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# Northern Test Valley LCWIP report 2024

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Cycle route 100 (North Andover to Romsey) was the top priority for development.

# Accessibility considerations

Although people with disabilities and mobility issues are in the minority, they can be disproportionately affected by their environment and how they navigate it. Therefore, their requirements need careful consideration.

Accessibility issues were highlighted by both organisations and survey respondents - a small number of whom had disabilities. The issues raised included:

- Designing walking and cycling infrastructure for inclusion and the least able, such as wheelchair users and those with visual impairments.
- Cycling infrastructure should be designed for all bike types, e.g. adapted, recumbent or cargo bikes, tandems or tricycles.
- Routes need to be maintained, particularly for those using mobility aids.

Some comments mentioned Stockbridge specifically:

- Cars parking on both sides of Trafalgar Way block pedestrian access causing pedestrians, including the elderly and children going to school, to walk in the road. It was suggested that putting a pavement on the west side of Trafalgar Way would alleviate this.
- Stockbridge is difficult for wheelchair users to navigate due to uneven and narrow pavements. It is also poorly lit, which discourages the elderly and disabled residents from going out in the dark.

# Introduction

# Northern Test Valley LCWIP - background



## Background

Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plans (LCWIP) are an approach to identifying cycling and walking improvements required at the local level. They enable a long-term approach to developing local cycling and walking networks and form part of a vital part of the national strategy to increase the number of trips made on foot or by cycle.

Hampshire County Council and Test Valley Borough Council are committed to developing an LCWIP for the whole of Test Valley\*, through a long-term and ambitious programme of measures; engaging with stakeholders and users to develop the wider network. There is a commitment to improving roads and paths in Test Valley, helping to build healthier and friendlier neighbourhoods and supporting active, healthier modes of transport such as walking, cycling and public transport that are accessible to everyone.

\*An LCWIP covering the south of the borough, mainly Romsey, Chilworth, Nursling and North Baddesley has previously been developed



## Engagement approach

Hampshire County Council set up an interactive Viewpoint website where interested parties could learn more about the LCWIP and give their views to help shape the development of the plan. Visitors to the site could contribute in two ways:

- Responding to surveys about walking and cycling.
- Commenting on an interactive map by 'dropping a pin' in a specific place and answering some questions about the location.

The website was open for comments from 7 October until 17 November 2024.

This report focuses on the responses to the two surveys (walking and cycling) and comments received via email correspondence. Comments from the interactive map will be analysed separately by the project team as specific routes and zones are reviewed and developed.

# Summary of responses



45 people responded to the walking survey



38 people responded to the cycling survey



70 comments were placed on the ViewPoint map

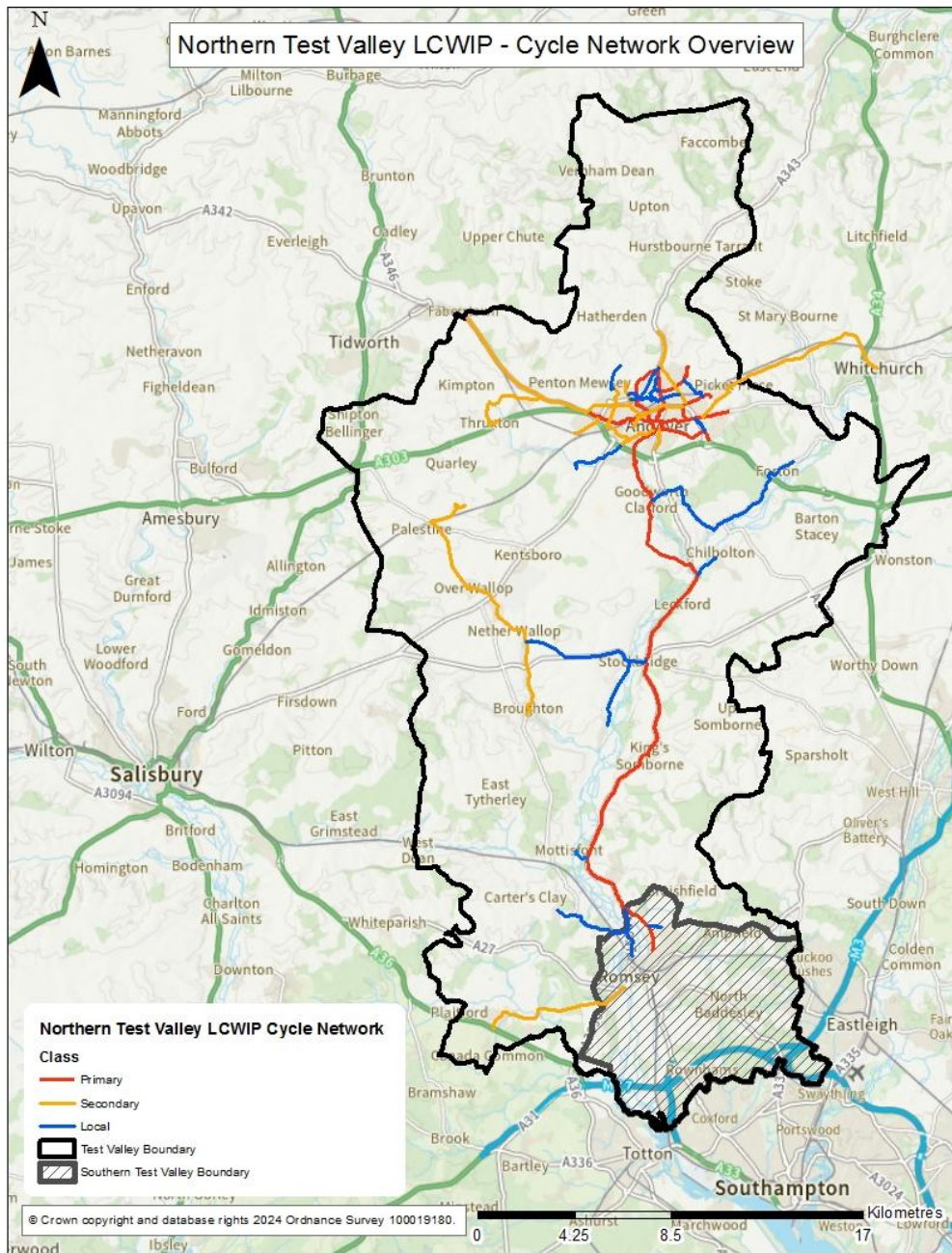


19 unstructured responses were received via email from public bodies, local Councillors, local groups and individuals.

N.B. There were no quotas or sampling targets, in keeping with the spirit of open engagement. All questions in the surveys were optional, and the base therefore changes throughout the report. This is noted on each chart.

Note: Where percentages do not total 100%, this is due to rounding.

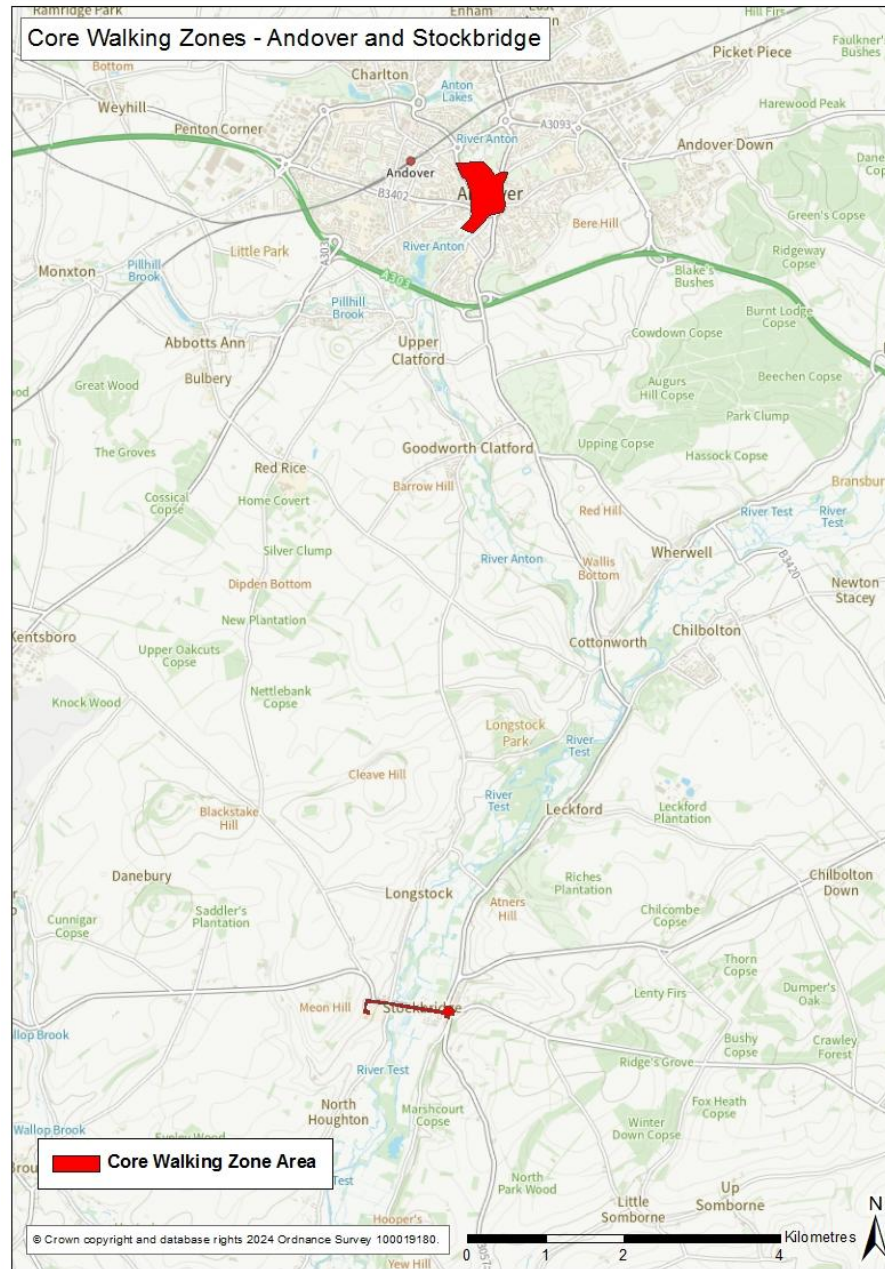
The number of respondents to this survey is lower compared to some recent LCWIPs but consistent with the Southern Test Valley LCWIP (57 respondents).

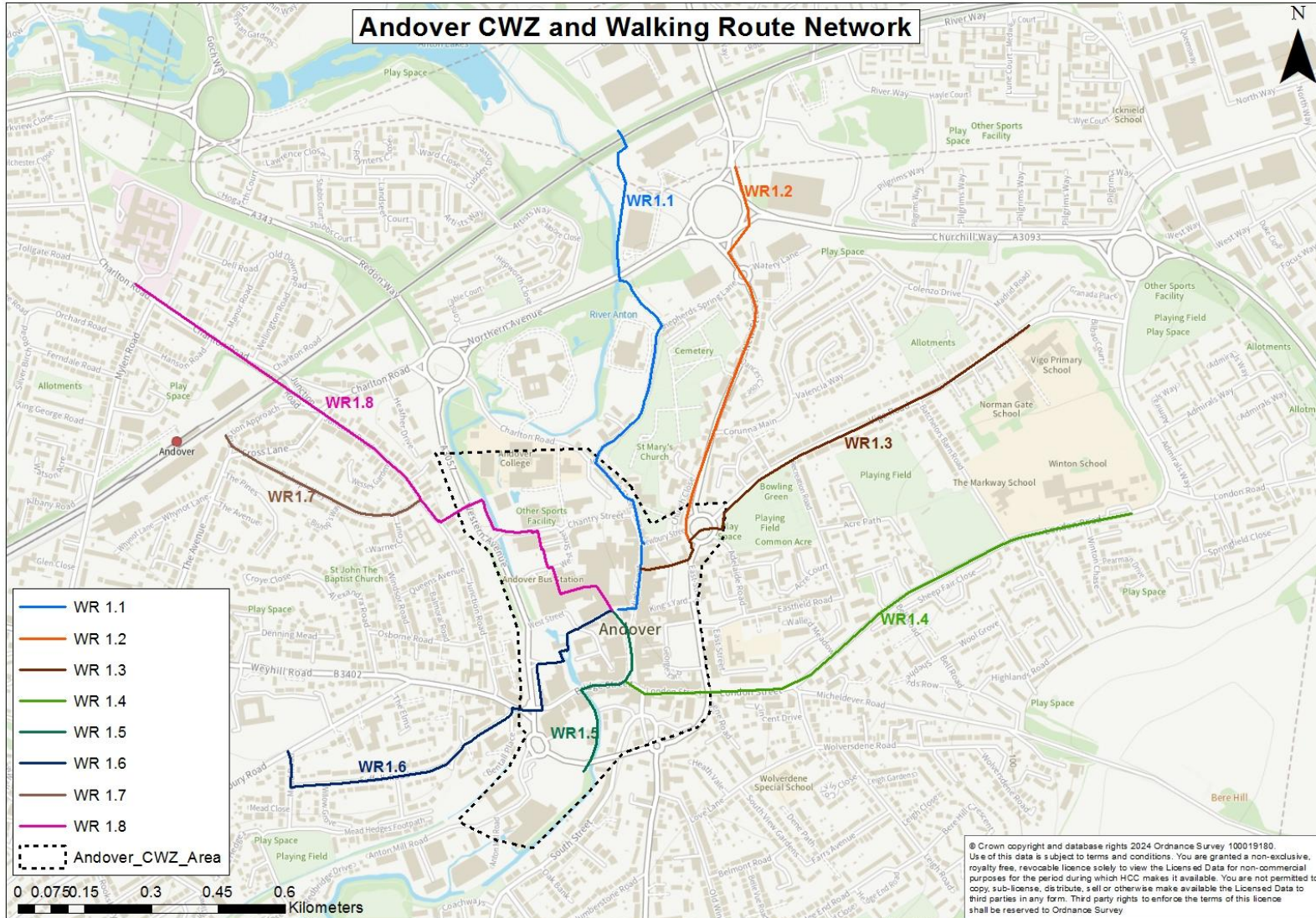


# Proposed cycling routes



# Proposed Core Walking Zones



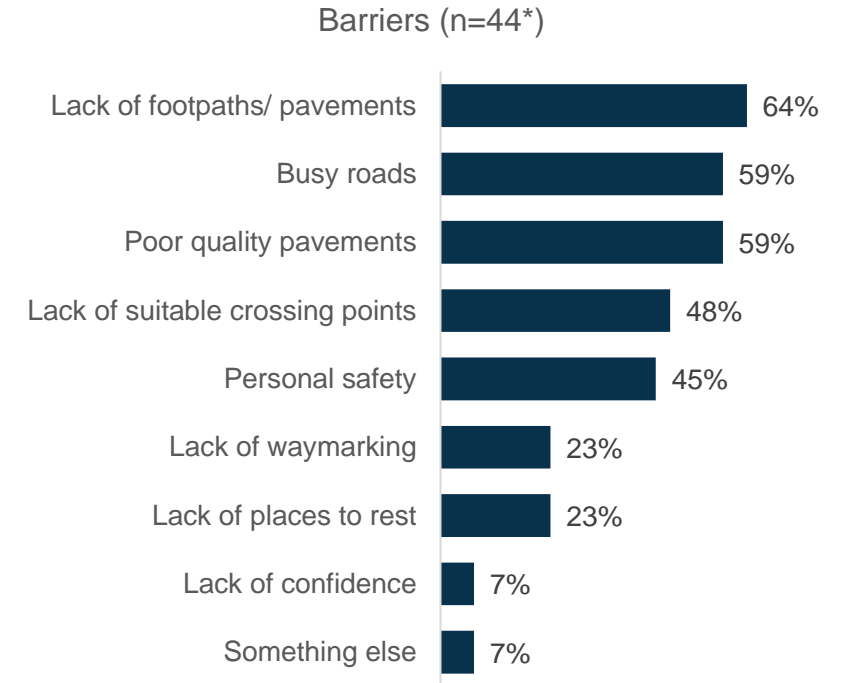
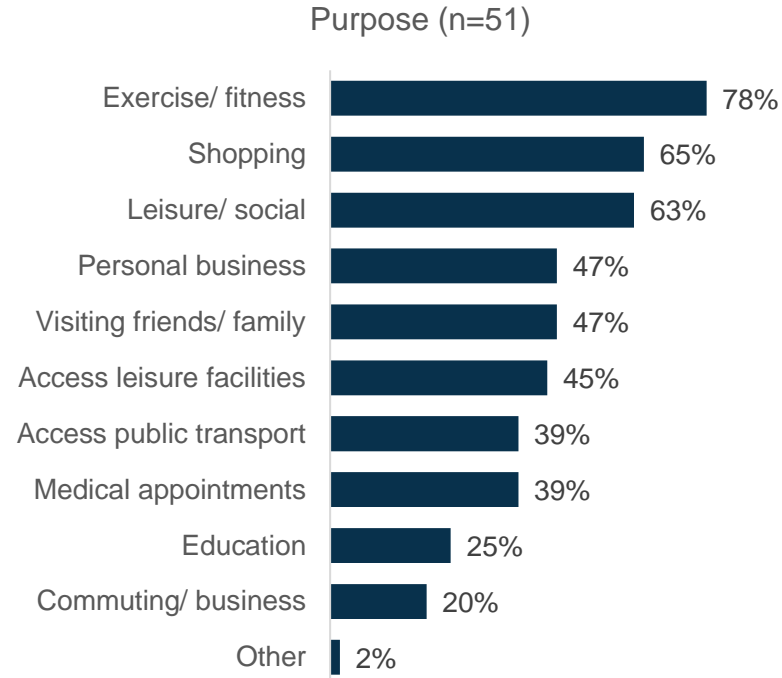
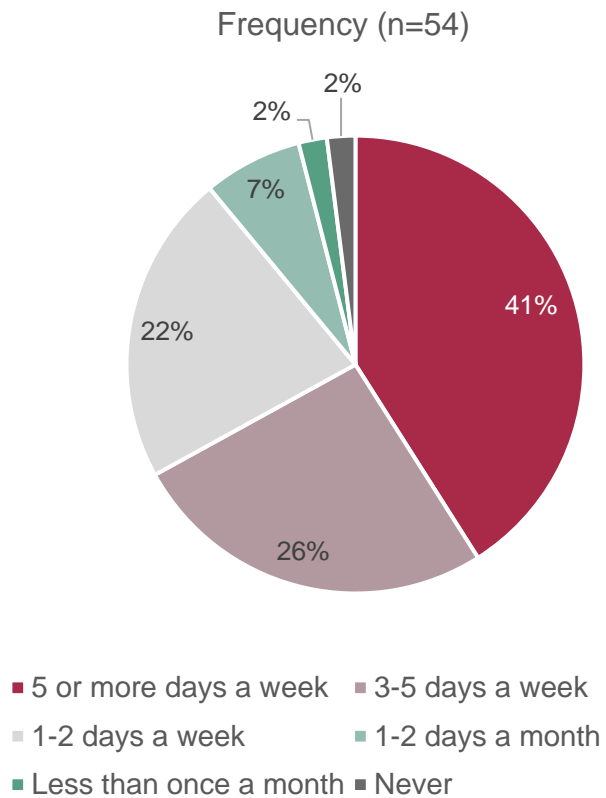


# Andover walking routes

# Detailed findings

# Walking profile

The majority of respondents frequently travelled on foot (89%), primarily for fitness or exercise (78%), shopping (65%), and leisure/social (63%) purposes. Over half of the respondents identified a lack of footpaths (64%), busy roads (59%) and poor-quality pavements (59%) as barriers to walking in the area.



*Frequent = once a week or more*

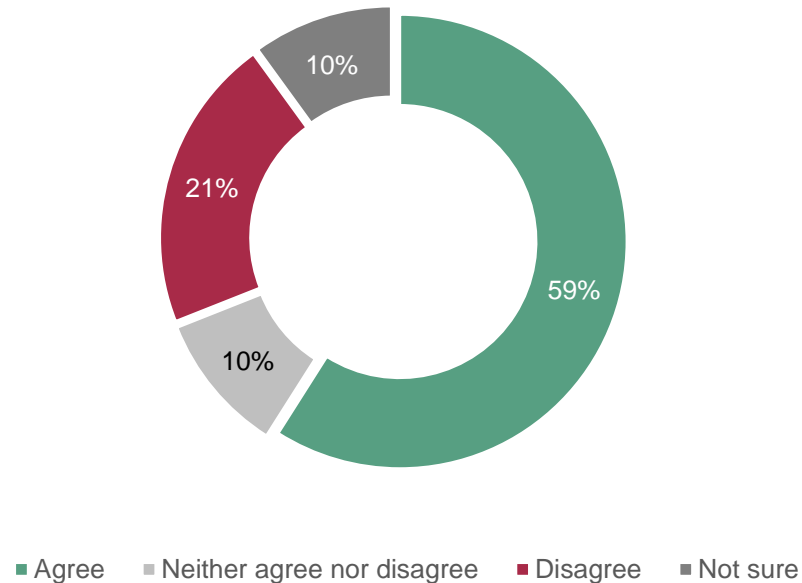
*How often do you make journeys by walking?; For what purpose would you usually walk for all or part of your journey?; Thinking about the northern Test Valley area, what are the barriers which prevent you or other people from walking or wheeling\* in the area?*

*\* caution: low base*

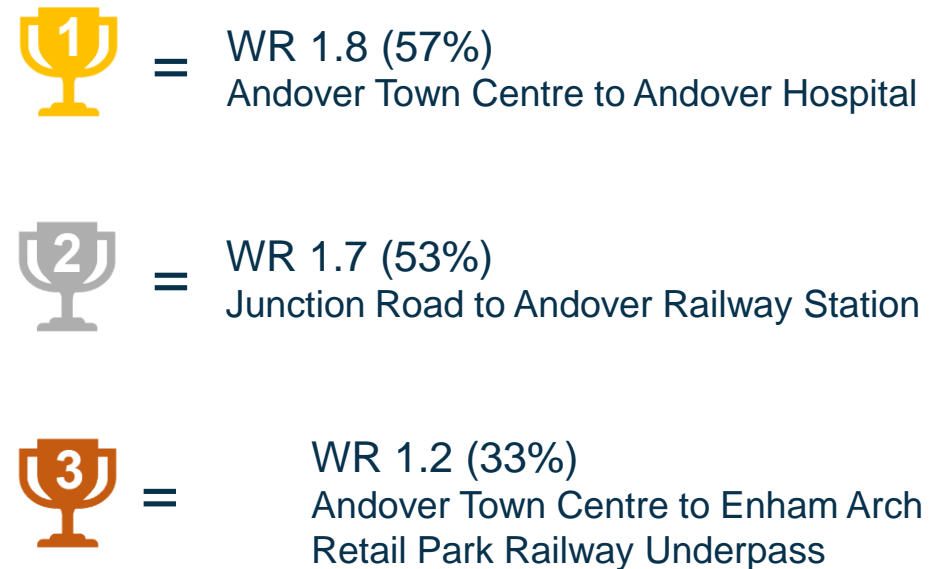
# Walking zones and routes

Over half of respondents agreed that the proposed walking zones and routes included areas people want to walk to (59%). Route 1.8 (Andover Town Centre to Andover Hospital) was identified as the top priority for development (57%).

Agreement zones and routes include places people want to walk (n=39\*)



Prioritisation of Andover walking routes(n=30\*)

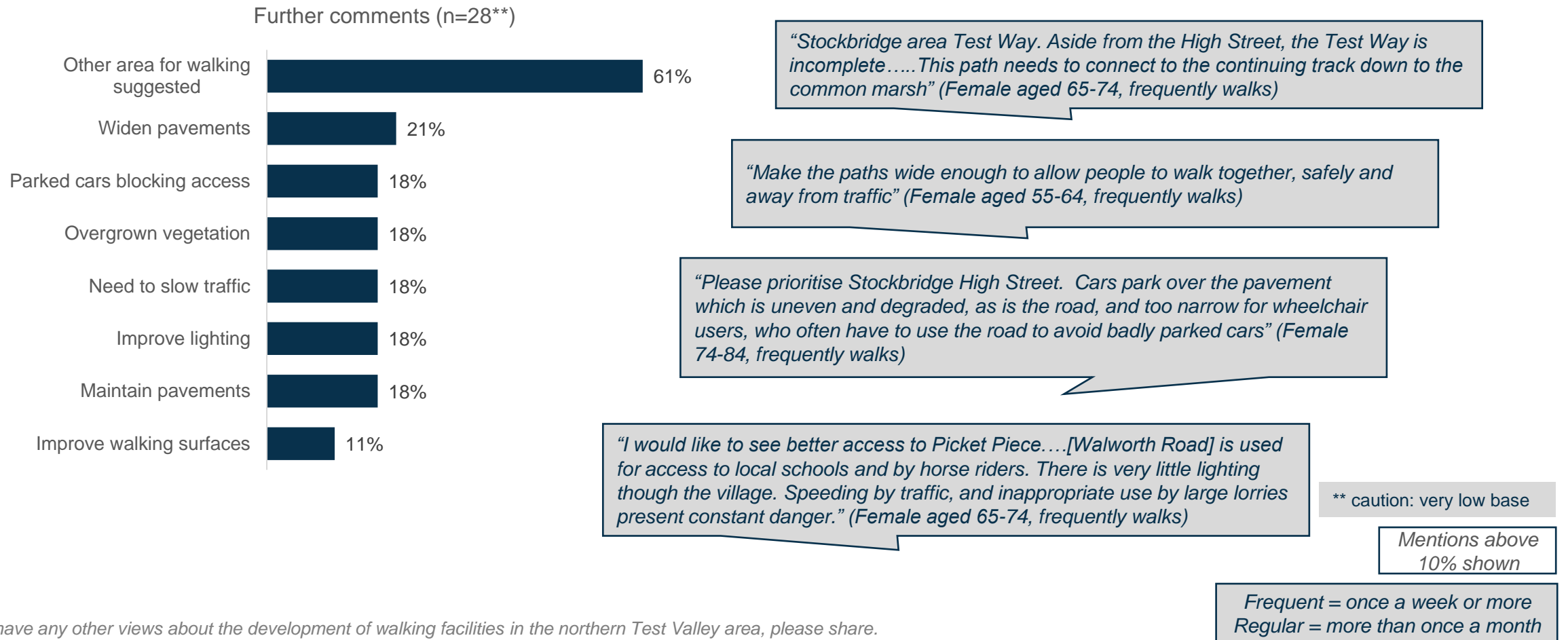


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To what extent do you agree that the proposed Core Walking Zones (CWZ) and routes include the places local people want to walk to?; Select three walking routes, from the Andover CWZ, you would like to see prioritised first for development

# Further comments about walking

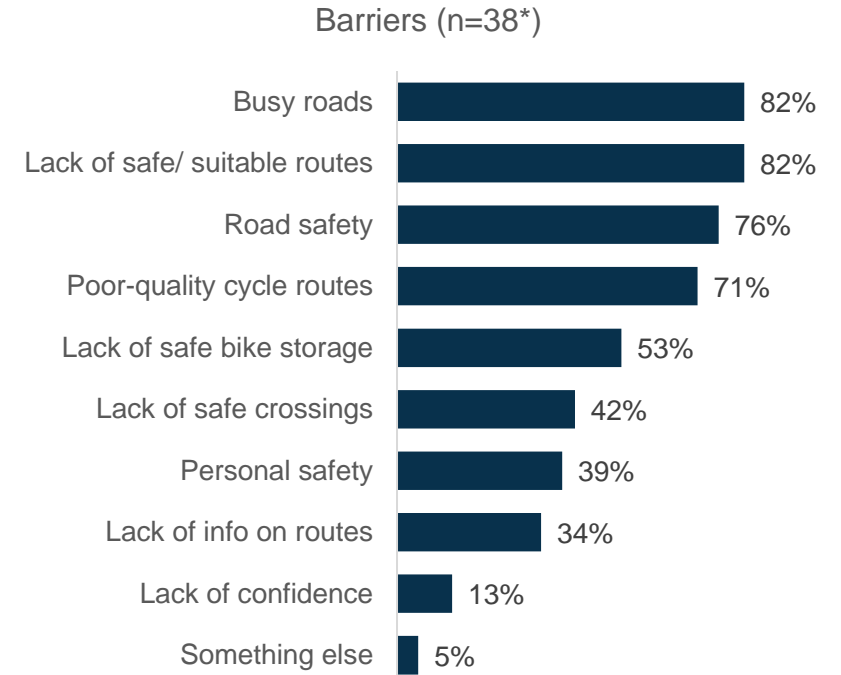
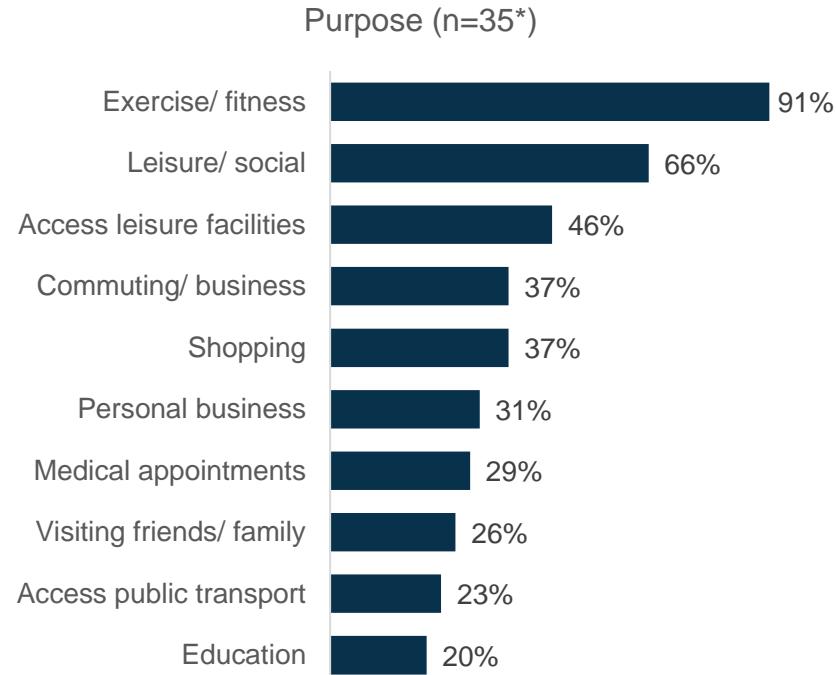
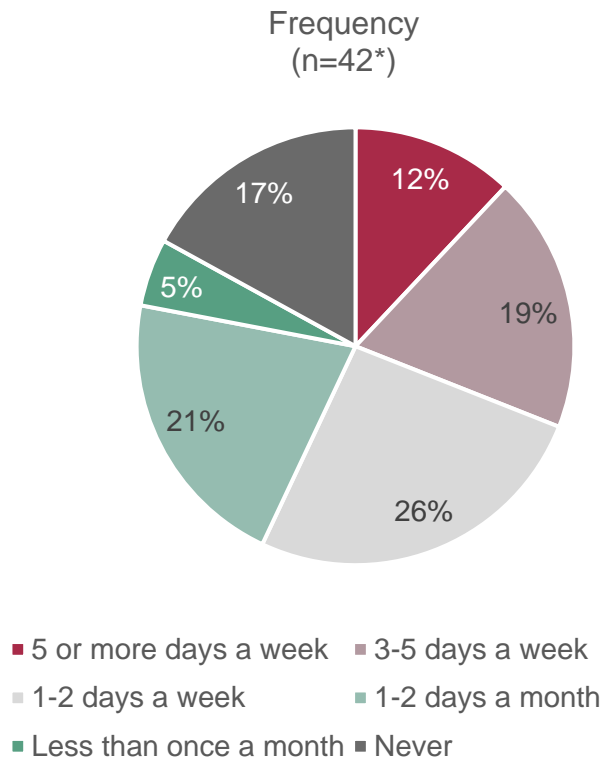
Most often, the further comments included suggestions for alternative walking routes (61%). Andover and Stockbridge were the most frequently mentioned areas.



If you have any other views about the development of walking facilities in the northern Test Valley area, please share.

# Cycling profile

More than half of respondents frequently made journeys by bicycle (57%). The main purpose of these journeys was exercise and fitness (91%) and leisure and social (66%). The primary barriers to cycling were busy roads (82%), lack of safe/ suitable routes (82%), road safety (76%) and poor-quality cycle routes (71%).



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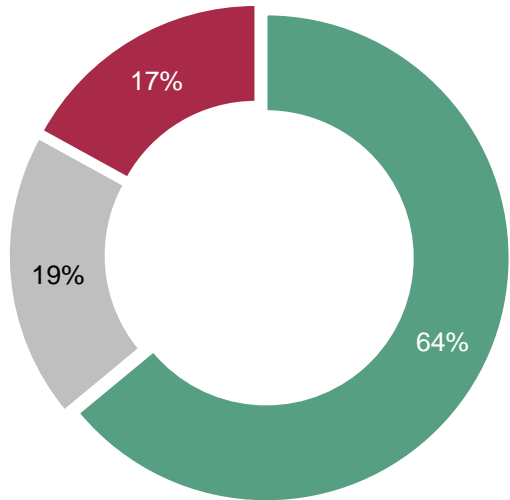
How often do you make journey by cycling?; For what purpose would you usually cycle, for all or part of a journey?; Thinking about the northern Test Valley, what are the barriers which you think prevent you or others from cycling in the area?

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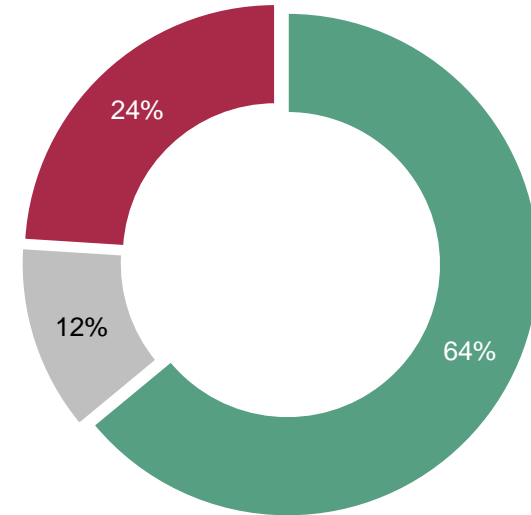
# Cycling routes

64% of respondents agreed that the proposed primary and secondary cycle routes connect people with the places they want to go to.

Agreement primary routes connect places people want to get to (n=36\*)



Agreement secondary routes connect places people want to get to (n=33\*)



- Agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree

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To what extent do you agree that the proposed cycle routes connect with the places people want to get to?



# Cycling routes

Route 100 (North Andover to Romsey) was the top priority for development. Andover was mentioned most frequently for additional primary route suggestions (n=6). No additional secondary routes were mentioned more than twice.

Prioritisation (n=34\*)



= Route 100 (74%)  
North Andover to Romsey (via Stockbridge)



= Route 200 (44%)  
Weyhill to Picket Piece Andover



= Route 230 (26%)  
London Road junction to The Middleway junction Andover

Additional routes (n=30\*)

## Primary routes:

- Seventeen additional routes were suggested.
- Most frequently mentioned area was Andover (6 mentions).
- Suggested twice: Test Way, Greatly, Charlton, Stockbridge, general routes to schools and under the A303.

## Secondary Routes:

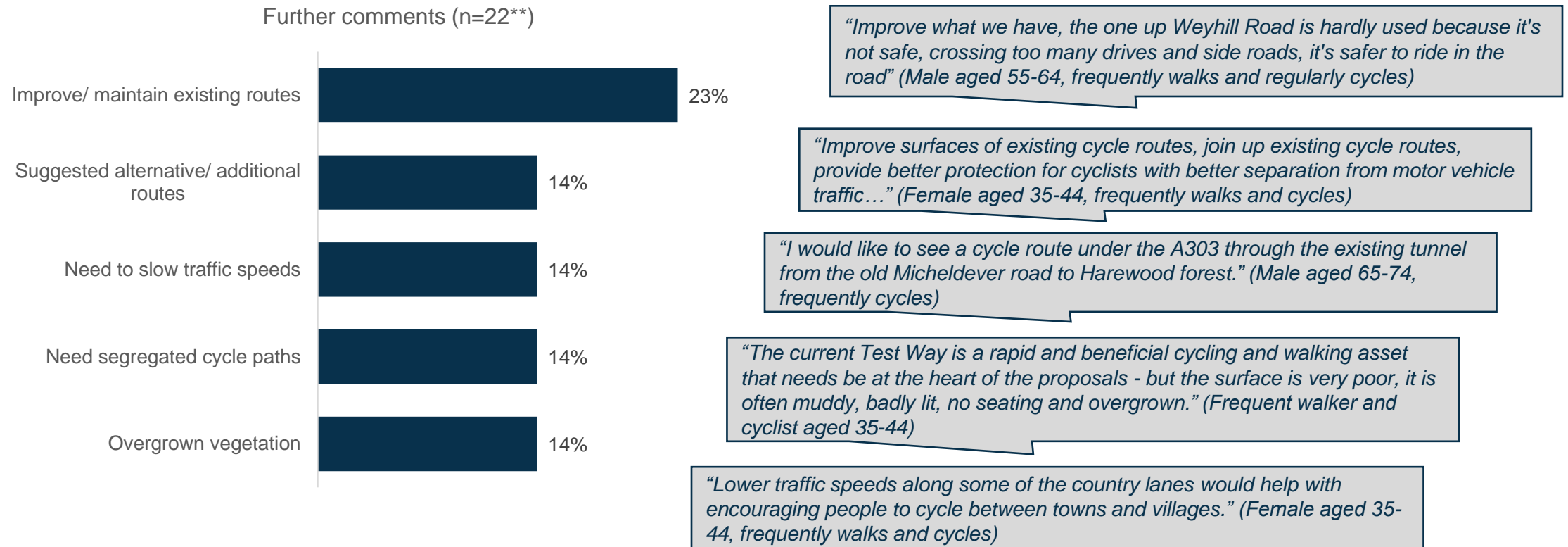
- Thirteen additional routes were suggested.
- No area mentioned frequently.
- Suggested twice: Wherwell, Greatly, Stockbridge, routes to school routes

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Select up to three primary routes you would like to see prioritised first for development.; Are there any other routes that you think should be included in the primary routes list?; Are there any routes that you think should be part of the secondary network?

# Further comments about cycling

Nearly a quarter of further comments related to improving and maintaining existing cycle routes.



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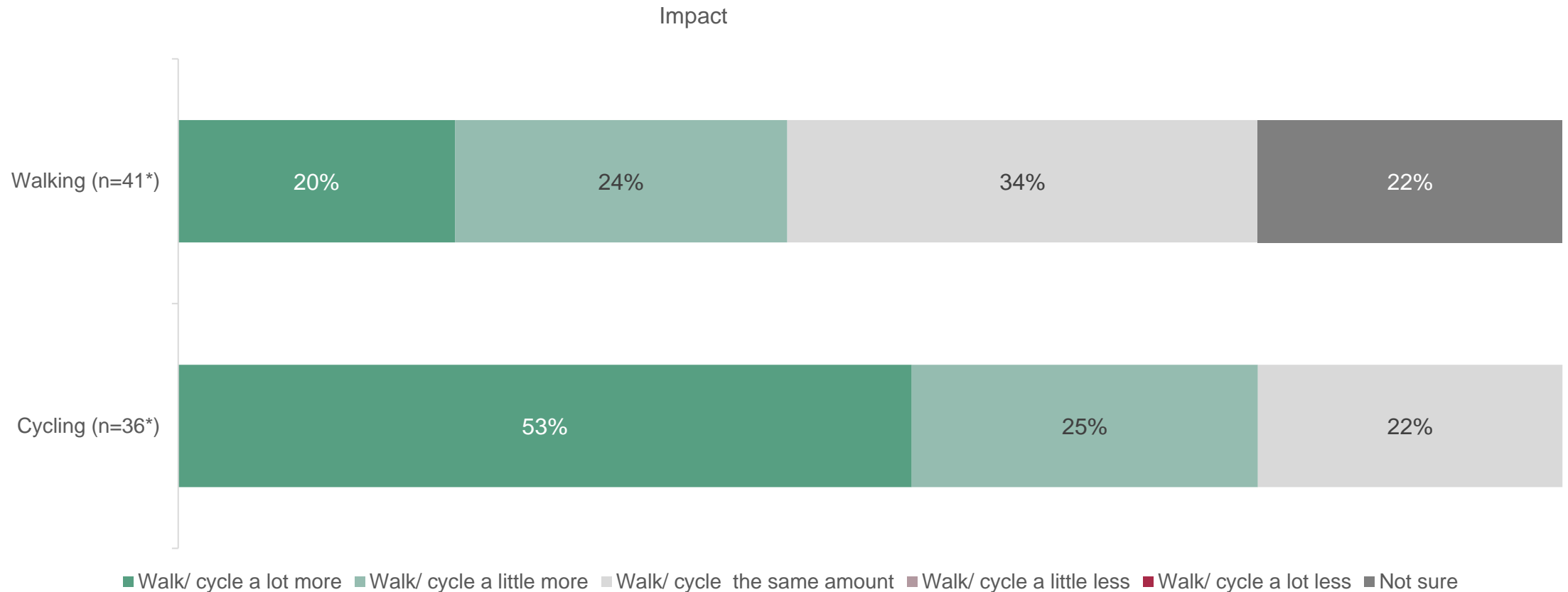
Mentions above 10% shown

Frequent = once a week or more

If you have any other thoughts about the development of cycle facilities in the northern Test Valley area, please share these below.

# Impact on walking and cycling

Nearly half of respondents (44%) said they would walk more if the proposed Core Walking Zones and walking routes were developed. 78% said they would cycle more if the proposed primary and secondary cycle routes were developed.



What impact would developing these [walking] zones or routes have on your walking habits?; What impact would developing these primary and secondary [cycle] routes have on your cycling habits?

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# Comments received by email (1)

Nineteen emails were received, two of which were from local councillors, seven from organisations and the rest from individuals. The areas covered were broad but mainly fell into the themes shown here and on the next slide.

## Current situation or issues

Whilst the LCWIP consultation aimed to gather feedback on the proposed plan, some respondents chose to highlight current walking and cycling issues in the area.

These included:

- Fast traffic.
- Poor lighting.
- Poor visibility.
- Narrow roads.
- Poor road and pavement surfaces.
- Narrow pavements.
- Cluttered pavements.
- Lack of pavement.
- Inconsiderate parking.
- Overgrown vegetation.

## Route suggestions

- Four alternatives or amendments to proposed routes.
- Eight suggestions of additional routes.
- Two requests for more direct routes.
- Two suggestions to connect to the Test Way.
- One request to provide foot and cycle access over the A303.

## Support

- Four comments giving general support for the plan.
- Two comments giving specific support for the Stockbridge plan.

# Comments received by email (2)

## Infrastructure requests

- Four for improved crossings.
- Three for segregated cycle lanes.
- Two for better separation on shared paths.
- Two for improved bike storage.
- One for good quality surfaces.
- One for continuous cycle lanes.
- One for avoiding continuous paths and shared paths (problematic for people with visual impairments).
- One for tactile pavement.

## Other comments

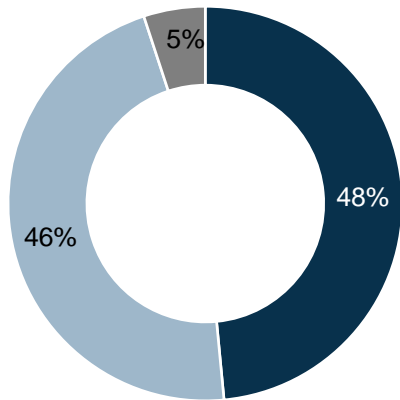
- Consider accessibility, inclusivity & inequalities (five comments).
- Reduce speed limits (two comments).
- Link the routes with public transport provision (two comments).
- Maintain existing routes (one comment).
- More routes needed to change behaviour (one comment).
- Proposed routes are dangerous (one comment).
- Improve personal safety e.g. underpasses and routes in isolated areas (one comment).

# Respondent profile

# Respondent profile (1)

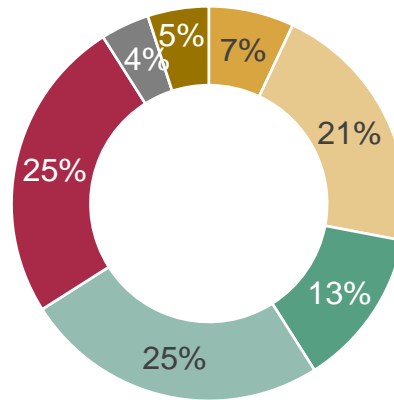
Almost equal numbers of males and females responded to the survey (48% and 46% respectively). The highest proportion of respondents were aged 55-74 (50%) and lived within the northern Test Valley area (84%).

Gender (n=56)



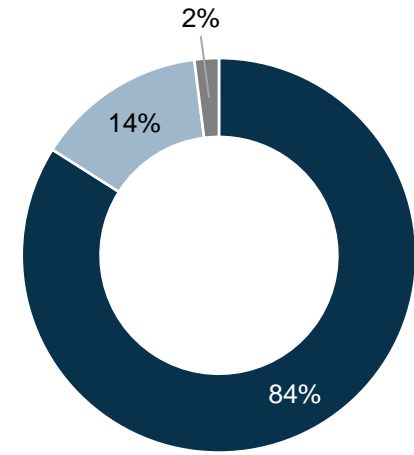
■ Male ■ Female ■ Prefer not to say

Age (n=56)



■ Under 16 ■ 16-24  
■ 25-34 ■ 35-44  
■ 45-54 ■ 55-64  
■ 65-74 ■ 75-84  
■ 85+ ■ Prefer not to say

Residence (n=56)



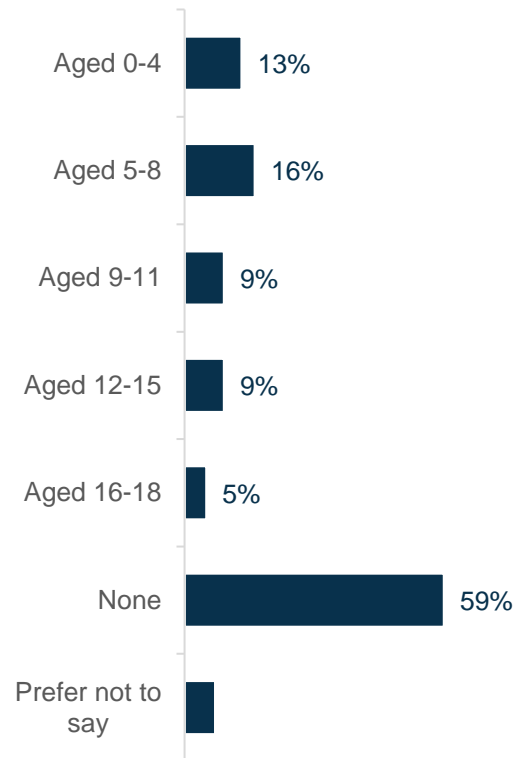
■ In the northern Test Valley area  
■ Outside the northern Test Valley area  
■ Prefer not to say

*Which of the following best describes your gender?; What is your age?; Where do you live?*

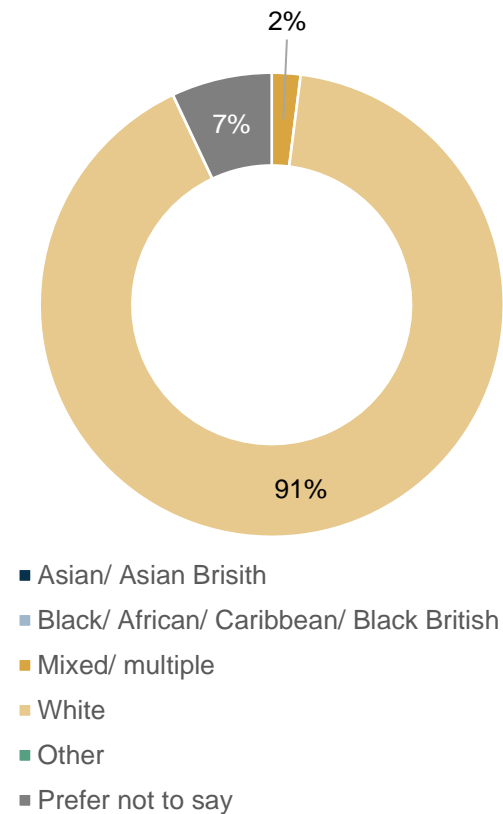
# Respondent profile (2)

Over half of respondents (59%) did not have any children or young people under the age of 18 living at home, and most respondents were of White ethnicity (91%).

Children in household (n=56)



Ethnic group (n=56)



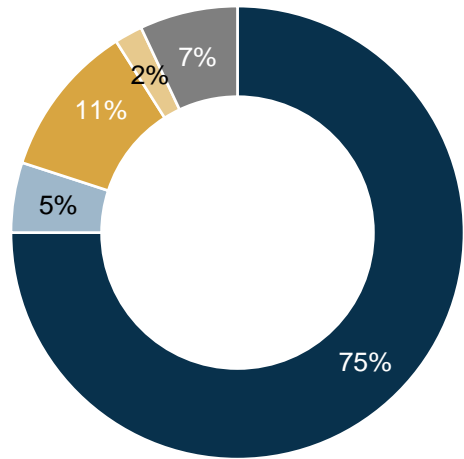
Are there any children or young people up to the age of 18 living in your household (including yourself)?; What is your ethnicity?



# Respondent profile (3)

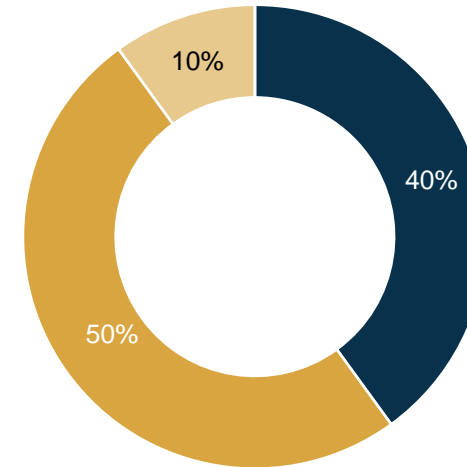
Eighteen percent of respondents reported an illness or disability, and of those 60% said it affected their mobility.

Disability (n=56)



- No
- Yes but they do not reduce my day-to-day activities
- Yes and they reduce my day-to-day activities a little
- Yes and they reduce my day-to-day activities a lot
- Prefer not to say

Mobility (n=10\*\*)



- No
- Yes, a little
- Yes, a lot
- Prefer not to say

\*\* caution: very low base

Do you have any physical or mental health conditions or illness lasting or expected to last 12 month or more? Does this affect your mobility (ability to move around)?