Hills.
	Cowling	2330	Large village and fourth largest settlement in south sub-area. Some services and facilities. Good access to A6068.	Could support some growth with small allocations.
	Embsay	1830	Medium-sized village, partly inside the national park. Mainly residential in character. Some services and facilities and within easy reach of Skipton, A59 and A65.	Could support some growth with small allocations.
	Gargrave	1720	Medium-sized village and a concentration of population, housing, employment, services and facilities. Railway station is a bonus, but detached. Good access to A65.	Could support some growth with small allocations.
	Low Bradley	1260	Smaller village of the south sub-area. Mainly residential in character. Some services and facilities and within reach of Skipton. Access to A629, but via busy junction.	Could support some growth with small allocations.
	Carleton	1080	Smaller village of the south sub-area. Mainly residential in character. Some services and facilities and within easy reach of Skipton. Access to A59, but via minor road.	Could support some growth with small allocations.
	Cononley	1040	Smaller village of the south sub-area. Mainly residential in character. Some services and facilities. Railway station is a major bonus. Access to A629, but via level crossing and busy junction.	Could support some growth with small allocations.

¹Population figures are for the parishes in which settlements are located (except where indicated by Footnote 2) and are 2010 estimates projected from the 2001 census.

²Population figures for High Bentham, Low Bentham, Clapham and Wigglesworth have been estimated according to the proportion of dwellings in the settlement, compared to the parish as a whole, based on the Electoral Register for 2011/12. The relevant parish populations are as follows: Bentham 3080; Clapham-cum-Newby 665; Wigglesworth 391.

³Characteristics and Conclusions for each settlement should be interpreted in the context of the relevant sub-area and in relation to other settlements within the same sub-area.