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Annex 1

Active Travel Infrastructure Plan public engagement survey analysis

Active Travel Infrastructure Plan Survey Report – Annex 1



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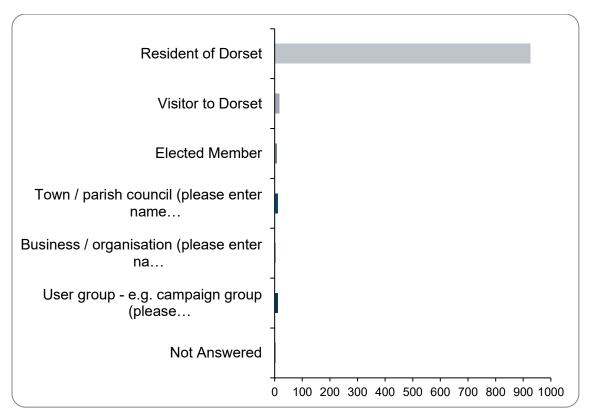
The activity ran from 11/12/2023 to 18/01/2024

Responses to this survey: 979



Tell us who you are

There were 977 responses to this part of the question.



Option	Total	Percent
Resident of Dorset	926	94.59%
Visitor to Dorset	17	1.74%
Elected Member	8	0.82%
Town / parish council (please enter name below)	11	1.12%
Business / organisation (please enter name below)	3	0.31%
User group - e.g. campaign group (please enter name below)	12	1.23%
Not Answered	2	0.20%



Name of organisation / parish / town council or business

The following businesses, organisations, parish or town councils, elected members and

Business or other organisations

- Fontmell Magna Village Hall
- Active Dorset
- Portland Community Partnership

Parish or town councils

- Knowlton
- Bridport Town Council
- Stalbridge
- Loders Parish Council
- Motcombe PC
- Arne PC
- West Parley Parish Council
- St Leonards and St Ives Parish Council
- Alderholt Parish Council
- Shipton Gorge PC
- Lyme Regis Town Council

Representatives of campaign or user groups

- DCN Weymouth and Portland
- CUK Cycle Advocacy Network
- West Dorset Cycling
- Turn Lyme green
- Purbeck Community Rail Partnership
- Dorset Cyclists Network, East Dorset
- Poole Harbour Trails
- Purbeck Transport Action Group (submitted separate document)
- Ramblers East Dorset Group
- Dorchester Transport Action Group (submitted separate document)
- Weymouth Transport Action Group



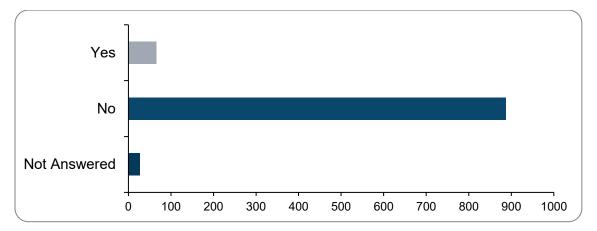
Mobility aid usage

Do you use a mobility scooter, wheelchair or other mobility aid?

There were 952 responses to this part of the question.

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65 respondents (6.6%) said they use a mobility scooter, wheelchair or other mobility aid.

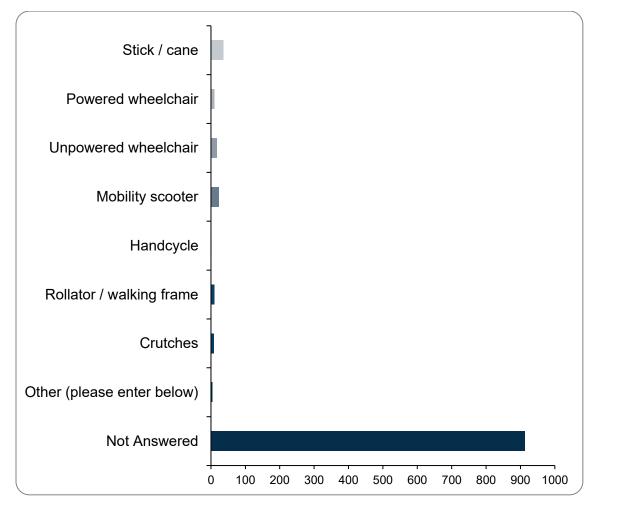


Option	Total	Percent
Yes	65	6.64%
No	887	90.60%
Not Answered	27	2.76%



What sort of mobility aid do you use?

There were 66 responses to this part of the question.



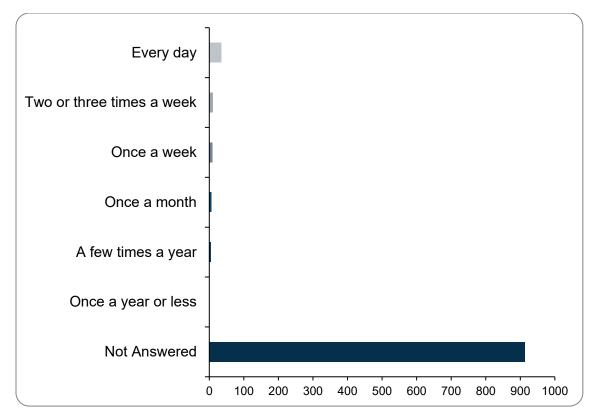
Option	Total	Percent
Stick / cane	36	3.68%
Powered wheelchair	9	0.92%
Unpowered wheelchair	17	1.74%
Mobility scooter	23	2.35%
Handcycle	1	0.10%
Rollator / walking frame	9	0.92%
Crutches	8	0.82%
Other (please enter below)	4	0.41%
Not Answered	913	93.26%



How often do you travel by mobility scooter / wheelchair / mobility aid?

There were 66 responses to this part of the question.

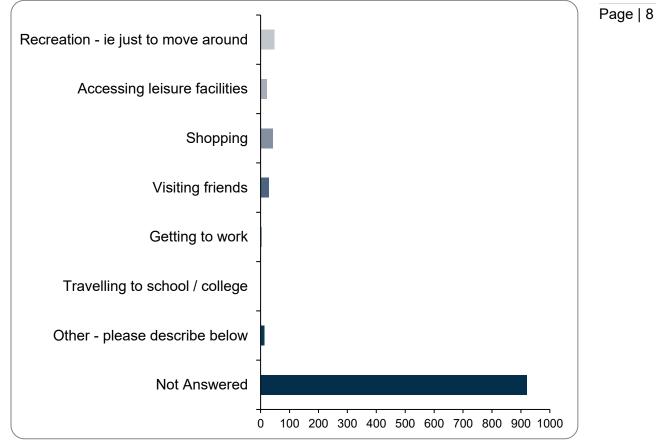
35 respondents (53%) wheel every day.



Option	Total	Percent
Every day	35	3.58%
Two or three times a week	10	1.02%
Once a week	9	0.92%
Once a month	6	0.61%
A few times a year	5	0.51%
Once a year or less	1	0.10%
Not Answered	913	93.26%



What are you reasons for travelling by wheelchair / mobility scooter?



There were 59 responses to this part of the question.

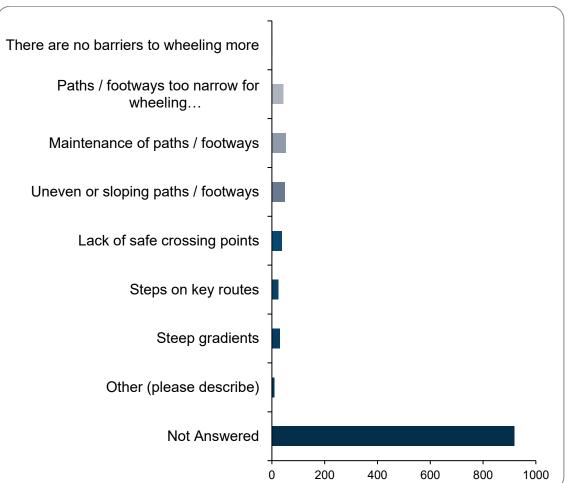
Option	Total	Percent
Recreation - ie just to move around	48	4.90%
Accessing leisure facilities	22	2.25%
Shopping	43	4.39%
Visiting friends	28	2.86%
Getting to work	3	0.31%
Travelling to school / college	1	0.10%
Other - please describe below	13	1.33%
Not Answered	920	93.97%

What are you doing when wheeling (other)?

There were 20 responses to this part of the question.



We have identified some of the following issues wheelchair users may face. Please select the barriers, if any, that you have faced when wheeling in your area



Option	Total	Percent
There are no barriers to wheeling more	1	0.10%
Paths / footways too narrow for wheeling safely	43	4.39%
Maintenance of paths / footways	53	5.41%
Uneven or sloping paths / footways	49	5.01%
Lack of safe crossing points	38	3.88%
Steps on key routes	24	2.45%
Steep gradients	30	3.06%
Other (please describe)	9	0.92%
Not Answered	918	93.77%

There were 61 responses to this part of the question.



Other

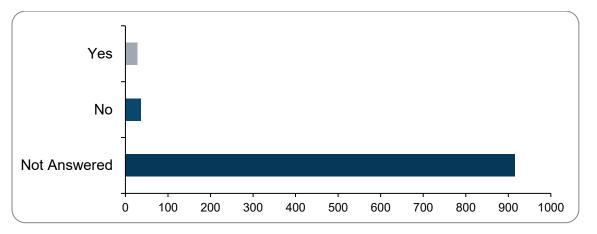
There were 35 responses to this part of the question.

These included:

- Parking on pavements
- Chicanes or kissing gates blocking routes
- Inaccessible crossings due to lack of flush kerbs or tactile paving
- Lack of benches or other street furniture



In addition to wheeling, do you also walk or cycle in your area?



There were 64 responses to this part of the question.

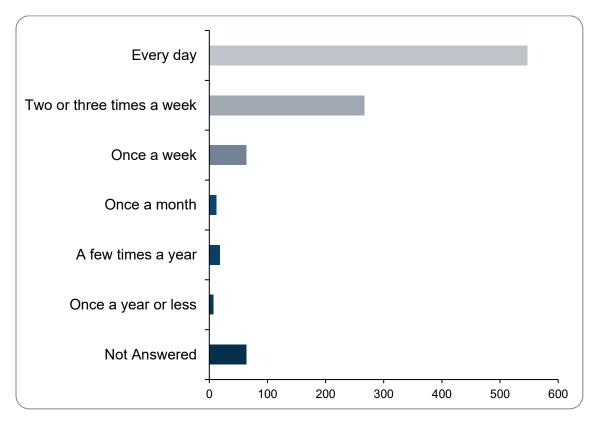
Option	Total	Percent
Yes	28	2.86%
No	36	3.68%
Not Answered	915	93.46%



Walking

How often do you go somewhere on foot?

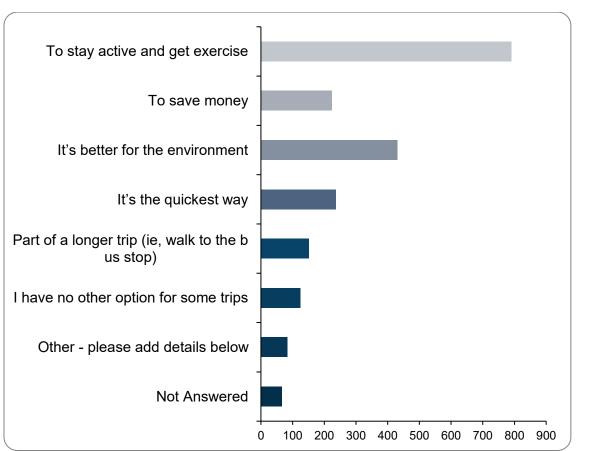
There were 915 responses to this part of the question.



Option	Total	Percent
Every day	547	55.87%
Two or three times a week	267	27.27%
Once a week	64	6.54%
Once a month	12	1.23%
A few times a year	18	1.84%
Once a year or less	7	0.72%
Not Answered	64	6.54%



Why do you choose to walk for some trips?



There were 913 responses to this part of the question.

Option	Total	Percent
To stay active and get exercise	790	80.69%
To save money	223	22.78%
It's better for the environment	430	43.92%
It's the quickest way	236	24.11%
Part of a longer trip (ie, walk to the bus stop)	151	15.42%
I have no other option for some trips	124	12.67%
Other - please add details below	84	8.58%
Not Answered	66	6.74%



Respondents were offered the opportunity to add further details.

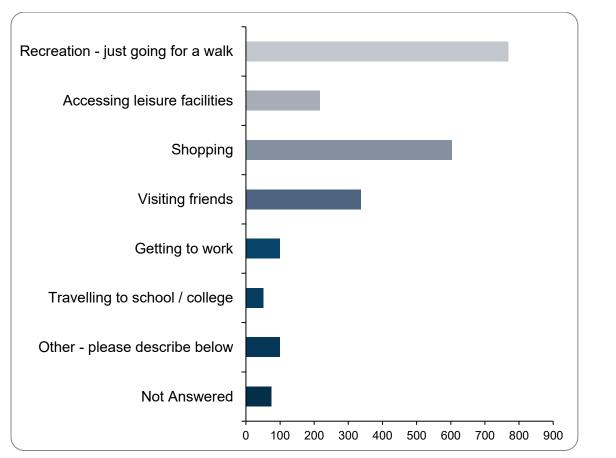
There were 107 responses to this part of the question.

These included:

- Walking the dog
- Lack of parking at destination
- Parking costs
- Short trips mean walking is the most sensible option
- Can't drive
- Bus service has been withdrawn



What are you reasons for travelling on foot?



There were 904 responses to this part of the question.

Option	Total	Percent
Recreation - just going for a walk	768	78.45%
Accessing leisure facilities	217	22.17%
Shopping	603	61.59%
Visiting friends	337	34.42%
Getting to work	99	10.11%
Travelling to school / college	51	5.21%
Other - please describe below	100	10.21%
Not Answered	75	7.66%



Respondents were offered the opportunity to add further details.

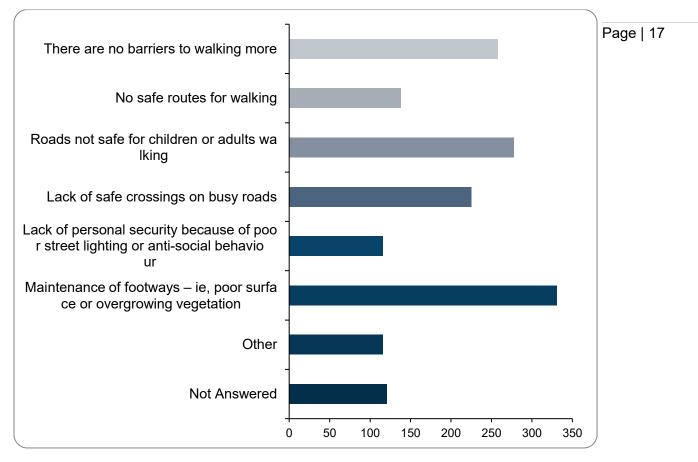
There were 130 responses to this part of the question. These reflected many of the themes above in the 'why do you choose to walk...' question, including the following:

- Dog walking
- Lack of parking
- Too much traffic to use the car
- For mental health
- To meet friends



Are there any barriers preventing you or members of your family from walking more in your area?

There were 858 responses to this part of the question.



Option	Total	Percent
There are no barriers to walking more	258	26.35%
No safe routes for walking	138	14.10%
Roads not safe for children or adults walking	278	28.40%
Lack of safe crossings on busy roads	225	22.98%
Lack of personal security because of poor street lighting or anti-social behaviour	116	11.85%
Maintenance of footways – ie, poor surface or overgrowing vegetation	331	33.81%
Other	116	11.85%
Not Answered	121	12.36%



If other, what else is a barrier to walking more in your area?

There were 250 responses to this part of the question, some of which duplicated the suggested list of barriers above (ie, path surface maintenance).

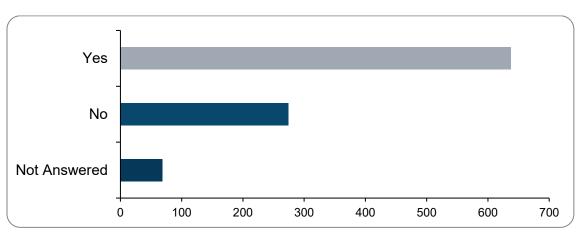
Theme (barriers to walking)	Comments	Percent
Lack of adequate paths or inconsistent network	85	27%
Dangerous drivers or roads	38	12%
Flooding or mud	20	6%
Other	19	6%
Pavement parking	18	6%
Conflicts with cyclists	16	5%
Overgrown vegetation	16	5%
Health or old age	15	5%
Maintenance of paths (urban/rural)	27	5%
Lack of street lighting	10	3%
Narrow footways	10	3%
Barriers such as kissing gates, stiles etc	9	3%
Long distance prevent walking (ie rural areas)	8	3%
Poor public transport	5	2%
Dog excrement on pavements	4	1%
Topography	4	1%
Lack of priority for pedestrians	3	1%
Concerns about mobility scooters	2	1%
Personal safety at night	1	0%



Cycling

Do you use - or could you use - a cycle (including e-bikes)?

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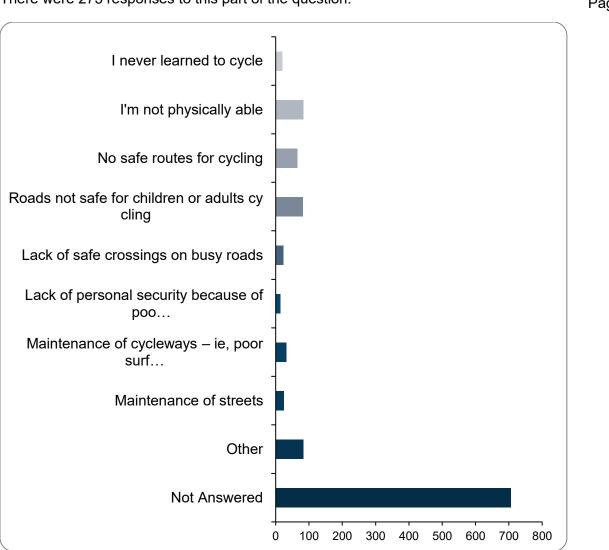


There were 911 responses to this part of the question.

Option	Total	Percent
Yes	637	65.07%
No	274	27.99%
Not Answered	68	6.95%



What stops you from cycling?



Option	Total	Percent
I never learned to cycle	20	2.04%
I'm not physically able	84	8.58%
No safe routes for cycling	66	6.74%
Roads not safe for children or adults cycling	82	8.38%
Lack of safe crossings on busy roads	23	2.35%
Lack of personal security because of poor street lighting or anti-social behaviour	15	1.53%

There were 273 responses to this part of the question.

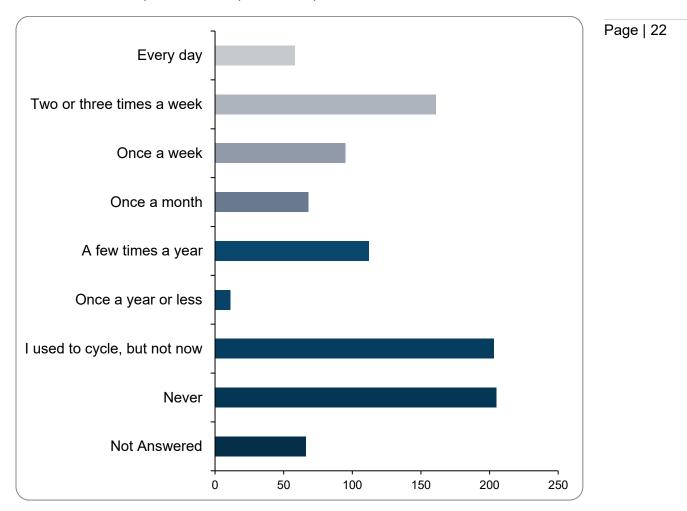


Maintenance of cycleways – ie, poor surface or overgrowing vegetation	32	3.27%
Maintenance of streets	25	2.55%
Other	83	8.48%
Not Answered	706	72.11%



How often do you go somewhere by cycle?

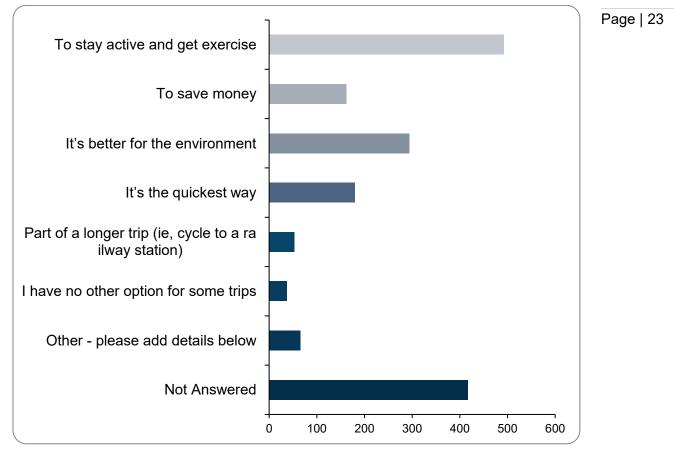
There were 913 responses to this part of the question.



Option	Total	Percent
Every day	58	5.92%
Two or three times a week	161	16.45%
Once a week	95	9.70%
Once a month	68	6.95%
A few times a year	112	11.44%
Once a year or less	11	1.12%
I used to cycle, but not now	203	20.74%
Never	205	20.94%
Not Answered	66	6.74%



If you do use a cycle, why do you use it for some trips?

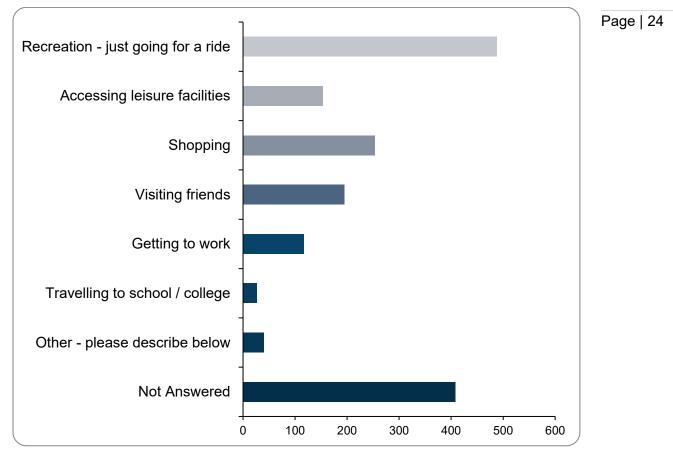


There were 562 responses to this part of the question.

Option	Total	Percent
To stay active and get exercise	492	50.26%
To save money	162	16.55%
It's better for the environment	294	30.03%
It's the quickest way	180	18.39%
Part of a longer trip (ie, cycle to a railway station)	53	5.41%
I have no other option for some trips	37	3.78%
Other - please add details below	66	6.74%
Not Answered	417	42.59%



What are your reasons for travelling by bike?

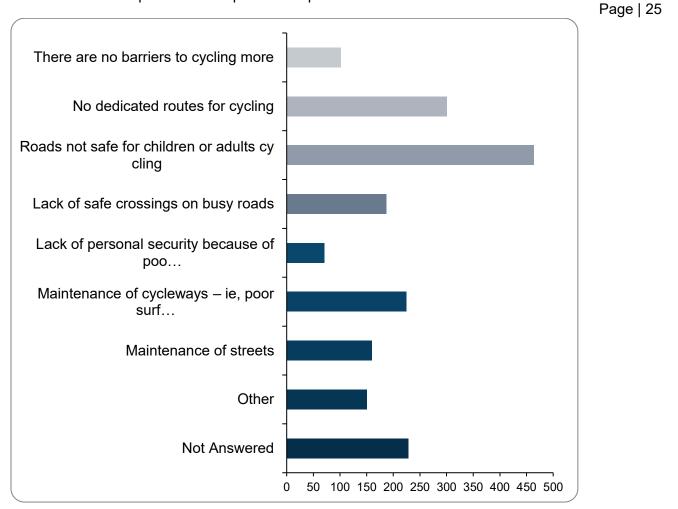


There were 571 responses to this part of the question.

Option	Total	Percent
Recreation - just going for a ride	488	49.85%
Accessing leisure facilities	153	15.63%
Shopping	253	25.84%
Visiting friends	195	19.92%
Getting to work	117	11.95%
Travelling to school / college	26	2.66%
Other - please describe below	40	4.09%
Not Answered	408	41.68%



Are there any barriers preventing you or members of your family from cycling more?



There were 751 responses to this part of the question.

Option	Total	Percent
There are no barriers to cycling more	102	10.42%
No dedicated routes for cycling	301	30.75%
Roads not safe for children or adults cycling	464	47.40%
Lack of safe crossings on busy roads	187	19.10%
Lack of personal security because of poor street lighting or anti-social behaviour	71	7.25%
Maintenance of cycleways – ie, poor surface or overgrowing vegetation	225	22.98%
Maintenance of streets	160	16.34%
Other	151	15.42%
Not Answered	228	23.29%



Respondents were offered the opportunity to explain other barriers to cycling.

There were 258 responses to this part of the question, many of which reiterated the options already offered, but went into more detail. These have been summarised in themes below. In some cases respondents made more than one point.

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Theme (barriers to cycling)	Total	Percent
Inconsistent network or poor design	98	27%
Dangerous drivers or unsafe roads	72	20%
Maintenance of roads or paths	23	7%
Lack of bike storage	25	6%
Topography / weather	6	7%
Medical issues, age or disability	16	4%
Lack of bike / bike shops	5	3%
Other issues	25	8%

The remainder of the issues were specific mentions of locations, which were considered in the next series of questions.



East Dorset Active Travel Infrastructure Plan

Where are the barriers to walking or cycling on routes in this area?

Barriers submitted have been summarised below, with any barriers submitted outside P the Dorset Council boundaries excluded.

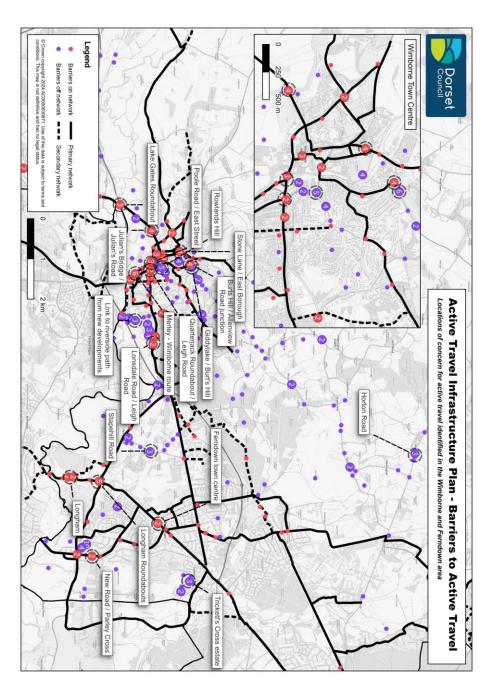
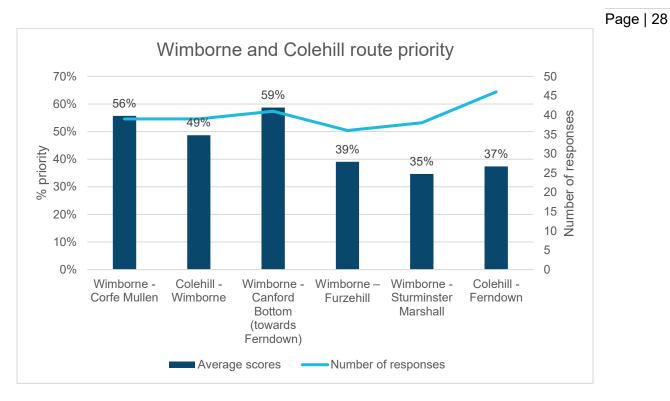


Figure 1. The ATIP for the east Dorset area, including barriers identified by the public





Wimborne and Colehill - please rank the routes, where 1 is your highest and 6 lowest priority

Percentage scores were calculated from the average score for each route. Some people only chose to give high scores to a few routes, and some only chose to give low scores.

The route with the highest score was that from Wimborne - Canford Bottom, closely followed by Wimborne - Corfe Mullen. The lowest scoring routes were Wimborne – Sturminster Marshall and Colehill – Ferndown.

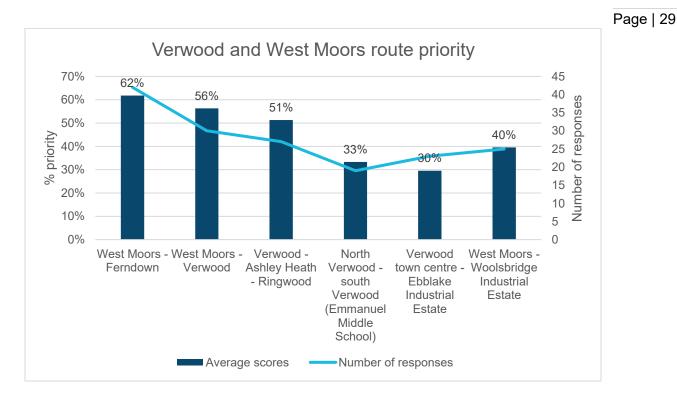
Comments on Wimborne and Colehill routes

There were 48 responses to this part of the question.

Some comments relating to other parts of Dorset or raising issues unrelated to the routes have not been analysed.

- Furzehill / Burts Hill into the centre of Wimborne has barriers to pedestrian movement
- Wimborne to Canford Bottom is missing the link to the town centre at the western end of the current route
- Merley to Wimborne is a critical route and is missing from the network





Verwood and West Moors - please rank the routes, where 1 is your highest and 6 lowest priority

Percentage scores were calculated from the average score for each route. Some people only chose to give high scores to a few routes, and some only chose to give low scores.

The route with the highest score was West Moors – Ferndown, followed by West Moors – Verwood. Verwood – Ebblake and a north – south route through Verwood scored lowest.

Comments on Verwood and West Moors routes

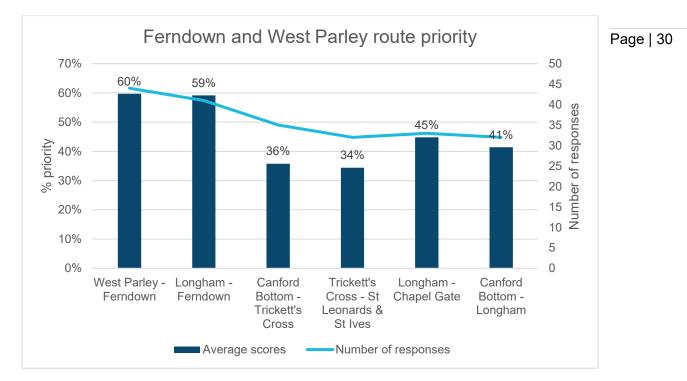
There were 21 responses to this part of the question.

Some comments relating to other parts of Dorset or raising issues unrelated to the routes have not been analysed.

- Narrow roads with an inappropriate 40mph speed limit from West Moors to Ferndown
- A poor surface to the Castleman Trailway route between West Moors and Ferndown



Ferndown and West Parley - please rank the routes, where 1 is your highest and 6 lowest priority



Percentage scores were calculated from the average score for each route. Some people only chose to give high scores to a few routes, and some only chose to give low scores.

The route with the highest score was West Parley – Ferndown and Longham – Ferndown. Canford Bottom – Trickett's Cross and Trickett's Cross – St Leonards & St Ives scored less well.

Comments on Ferndown and West Parley routes

There were 22 responses to this part of the question.

Some comments relating to other parts of Dorset or raising issues unrelated to the routes have not been analysed.

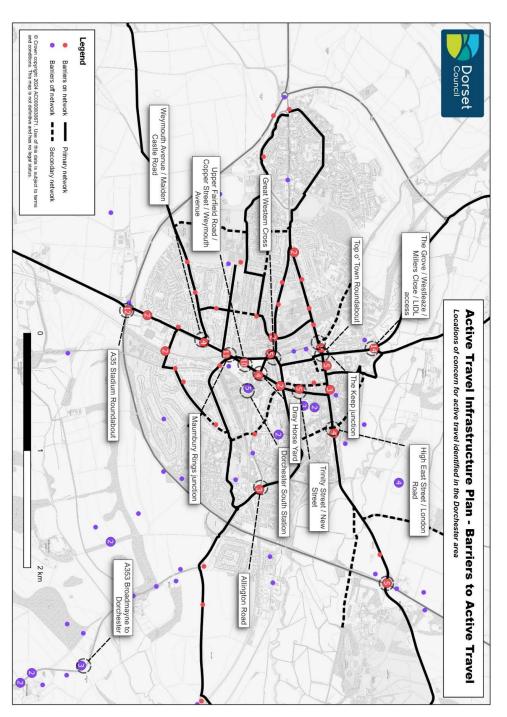
- Ferndown town centre remains a barrier for cycling
- Ringwood Road in Longham is a busy road and a key part of the network

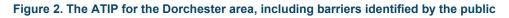


South Dorset Active Travel Infrastructure Plan

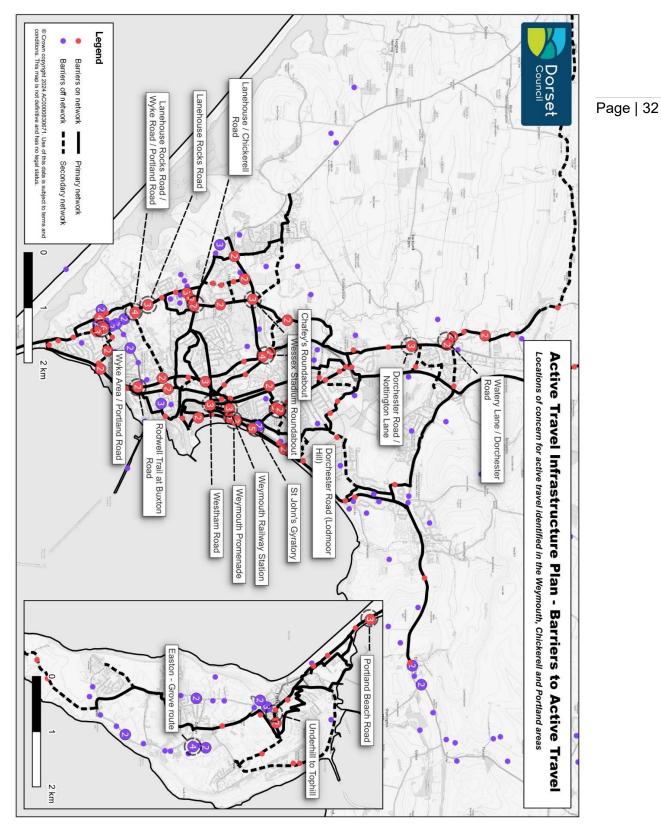
Where are the barriers to walking or cycling on routes in this area?

Barriers submitted have been summarised below, with any barriers submitted outside the Dorset Council boundaries excluded.













Comments on South Dorset barriers

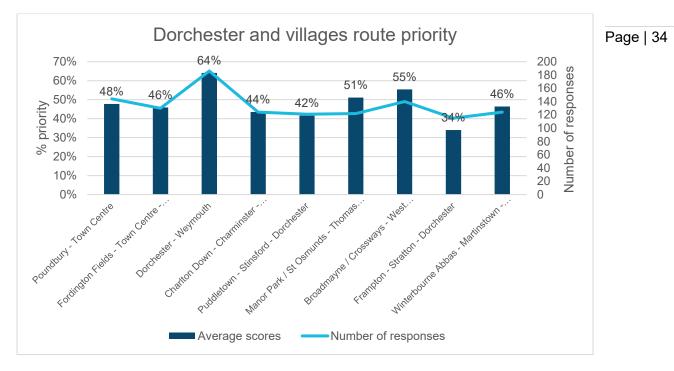
There were 203 responses to this part of the question.

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The analysis of the clusters of barriers can be found in the main report.



Dorchester and villages - please rank the routes, where 1 is your highest and 9 lowest priority



Percentage scores were calculated from the average score for each route. Some people only chose to give high scores to a few routes, and some only chose to give low scores.

The highest scoring route is the Dorchester – Weymouth route, with 64%, with Broadmayne / Crossways – West Stafford – Dorchester the next highest priority (55%). The lowest priority route was Frampton – Stratton – Dorchester. Recent improvements on this route may explain why it was no longer deemed to hold as high a priority as other routes.

Comments on Dorchester and villages routes

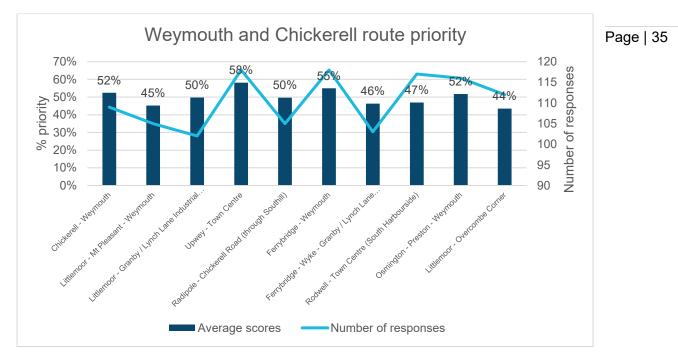
There were 49 responses to this part of the question.

Some comments relating to other parts of Dorset or raising issues unrelated to the routes have not been analysed.

- Dorchester Broadmayne route is currently difficult and risky for users
- Charlton Down Charminster Dorchester is not conducive to travel: it's only available for able pedestrians, and is unsurfaced
- Stadium Roundabout carries significant risks on the Dorchester Weymouth route



Weymouth and Chickerell - please rank the routes, where 1 is your highest priority and 10 lowest priority



Percentage scores were calculated from the average score for each route. Some people only chose to give high scores to a few routes, and some only chose to give low scores.

Respondents' views were evenly mixed across the network, with the Upwey – Town Centre (58%) and Ferrybridge – Weymouth (55%) routes scoring marginally more, and the Littlemoor – Overcombe Corner and Littlemoor – Mt Pleasant – Weymouth routes scoring marginally less.

Comments on Weymouth and Chickerell routes

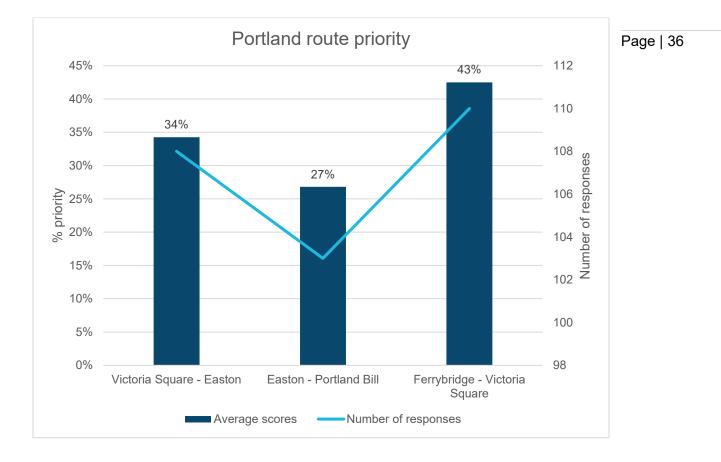
There were 44 responses to this part of the question.

Some comments relating to other parts of Dorset or raising issues unrelated to the routes have not been analysed.

- Isolated route such as Rodwell Trail or Lodmoor paths feel unsafe for some users
- Portland Beach Road path is too narrow and hazardous



Portland - please rank the routes, where 1 is your highest priority and 3 lowest priority



Percentage scores were calculated from the average score for each route. Not every route was scored by every respondent.

Ferrybridge – Victoria Square scored higher (43%) than either Victoria Square – Easton (34%) or Easton – Portland Bill (27%).

Comments on the Portland routes

There were 32 responses to this part of the question.

Some comments relating to other parts of Dorset or raising issues unrelated to the routes have not been analysed.

- Portland Beach Road is too narrow and is unsafe (many comments)
- Underhill to Tophill (Victoria Square Easton) is hazardous



Details about added routes.

Please add any details you want on the routes added above.

There were 278 responses to this part of the question.

Analysis of the routes submitted in each area can be found in in the main report.



What is your postcode?

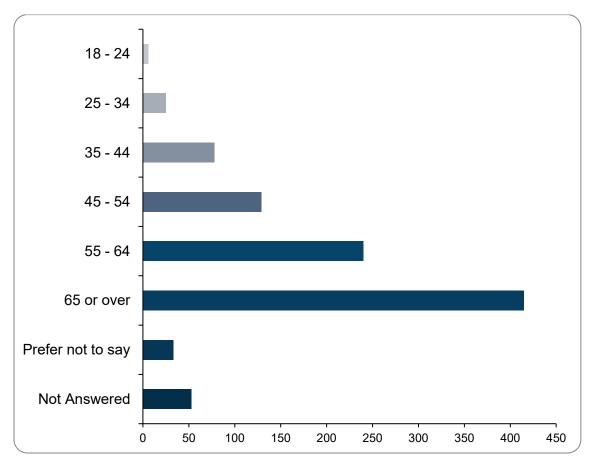
Postcode

There were 886 responses to this part of the question.

Which age group do you belong to?

Age

There were 926 responses to this part of the question.



Option	Total	Percent
Under 18	0	0.00%
18 - 24	6	0.61%
25 - 34	25	2.55%
35 - 44	78	7.97%
45 - 54	129	13.18%
55 - 64	240	24.51%



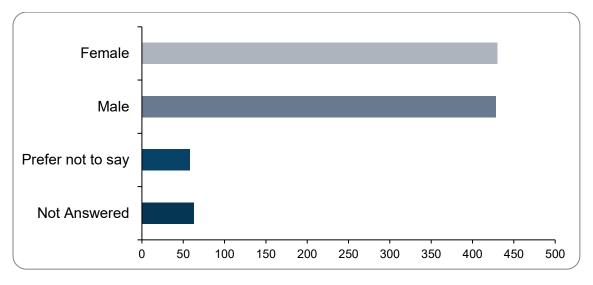
65 or over	415	42.39%
Prefer not to say	33	3.37%
Not Answered	53	5.41%

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Please state your sex

Sex

There were 916 responses to this part of the question.



Option	Total	Percent
Female	430	43.92%
Male	428	43.72%
Prefer not to say	58	5.92%
Not Answered	63	6.44%

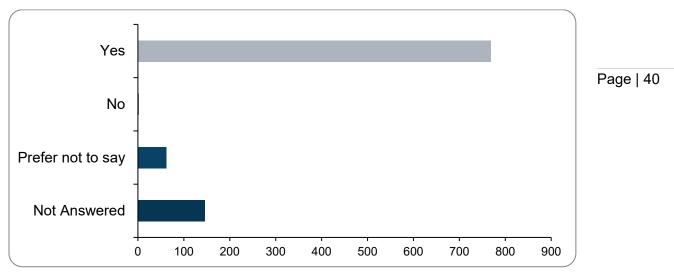
If you prefer to self-describe, please tell us in the box below:

There were 9 responses to this part of the question.

Is the gender you identify with the same as your sex registered at birth? Gender



There were 833 responses to this part of the question.



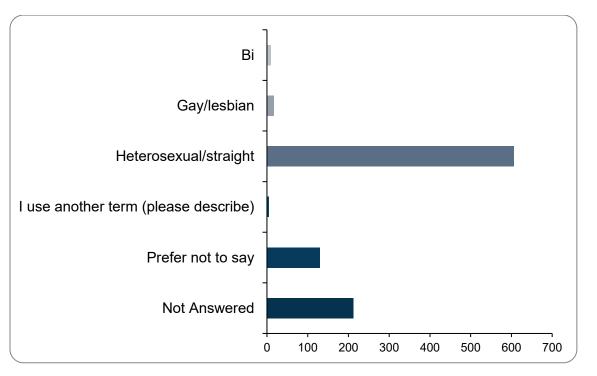
Option	Total	Percent
Yes	769	78.55%
No	2	0.20%
Prefer not to say	62	6.33%
Not Answered	146	14.91%



What best describes your sexual orientation?

What best describes your sexual orientation

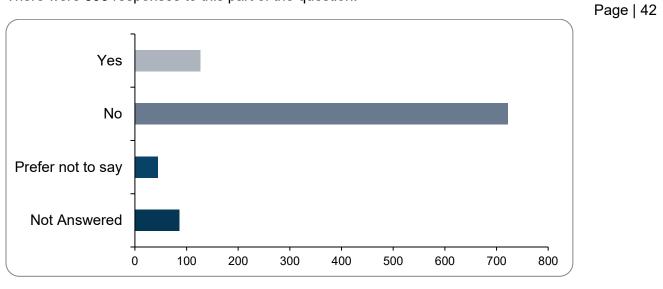
There were 767 responses to this part of the question.



Option	Total	Percent
Bi	9	0.92%
Gay/lesbian	17	1.74%
Heterosexual/straight	606	61.90%
I use another term (please describe)	5	0.51%
Prefer not to say	130	13.28%
Not Answered	212	21.65%



Do you consider yourself to be disabled as set out in the Equality Act 2010?

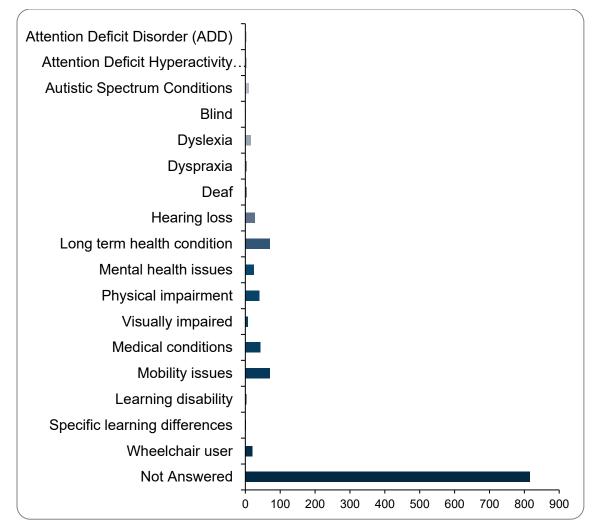


There were 893 responses to this part of the question.

Option	Total	Percent
Yes	127	12.97%
No	722	73.75%
Prefer not to say	44	4.49%
Not Answered	86	8.78%



If in the previous question you stated you consider yourself to have a disability, please state the type of disability which applies to you.



There were 163 responses to this part of the question.

Option	Total	Percent
Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD)	4	0.41%
Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD)	5	0.51%
Autistic Spectrum Conditions	10	1.02%
Blind	2	0.20%
Dyscalculia	0	0.00%
Dyslexia	16	1.63%
Dyspraxia	5	0.51%
Deaf	4	0.41%



Hearing loss	28	2.86%
Long term health condition	71	7.25%
Mental health issues	25	2.55%
Physical impairment	41	4.19%
Sign Language User	0	0.00%
Visually impaired	7	0.72%
Medical conditions	43	4.39%
Mobility issues	71	7.25%
Learning disability	3	0.31%
Specific learning differences	2	0.20%
Wheelchair user	20	2.04%
Not Answered	816	83.35%

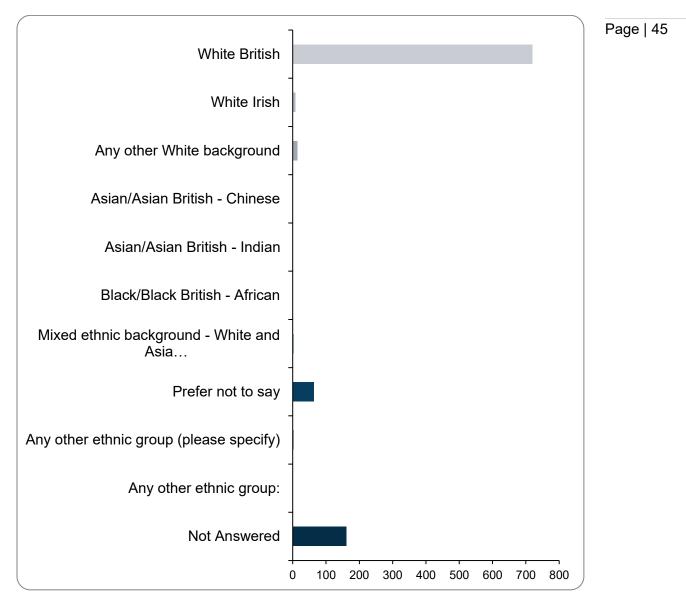
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Other impairment

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Please specify your ethnic group: Ethnicity



There were 817 responses to this part of the question.

Option	Total	Percent
White British	719	73.44%
White Irish	9	0.92%
Gypsy/Irish traveller	0	0.00%
Any other White background	15	1.53%
Asian/Asian British - Bangladeshi	0	0.00%
Asian/Asian British - Chinese	1	0.10%
Asian/Asian British - Indian	1	0.10%
Asian/Asian British - Pakistani	0	0.00%



Any other Asian background	0	0.00%
Black/Black British - African	1	0.10%
Black/Black British - Caribbean	0	0.00%
Any other Black background	0	0.00%
Mixed ethnic background - White and Asian	3	0.31%
Mixed ethnic background - White and Black African	0	0.00%
Mixed ethnic background - White and Black Caribbean	0	0.00%
Any other mixed background	0	0.00%
Prefer not to say	64	6.54%
Any other ethnic group (please specify)	3	0.31%
Any other ethnic group:	1	0.10%
Not Answered	162	16.55%

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Any other ethnic group

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