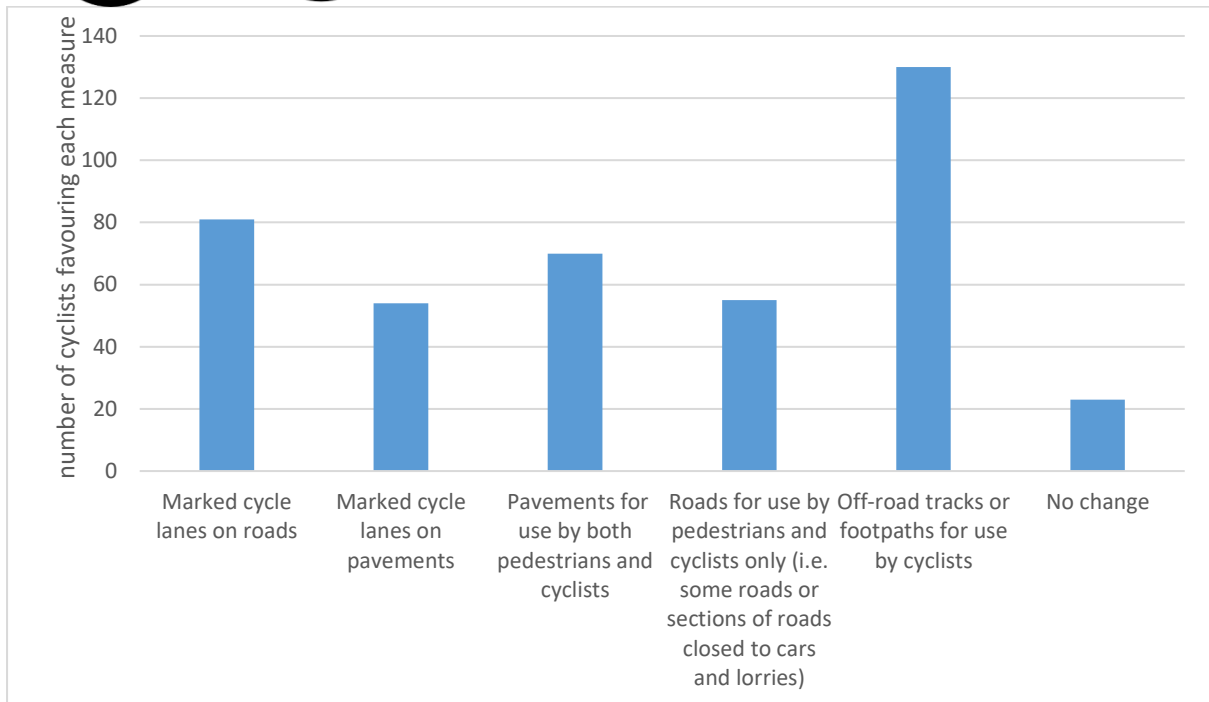


S13 Cycling



33% of all respondents said they were regular cyclists and expressed their preferences for the following measures:



General Comments:

In the 2015 update of the Landford Plan, there was a call for safe cycling routes. There has been no great improvement in this situation since then, and the demand is still there. Cycling is obviously popular and generally supported. Some would return to cycling if they felt it was less dangerous. Repair of roads was expressed as one requirement.

There were several comments about cyclist behaviour, particularly riding 2 abreast, which is legally permitted.

Cycling education through the schools was one suggestion, as was education of motorists towards cyclists! Horse riding was also mentioned by some as having the same issues.

There is some resentment towards organised cycle events.

"Gravel tracks should be available for cyclists to use through Forest"

Routes and cycle lanes:

Off road cycle routes were favoured by many but were seen as impractical in most parts of the parish. The use of current off-road routes was only supported for gravel tracks, not footpaths in general. Closure of some roads to vehicles, at least in one direction, was seen as one possibility. (For example, the Coach Road in Nomansland where damage to roadsides from cars passing each other off the road surface is considerable). The suggestion of marked cycle lanes on pavements was felt to be a good idea but not appropriate locally as pavements are too narrow, except on the A36.

Several supported marked cycle lanes on roads - New Road, A36. Other roads are too narrow. Where practical, pavements used by both pedestrians and cyclists were supported by several respondents, with pedestrians having right of way. Lyndhurst Road and Forest Road were considered suitable. This was particularly favoured for children. Some opposition was expressed to this in section 12 of the questionnaire on Walking!

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- Off road cycle tracks between the schools were favoured by several respondents.
- In several cases, criticism was made of forest cycle routes being ill thought-out.
- A safe crossing of the A36 was suggested.

NB. Some felt that measures such as the above were seen as making the parish more “town-like”.

13.3 Cycle Racks

72 respondents (14% of total) supported the idea of installing cycle racks.

Sites suggested by several people each - schools, village shop and farm shop, village hall, pubs, both Recreation Grounds, bus stops, Nomansland Green, churches, Whiteparish surgery and further afield at Pipers Wait and Fritham.

A cycle rack at the Landford Poacher was suggested for students catching the bus to college. In two cases, adding cycle racks was seen as undesirable further urbanisation. Support was expressed by one resident for a secure mobility scooter facility close to the bus stop but out of sight. Considering the low cost and lack of negative impact, where there was support e.g shop, village hall, there would still be a benefit to those who would use them.

Our Aims

1. To ensure that, as far as possible, cyclists’ requirements are met and compatible with those of other road users

AIM	ACTION	BY WHOM?	TARGET TIMESCALE
What we can do as individuals			
1	Act with consideration towards other road users, including use of bell	Cyclists/motorists/ pedestrians	Ongoing
1	Report potholes and other road issues to appropriate authority	All road users	Ongoing
1	Form a group of interested cyclists to investigate possibilities for improving safety and scope of cycling	Cyclists	Within 6 months
What we plan to do as a parish			
1	Maintain condition of roads to ensure safe cycling	Parish Council	Ongoing
1	Install cycle racks in appropriate sites around parish. Funding could be sought from Landford Parish Community Partnership.	Cycle group	Within 1 year
1	Liaise with organisers of cycle events to minimise friction with other residents	Parish Council	Within 1 year
1	Contact school to see how cycling can be supported	Cycle group	Within 1 year
1	Contact NFNPA to request improvement in off-road cycling opportunities	Cycle group	Within 1 year
What we are asking others to do			
1	Maintain condition of roads to ensure safe cycling	Wiltshire Council/Highways	Ongoing
1	Improve facilities for off-road cycling	Wiltshire Council/ NFNPA	Within 3 years