

## Question 14

### Landscape and nature:

**Do you think that we need any more footpaths or changes to existing ones? Please specify.**

[Written responses to the 'please specify' question are recorded with abbreviations of the respective tickbox answer. Y = Yes, N = No, NA = not answered.]

- N: Renew pavement surfaces
- Y: The footpaths are overgrown a lot through the summer so cannot be used
- Y: Footpaths by Linford Lakes I've never used due to lack of parking, but would like to. Not sure what is accessible to public – not clear.
- Y: Better signage and maintenance – some very overgrown
- Y: Footpath from Little Linford to Old Village
- Y: Journeys on foot between settlements are dangerous, especially Old Haversham to Little Linford
  
- Y Complete the resurfacing of all footpaths in the village.
- Y River walk
- Y Extend redway system into Haversham.
- NA Not sure would need to look at the existing structure first.
- NA Not really sure
- Y Better condition is required of them
- Y Footpaths can be quite narrow and close to the road. Can feel dangerous walking along the active road.
- Y Easier access through the fields where public have the right of way. Easier access for prams, wheelchairs small children, even dogs.
- Y Access off-road to join High Street with Swans Way and Mill Road – and thus into a broader network of rights of way. Access across the River Ouse. Join New Bradwell to Oakridge Park along the river.
- Y Looking to change existing stiles on footpaths to make more accessible for people with mobility problems
  
- Y More footpaths needed.
- Y Important that footpaths are well maintained, there is good access and that they are well signed.
- Y Additional, well signed footpaths would be of major benefit to the village.
- Y A cross country route to Wolverton round the back of the estate/avoiding Wolverton Road would be nice. A connection to the redway network would also be good.
- Y Both footpaths through High Street could be improved; many are overgrown.
- Y The track in Stanton Low from the weir to the 12<sup>th</sup> century Church is really rough to cycle on – if it could be resurfaced that'd be great.
- Y The path to wood from Haversham gets very muddy near the cross roads & needs fixing.
- Y Better footpath across the fields to Old Village.
  
- Y Existing railway access path to viaduct open to public
- Y Some more would be nice – also the ones we have get more regularly maintained
- Not changes but existing footpaths need to be maintained and managed so usable at all times e.g. path from Rec to old village not ploughed over
- N Not applicable
- Y It would help if the existing ones were better maintained especially the hedge trimming which seems non-existent at present

- Y The footpath that leads to the Greyhound from the recreation field. The steps over the wall opposite the pub. I am unable to use it because it is too steep
- Y Country paths need more maintenance, some unpassable
- Y More footpaths for dog walkers/maintained better than existing
- Y Easier access to riverside walks/footpaths across fields
- Y More formal link to Linford Nature Reserve and walks and extend riverside walk/cycle paths along river/lakes to Little Linford particularly
- Y Path out of Haversham Village to Little Linford would be good
- Y If more development
- Y The path that runs alongside Wolverton Road needs some pedestrian protection – the road is a fast road, the path narrow and when cycling or walking with children they are particularly vulnerable. Either path widening or a barrier between kerb and pedestrians
- Y The footpath into Haversham via Wolverton Road has no crash barriers to protect pedestrians and is very poorly lit
- N – Widen path along Wolverton road and improve lighting.
- Y - A resurface here and there wouldn't go amiss.
- Y – Upkeep on public footpaths around the village – new signage would be helpful.
- Y – Footpaths linking River Ouse near New Bradwell with Haversham Lake, Little Linford and Haversham village.
- Y – Linford wood.
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- Y – Formalise existing paths that aren't actually rights of way (e.g. around field edges). Better access to North side of river. What makes the network of paths (formal & informal) enjoyable is that you are quickly in the countryside. Keeping them but surrounding them with a housing estate would destroy them as leisure routes.
- Y – The Wolverton road is getting busier every day. We need a zebra crossing to the school. Every mum agrees whose child goes to Haversham. Also maybe more footpaths so we don't have to walk along the busy road to get to train station / shops.
- Y – I live on Little Linford lane and save for the footpath immediately outside our house (which leads to Church lane in one direction and ends at the phone/post box at the other end), we have no access to footpaths. It would be nice to be able to walk to the lakes or Haversham but it is too dangerous to walk on the roads.
- Y – We are blessed with an 80(ish)m footpath in Little Linford. We'd like this extended to allow movement between other public rights of way.
- Y – Little Linford lane. Little Linford to Haversham.
- Y – Gayhurst to Haversham has walkers and very dangerous to all on road.
- Y – Little Linford to Haversham. Gayhurst Road to Haversham.
- Y – back road of Crescent, to fields off Brookfield close
- Y - better footpath links to the old village – especially away from the road
- Y – I don't like how noisy all those gates are, oil them or something
- Y – cycle / Redway Haversham to Wolverton
- Y – cycle path from Haversham to the river
- Y – a number of our current footpaths are at times impassable due to the selfish actions of farmers whose land they pass over. Gates / styles are particularly bad. We have a good network of footpaths – maintenance is the problem
- Y- a safer route up the hill to Broadacre for walking & horse riders
- Y - Some of the footpaths / rights of way are not clearly marked or left clear for walking. Planted over
- Y – More access to the adjoining fields. Most important a widening of the footpath from Haversham to the river walkways
- Y – more footpaths

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- Y – more to open the link between the villages and the surrounding fields
- N – any additions would be a contrivance, and detract from the natural surroundings
- Y – improvements / access to walks to village & west & north side of estate
- Y – ensuring styles are more accessible for people with mobility problems
- N – but keep existing routes & retain hedges
- N – keep existing ones in good order
- Y – We need to establish a contiguous network of footpaths & bridle ways in & around the civil parish. Some existing FP's lead nowhere
- Y – keep them clear of overgrown plants to allow pushchairs / wheelchairs to use them
- Y – better access to both sides of the river
- Y – Create some circular routes, make some more favourable to cycling.
- Y – More access to the river. Information and maps on present ones.
- Y – Little Linford to Haversham
- Y – More footpaths over agricultural land and better maintenance of existing ones
- Y – A path from Mill Road down through the village would improve safety and give walking access to the village
- Y – Better footpaths around the gravel pits (lakes)
- Y - Safer crossing of footpath at corner top of Wolverton Road and at bus stop. Consider zebra crossings
- Y – A path away from road into Wolverton.
- Y – Keep sightlines clear e.g. footpath halfway down Haversham hill - when crossing from the field at the back of the recreation ground traffic coming up the hill can't be seen because the hedge and vegetation isn't kept cut back.
- N – But ones we do have need more maintenance.
- Y – footpaths on roads and in fields must be properly maintained
- Y – Some way of getting to the riverside paths without having to walk down Wolverton road where the traffic is very intrusive and polluting (though I know that I contribute to this problem when I drive out of Haversham!)
- Y – More, and more accessible to cyclists/ pushchairs.
- Y – Make them cyclist friendly.
- Y. Footpath across the Triangle would need re-routing if used as one of the development plots.
- Y. Improvements to pavements/grass verges
- Y. Better footpath up to New Haversham from the Viaduct
- Y New footpath needed at Western end of old Haversham
- Y New works along river North bank
- Y Path going out of old Haversham towards Linford
- NA As long as they are well maintained
- N. Current footpaths are sufficient and just need to be maintained
- N. If existing paths maintained they are adequate
- Y. Keep the hedges trimmed such as the one near the bus shelter
- Y. Better and more visible signposting
- Y. I believe that there used to be a footpath from Wolverton Rd. which went behind the bungalow and past the top of Keppel, Rowan and Chalmers to join up with existing paths
- Y. A path from the end of Brookfield Rd down to the river would be great to avoid walking by the road, plus a footbridge across the river
- Y. Wider footpath to Wolverton to be used as a cycleway
- Y. Better care of footpath to gun club

- Better care of bridleway around pineham farm – lots of rabbit holes
- Y. As a smaller farm acreage our footpath is a concern as we have cattle grazing for over half a year, we can't keep cattle out of the fields – not used much but it would be tricky if it were extended on eastern arable fields so worry about greater promotion of our footpaths.
- Y. Link between Haversham and Newport Pagnell along fields
- Y. Farmer continues to try and improve the boggy ground on footpath
- Y. Link Haversham to the Redway Network
- More and more are walking and jogging. More access from the river and new lakes from the North Banks
- Sorry I do not walk
- Y. Maintain and clean what we have its forgotten.
- Footpath rear of the Crescent to Bus Stop Wolverton Rd is forgotten by MKC every year – over grown nettles.
- Y The current field edge, which runs from the end of Brookfield Rd up to join the footpath at the top, should be converted to a recognised footpath. The current footpaths running across the field to the railway line should be upgraded to bridleway. The old lower entrance to the Castlethorpe/Park path (across the shooting field) should be opened to stop having to walk all the way up to Lodge Farm and then back down the same distance on the other side!!!
- Y To have another footpath opposite the one that goes to the Country park.
- Y Needs to be maintained better -always full of nettles and brambles and thorny bushes.
- Y Bushes need to be maintained (chopped).
- Y Footpath from village at side of road (inside hedge) to bridle way.
- Y Connection between upper and lower village over fields, away from road.
- Y Path from Wolverton to Haversham needs widening for use with bikes
- N There is no need to change the existing network of footpaths
- Y Parking of vehicles on/across footpaths should be policed and stopped
- NA Not sure about this
- Y Safer ways to cross Wolverton road and cutting back of nettles etc
- N But that is dependent upon any changes made during building
- N Some footpaths would be better re-routed around the side of fields instead of diagonally across the middle. Much more pleasant to walk by a hedge!
- Y Maintained better, clearing the brush back & the state of the walkways.
- Y On Wolverton Road the footpath needs to be redone. Also entrances to field road to be cleared for easy access.
- Y Better upkeep of paths.
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- Y Footpath between Haversham High Street and Mill Road to enable villagers access to pathways through Linford Lakes.
- Y Link us to the MK green network - along the river & over it towards the 'Black Horse' at Linford. Cycle path out of the old village in both directions.
- Y A path leading to Little Linford & the lakes.
- Y A footpath and cycle way up the hill from High Street to Little Linford and Mill Lane. Cycle ways to connect us to Newport Pagnell and MK/Wolverton and the Black Horse/Canal.
- Y Service road rear of the Crescent.
- Y Footpaths need to be kept better especially the one from the rec down to the village- it seems to have disappeared.
- N just protect current ones
- Y Most of the existing paths need improvement.

- Y Footpath down to the Greyhound pub from estate to old village requires a lot of attention. The bushes need to be cut back to allow for more room. It's a dangerous road and path is way too narrow!
- Y Cycle path needed to Wolverton.
- Y Bridleways be kept clear.
  
- Y Access to Haversham Lake for all not just residents of old village
- Y Would be useful to extend the eastern riverside walk further into New Bradwell. Also to link this path to the village via a footbridge
- N Going where?!
- Y More would give different walks
- Y Would give alternative walks
- N There are plenty of footpaths throughout the Parish but people still manage to walk where they want!!
- N There are loads of footpaths and bridleways in the Parish. The main trouble is people don't keep to them and think they can walk round field margins
- Unsure. The footpath network is good
- Y Possibly – certainly feel they need to be maintained and have improved signage. Also, literature could be produced to encourage more people from the wider area to use. Walking routes, nature notes etc. Add to website
  
- Y Better footpath linking village and estate.
- N We have wonderful ancient footpaths that should be maintained and celebrated.
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- Y More footpaths to link villages.
- N We certainly didn't need to close the road for 4 weeks to repair footpath that didn't need it! Try spending money on zebra crossing for school children and elderly.
- N Not to shut the road for 4 weeks to dig up a perfectly good footpath to pay 4 men to sit in vans for 4 weeks asleep.
- Y The road from Haversham to Newport Pagnell road. We need a footpath up the hill.
- NA There must be a footpath from the old village towards Little Linford.
- Y More pedestrian access - Hanslope to Haversham.
- N (don't know as don't use often)
- Y People often have to walk on roads.
- Y Paths should be marked more clearly. It would be useful to have a book or leaflet that displayed all the different footpaths. Good footpaths are enjoyable for walking but traffic is so fast one needs to be so careful.
- Y A path along the river would be lovely. Also a path up 'the cut' out of the old village - could there be a safe path up the hill in the field?
- Y Maintain existing better. Provide circular routes.
- Y Would welcome more footpaths as the area becomes more and more intruded upon and also care of present ones important.
- Y Some way of getting to the footpath going to Castlethorpe from Haversham
- Y Paths beside the road between old Haversham and H-cum-Little Linford where the road is very steep.