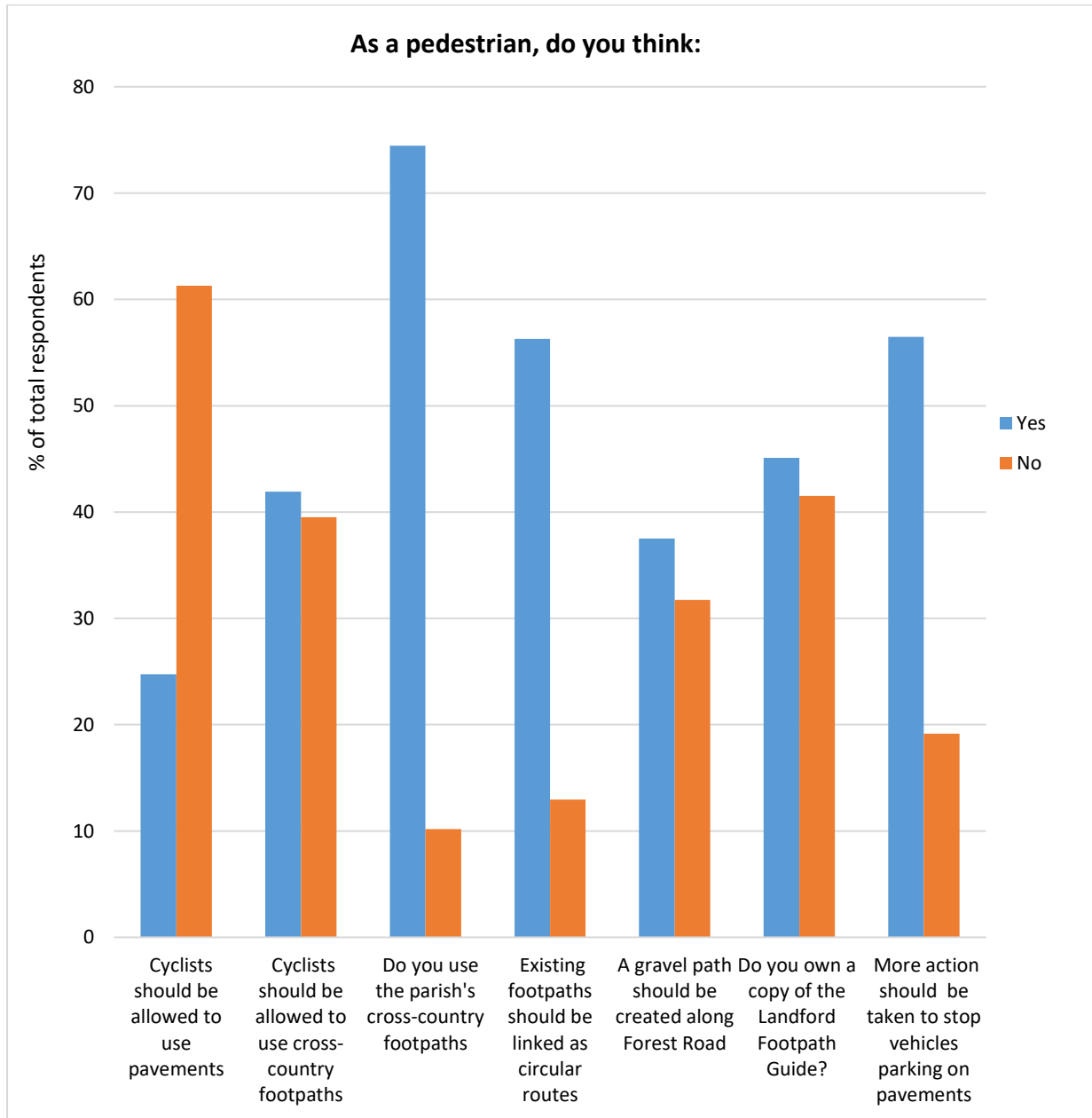


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12.1 Pavements and cross-country footpaths These are only allowed to be used by pedestrians, people with pushchairs or prams, wheelchairs and mobility scooters (unless designated as a byway, restricted byway or bridleway).



There was some inevitable confusion between off-road footpaths and pavements. The conflict between the need to improve facilities and a wish to retain the rural nature of the area was often evident.

"It will never be 100% safe if you have to walk on a road without a dedicated footpath"

Regarding cyclists using pavements, some were willing to accept this with care and consideration, while others were opposed, or felt that only children should be allowed to cycle on pavements. Concern regarding pedestrian safety was the main reservation. Most pavements are too narrow to allow shared use. A36 from Partridge Hill to Wellow already has a shared footway/ cycle path.

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Regarding the use of cross-country footpaths by cyclists – this would be acceptable if they are wide enough with suitable surface (e.g. gravel track). Most would not be suitable.

Additional pavements were felt necessary by some, on New Road and Forest Road (presumably beyond cattle grid into Forest). Some mentioned the fact that gravel paths are generally unsuitable for pushchairs and wheelchairs. Where no pavement is possible, lack of maintenance of verges can prove an issue for pedestrians e.g. Glebe Lane, especially with young children.

Concern was again expressed in comments by numerous respondents regarding parking on pavements. Dog fouling was also seen as an issue for pedestrians. More litter bins and dog bins were suggested by a couple of respondents.

Improving the path from the Nomansland Rec to Landford for bikes and pushchairs was seen as required to reduce traffic on local roads, especially for school children going to schools. None of the routes from Lyndhurst Rd to Nomansland are wheelchair friendly. A need was expressed for a safe crossing of the A36 for pedestrians.



The footpath network was appreciated and should be extended but some felt that maintenance is not sufficient. It should be emphasised that it is maintained by volunteers. A suggestion was made that circular routes could easily be made by cutting back the 3m wide road edge on A36 from New Road to In Excess - this would link several paths. A permissive path was suggested through Green Hill Farm Camp Site to Plaitford Common. Another respondent suggested that extending paths would be more useful than creating circular routes. The risk to footpath users from golf balls across Hamptworth Golf Course also came up – it was suggested that an indication of the expected direction of flying balls should be indicated. Some concern was expressed about public footpaths being apparently re-routed without consultation or permission. Additional

bridlepaths would be welcome by some. The view has been expressed by some that footpath clearing should also take place in the summer and/or in evenings so that people who work could participate.

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Our Aims

- 1. To ensure that, as far as possible, pedestrians' requirements are met by maximising the availability and condition of existing footpaths and pavements**

AIM	ACTION	BY WHOM?	TARGET TIMESCALE
What we can do as individuals			
1	Ensure our own hedges do not block pavements	Homeowners	Ongoing
1	Not park cars on pavements/discourage visitors & traders from parking on pavements	Residents	Ongoing
1	Report issues where pavements are blocked or unsafe to Parish Council	Pedestrians	Ongoing
1	Use public footpaths and encourage others to do so	Pedestrians	Ongoing
1	Where appropriate, participate in footpath clearing (formally or informally) even by taking a pair of secateurs along footpaths to trim back brambles etc. or adopt a particular footpath	Individuals	Ongoing
1	Where appropriate, form a group to carry out clearing at a weekend or evening in summer, by liaison with current committee	Individuals	Within 1 year
What we plan to do as a parish			
1	Continue to maintain and develop footpath network	Footpath Committee	Ongoing
1	Promote and perhaps expand the work of the footpath committee to include sessions at other times (e.g. summer, weekends, evenings)	Footpath Committee	Within 1 year
What we are asking others to do			
1	Respond promptly to reports of issues with pavements	Parish Council/ Wiltshire Council	Ongoing
1	Discourage parking on pavements	Parish Council, Police	Ongoing
1	Support footpath committee where major work required	Wiltshire Council/ NFNPA	Ongoing