

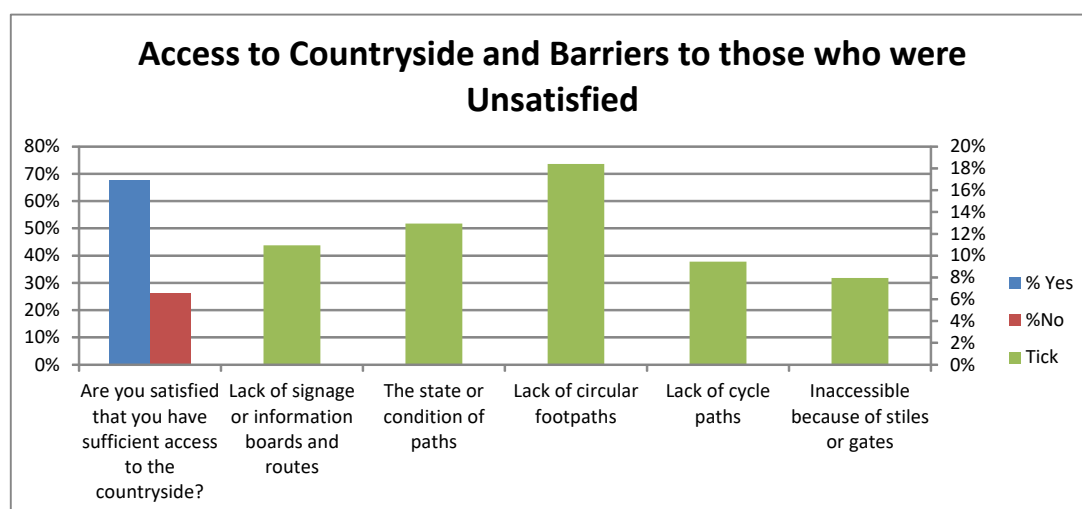
APPENDIX 2 – FOOTPATH AND CYCLE WAY SUGGESTIONS



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1 Introduction

The village questionnaire indicated that some villagers were not satisfied with the amount of circular walks and/or cycle ways.



Landowners could be persuaded to provide more permissive paths for inhabitants to access the countryside more easily.

2 Within Settlement Boundary

All future developments should incorporate footpaths and cycleways linking areas within the boundaries of the village with additional permissive paths.

3 An Example of a Circular Path

The map on the following page gives an example of a circular path that would be relatively easy to designate and would not be detrimental to farming interests. The example route shown connects to existing footpaths and bridle ways. Along some of its length it follows an existing track and the remainder is along wide field margins already used by agricultural vehicles. There is an existing bridge over Ampney Brook.

4 The Old Airfield

Hills Group has made proposals for gravel extraction on the Old Airfield. Part of the submission includes restoration proposals which highlight the provision of permissive footpaths.¹ Whilst this is in the relatively far future, the Neighbourhood Plan would strongly support these proposals if the extraction and restoration takes place.

5 An Example of a Cycle Way

The map also indicates the upgrading of an existing bridle way to a cycle way. The route runs from the paved part of Charlham Lane northwards until it meets the road from Ampney St Peter. It would form a good link between Down Ampney village and the other Ampneys to the north.

¹ https://www.airfieldquarry.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/D10_LAN_215_Restoration-Proposals-08-09-2020.pdf

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A more problematic upgrading would be to the bridle way running southwards past All Saints' Church to meet the Kempsford road at Eysey. However, it would also make a welcome link avoiding the busy A419. Possibly it could be achieved during the possible restoration works after gravel extraction in the area.

MAGiC Suggested additional permissive footpath and cycle way

