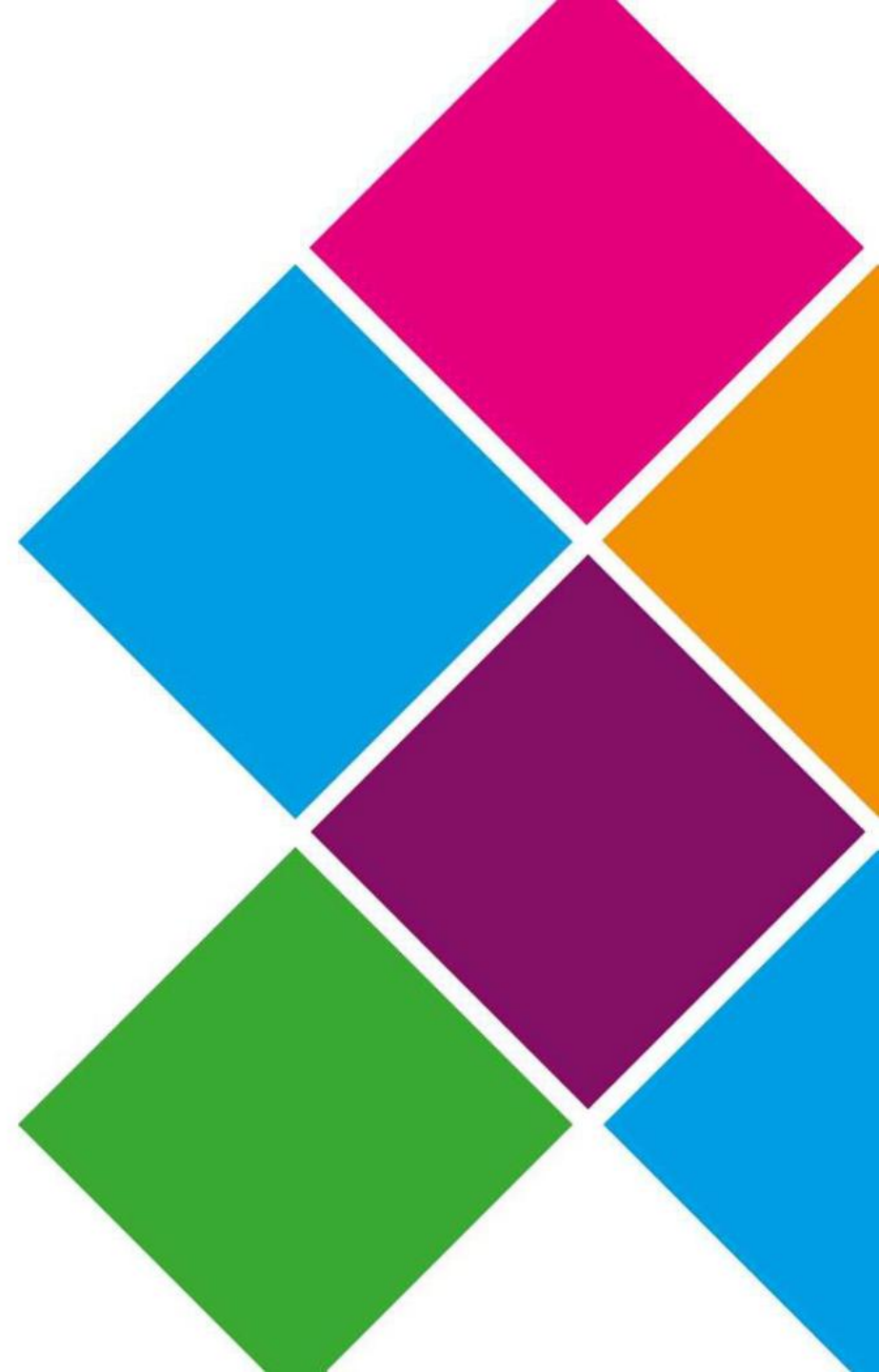


Appendix 3

Abbey Fields Cycle Path Consultation Results



Consultation activities

Consultation took place between 7th May and 12th June 2025.

Submissions could be made online or via paper surveys left at Kenilworth Library or posted to Warwick District Council (WDC)

6 Consultation events were held at Kenilworth Library (2), Castle Farm Leisure Centre, Kenilworth Market (2) and Kenilworth Community Centre

The consultation was promoted via a number of channels including roadside banners, posters in shops in Kenilworth town centre, local newspapers, WDC and Kenilworth Town Council newsletters, local schools and social media including local facebook groups.

We received 1,028 responses to the consultation, almost all from individuals (1009 - 98% of responses), 6 responses from families/couples, 8 from organisations and 5 from elected individuals (Question 1)

Q2 - Ages of Respondents

Age Range	Response Total	Response Percent
16 - 24	26	2.5%
25 - 34	49	4.8%
35 - 44	157	15.3%
45 - 54	202	19.7%
55 - 64	233	22.7%
65 - 74	222	21.6%
75 and over	138	13.4%

Q3 - How often do you visit Abbey Fields?

Answer Choice		Response Percent	Response Total
1	Every day	12.3%	126
2	Most days	23.3%	240
3	Once or twice a week	34.2%	352
4	Once every two weeks	14.0%	144
5	Once a month	9.6%	99
6	Two or three times a year	5.6%	58
7	Once a year or less often	0.9%	9
8	Never	0.0%	0

Q4 – How do you travel to/from Abbey Fields? Please indicate all that apply

Answer Choice		Response Percent	Response Total
1	Walk	81.9%	842
2	Cycle	30.7%	316
3	Bus	2.1%	22
4	Car	30.4%	313
5	Train	0.1%	1
6	Taxi	0.1%	1
7	Other (please specify):	1.9%	20

Q5 – Generally, why do you go to Abbey Fields? Please indicate all that apply

Answer Choice		Response Percent	Response Total
1	Use of play facilities	21.7%	223
2	Use of Abbey Fields swimming pool	19.7%	203
3	Informal running/jogging	18.5%	190
4	Formal sport/fitness session	1.4%	14
5	Walking	81.9%	842
6	Wheeling	5.9%	61
7	Peace and quiet	52.9%	544
8	Enjoying nature	62.5%	642
9	Enjoying the history/heritage	36.7%	377
10	Dog walking	26.8%	275
11	For an event	12.8%	132
12	Meeting friends and family	30.3%	311
13	To pass through on the way to local shops and amenities including Kenilworth Castle or Castle Farm Leisure Centre	49.6%	510
14	To commute through on the way to work or school	7.6%	78
15	Other (please specify):	5.4%	56

Q6 – Are you a wheelchair or pushchair user, or do you visit the park with a wheelchair or pushchair user?

Answer Choice	Response Percent	Response Total
1 Yes	10.2%	105
2 No	89.8%	922

Creating a new path from Borrowell Lane to the swimming pool

Q7 -Do you agree or disagree with the following proposed design elements:

		Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree or disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
1	Creating a new three metre wide path across the grassed area	327	69	38	192	403
		32%	7%	4%	19%	39%
2	Permitting cycling on the new path	372	43	30	134	449
		36%	4%	3%	13%	44%
3	The position of the proposed path	261	54	161	252	298
		25%	5%	16%	24%	29%

Q8 - The existing path is too narrow to accommodate walking, wheeling and cycling and due to archaeological features along the hedge line we cannot widen it. Please share your thoughts on the following:

Answer Choice		Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree or disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
1	If the new shared path is installed, we should remove the existing path	354	205	223	142	97
		35%	20%	22%	14%	10%
2	The existing path can remain alongside the new shared path	193	120	216	254	238
		19%	12%	21%	25%	23%

Creating a new path from Borrowell Lane to the swimming pool

Q9 - We are proposing to install new benches alongside the proposed shared use pathway and could also install benches next to the existing path if it is retained. Do you agree or disagree with the following:

		Agree		Disagree		Response Total
1	Installing benches alongside proposed path	611	66%	309	34%	920
2	Installing benches alongside existing path	696	77%	212	23%	908
3	Installing benches alongside both paths	505	58%	364	42%	869
4	No preference	246	42%	342	58%	588

The section around the swimming pool / duck pond

Q10 - To enable users of this reduced width section to be aware of different users i.e. cyclists, pedestrians, duck feeders etc. what sort of signs would you consider appropriate?							
Answer Choice		Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree or disagree	Agree	Strongly agree	Response Total
1	Informative signs with a "Share with Care" message and asking for consideration to those using the path with you	177	44	130	245	422	1018
		17%	4%	13%	24%	41%	
2	Bollards to help slow down users	166	105	139	271	337	1018
		16%	10%	14%	27%	33%	
3	Instructional signs asking cyclists to dismount when leaving the cycle route Please note: It should be kept in mind that some people with mobility impairments will be unable to dismount.	246	131	161	172	312	1022
		24%	13%	16%	17%	31%	

Q11 - An alternative to a continuous shared path across Abbey fields, is to use the swimming pool as a destination for two separate cycle paths arriving at the venue, one from the Borrowell Lane direction and the other from Bridge Street. The routes would stop either side of the swimming pool and cyclists travelling across Abbey Fields would be expected to dismount and walk. We would like to understand which of these options would be your preference:

Answer Choice		Response Percent	Response Total
1	Option 1 - cycle route continues past the swimming pool	48.3%	495
2	Option 2 - cycle route terminates either side of the swimming pool, with cyclists being asked to dismount in between	37.0%	379
3	No preference	7.1%	73
4	Unsure / Don't know	7.6%	78

The section around the swimming pool / duck pond

Q12 - The current duck feeding area will potentially be relocated onto the long side of the lake with its current position re-landscaped with signage and a bench/ wall delineating where the path is separated from the duck feeding area. We want to ensure all users of the park feel catered for in this area where the path must be a reduced width.

Do you think that the separation of the new path from the edge of the lake through the use of a bench will sufficiently keep different users separate?

Answer Choice		Response Percent	Response Total
1	Strongly disagree	23.6%	242
2	Disagree	13.7%	141
3	Neither agree or disagree	27.4%	281
4	Agree	28.1%	289
5	Strongly agree	7.2%	74

Q13 - Do you feel that the new section of path at the Bridge Street entrance to the car park will adequately separate out the cyclists from car users?

	Response Percent	Response Total
Strongly disagree	18.3%	188
Disagree	11.6%	119
Neither agree or disagree	24.8%	254
Agree	35.3%	362
Strongly agree	10.0%	103

Questions on cycling participation

Q14 - If these proposals were implemented, would you use the new facilities for cycling?

Answer Choice	Response Percent	Response Total
1 Yes	49.1%	504
2 No	45.7%	469
3 Unsure	5.3%	54

Q15 - If yes, would the new facilities for cycling encourage you to cycle more frequently?

Answer Choice	Response Percent	Response Total
1 I would cycle more frequently	49.9%	390
2 It would make no difference to how frequently I cycle	43.1%	337
3 I would cycle less frequently	2.3%	18
4 Unsure	4.6%	36

Q16 - If cycling on this route, would you plan to use it for: (please indicate all that apply)

Answer Choice	Response Percent	Response Total
1 Travel to/from work	14.2%	105
2 Travel to/from school/college/university	7.6%	56
3 Recreation	69.1%	509
4 Travel to proposed swimming pool	48.7%	359
5 Prefer not to say	7.5%	55
6 Other (please specify):	25.4%	187

Questions 17 and 18

Q17 - To what extent do you agree or disagree that the proposal provides improvements for the following groups							
Answer Choice		Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree or disagree	Agree	Strongly agree	Response Total
1	People on foot	364	77	183	260	144	1028
		35%	7%	18%	25%	14%	
2	People with mobility needs	253	47	176	324	226	1026
		25%	5%	17%	32%	22%	
3	People who cycle	132	18	157	259	457	1023
		13%	2%	15%	25%	45%	

Q18 - If you use the park for wheeling, and this scheme was implemented, would you plan to use the path for:

Answer Choice		Response Percent	Response Total
1	Travel to/from work	8.2%	46
2	Travel to/from school/college/university	5.0%	28
3	Recreation	53.0%	299
4	Travel to proposed swimming pool	29.4%	166
5	Prefer not to say	19.1%	108
6	Other (please specify):	25.2%	142

Q19 - Now that you have seen the proposals, to what extent do you support the implementation of a shared path across Abbey Fields?

Now that you have seen the proposals, to what extent do you support the implementation of a shared path across Abbey Fields?		Response Percent	Response Total
1	Strongly oppose	34.5%	354
2	Oppose	5.5%	56
3	Neither support nor oppose	2.8%	29
4	Support	15.3%	157
5	Strongly support	40.8%	419
6	Unsure / don't know	1.2%	12



Comments on the proposal

Question 20 asked an open question for any comments on the proposal, and we had 606 comments left on this question.

Question 21 asked for comments on whether the proposals would negatively or positively affect or impact people or groups with protected characteristics. We had 363 comments left on this question.

Question 22 asked for any other comments, including any suggestions for inclusion. We had 303 comments left on this question.

These will be discussed and taken into account by councillors at a future cabinet meeting

Q23 - How did you hear about this public consultation?

How did you hear about this public consultation? Please indicate all that apply.			
Answer Choice	How did you hear about this public consultation?	Response Percent	Response Total
1	Roadside banners/ in-town signage	22.5%	223
2	Word of mouth	27.5%	272
3	Social media	47.3%	468
4	Events	1.2%	12
5	Local group (please specify below)	8.4%	83
6	Other (please specify):	14.5%	143

Locations of responses

Postcode Area	Number of Responses
CV8	710
CV32	29
CV34	15
CV35	9
CV31	8
CV5	8
CV4	6
CV3	5
CV33	4
CV47	3
DH1	1
CV22	1
CV37	1
CV2	1
CV81	1
TQ13	1
M27	1
B94	1
CV7	1
CV11	1