

Rural Planning Facilitation



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Importance of The Rural Economy

NW Regional Headlines:

- 23% (£21bn.) of Regions GVA from Rural Areas
- 25% of regions employment in Rural Areas.
- 40% of Regions businesses located in Rural Areas

Dispelling The Myths

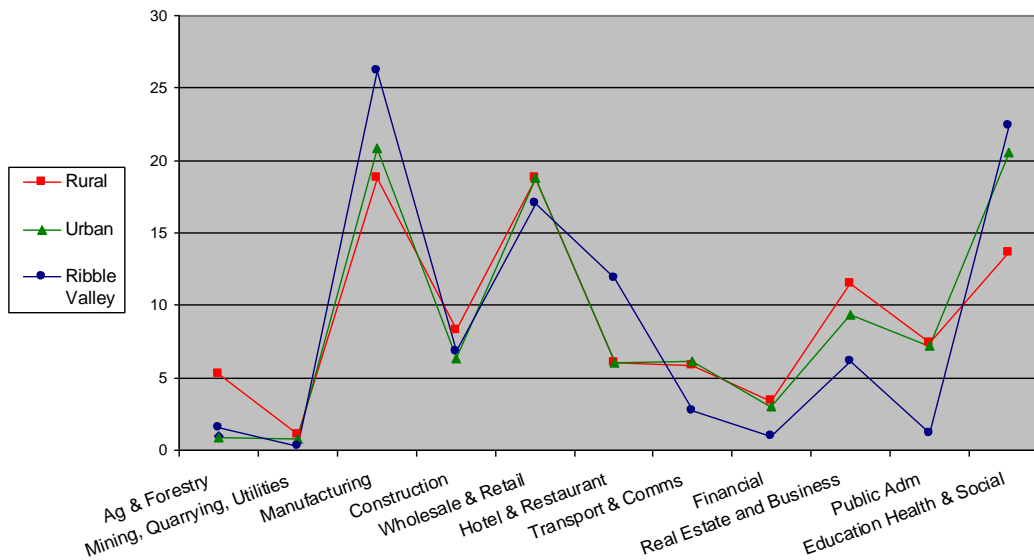
Rural Economy is all about “Yows Cows and Cream Teas”

Reality:

- Agriculture Less than 3% of NW Rural GDP
- Tourism 4.7% of NW Rural GDP

Lancashire's Sector Profile

Figure 1: % Allocation of Employment in Lancashire



Planning Process Critical to Rural Development Opportunities

Changes in the Planning Process:

- Local Delivery Framework Process
- Permitted Development Changes
Workspace
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Residential.

Rural Planning Facilitation Scheme (RPFS)

- Initial Site Visit
- Completion of RPFS Report
- Follow Up Advice

Total of 12 Hours free support
All Sectors Eligible



RPFS Report

- Site appraisal and project outline.
- Designations including National Parks, AONB, SSSIs and Green Belt that may impact on planning policy.
- Detailed analysis of planning policy issues relating to the site and proposed project including the following:
 - National Planning Policy Framework
 - Local Core Strategy and associated Development Plan Documents
 - Remaining Local Plan Policies that have yet to be struck through
 - Permitted Development Rights (Recent Changes)
 - Other supporting documents including economic development strategies
 - Recommendations on key issues and how detailed designs should reflect aspects of planning policy.



RPFS Actions

- An assessment of what other supporting information will also be required. This may include various environmental surveys, local economic appraisals and market demand assessments.
- Further supporting business advice associated with links to other aspects of the Rural Growth Network Programme with a specific focus on funding and finance opportunities associated with business development and investment.
- Concluding recommendations and actions that should be taken if planning is to be progressed.

