

Nixon Wood Survey Report

Summary

An online consultation has been held on the Council’s online portal (Citizen Space) concerning proposed improvement works to the path and woodland at Nixon Wood, near Leyland. The survey ran from the 6/6/25 to 31/7/25. There was also a drop-in session held at the Civic Centre on the 24/6/25, 6pm-8pm, where people could ask council officers questions and have the option to fill in a paper copy of the survey.

This report presents an analysis of survey responses regarding Nixon Wood. It includes summaries of key questions, visual charts, main themes for and against the proposals and demographic breakdowns.

Figure 1 - Frequency of Visits

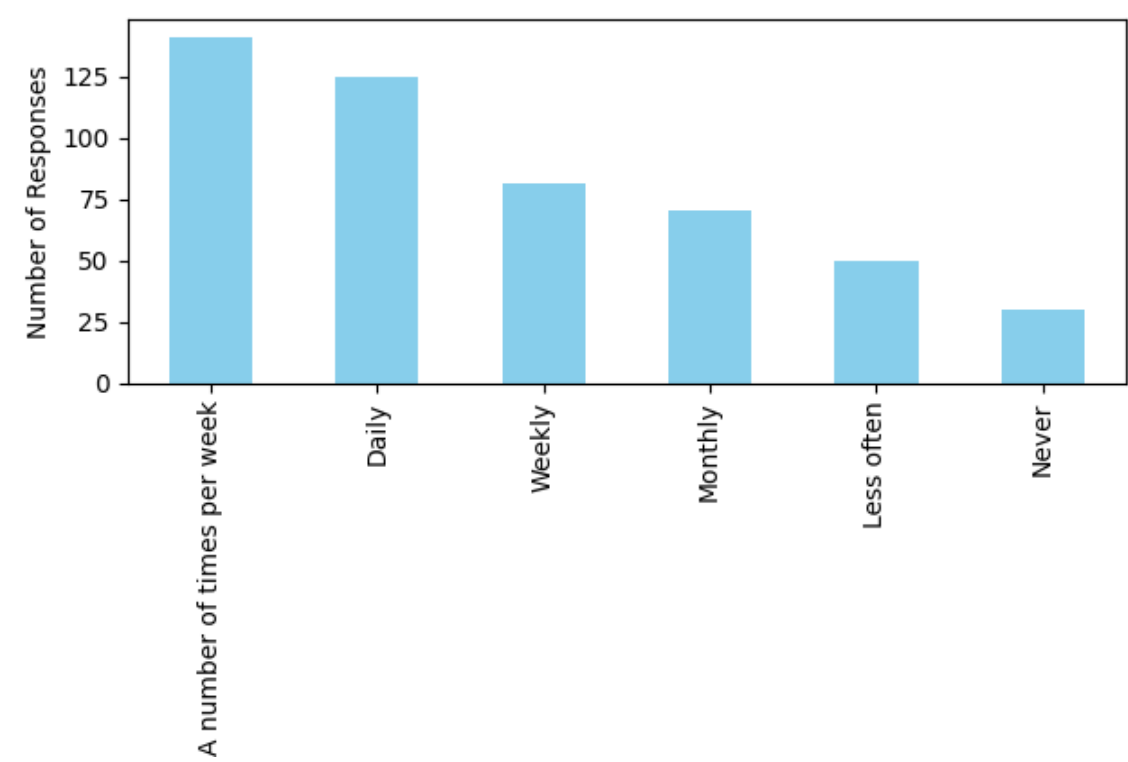


Figure 2 - Reasons for Visiting

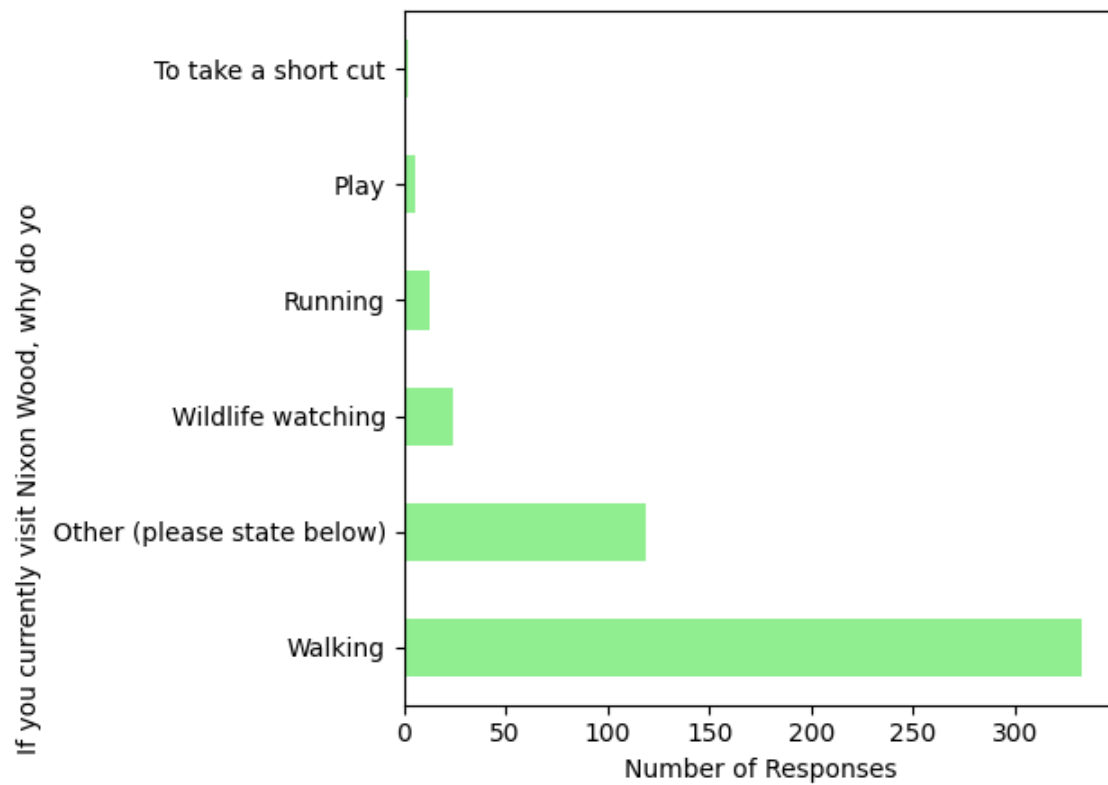


Figure 3 - Reasons for not Visiting

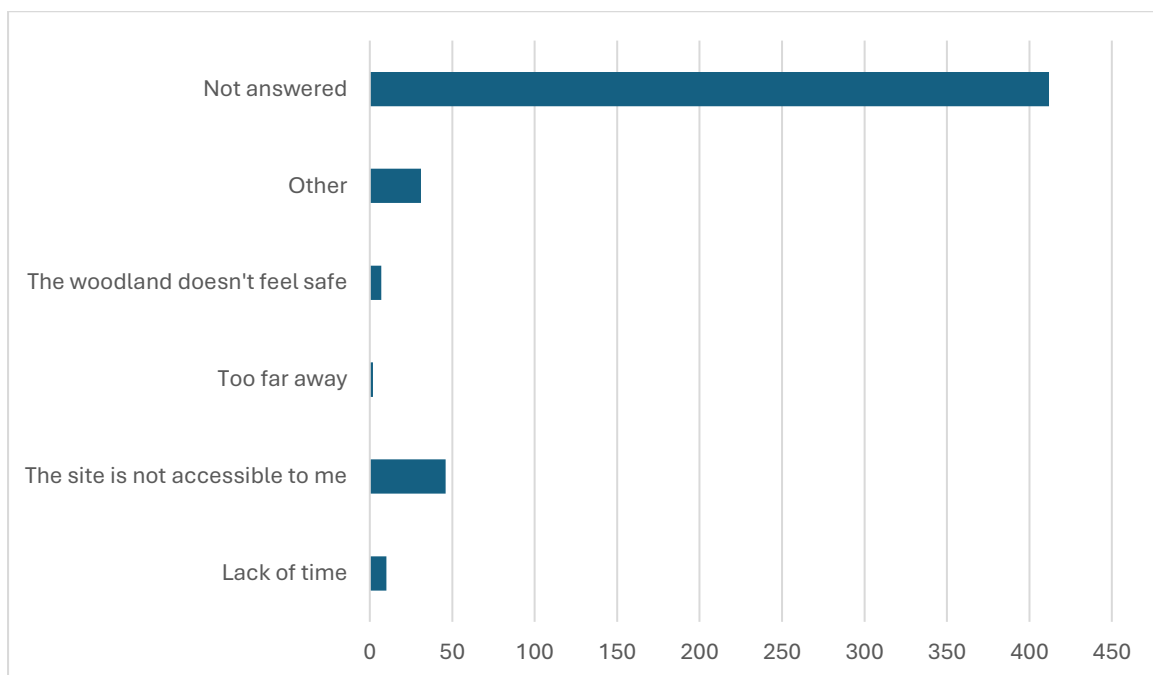
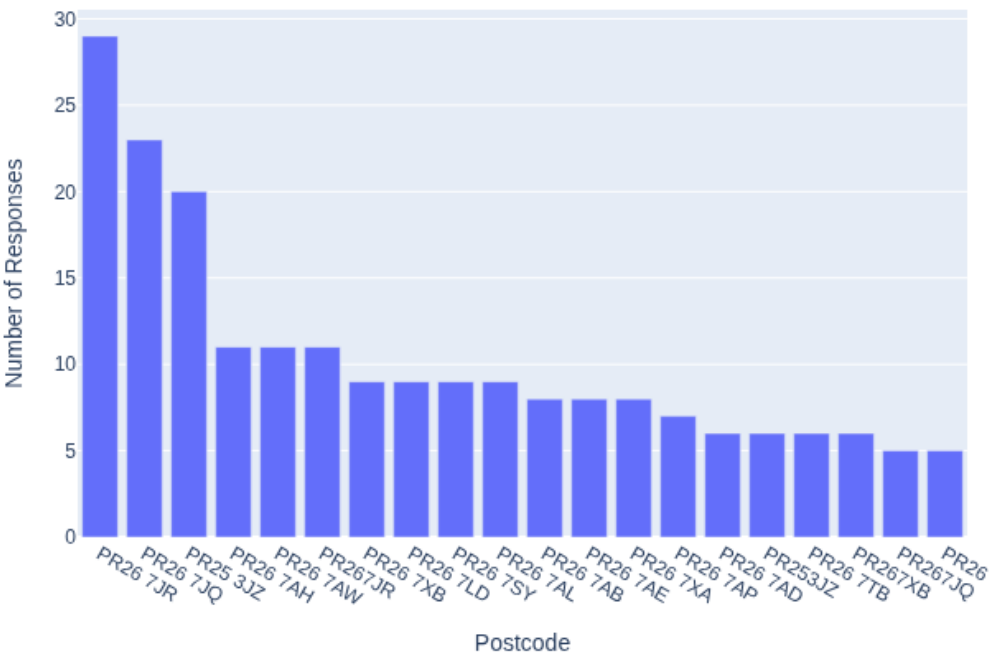


Figure 4 - Postcode Distribution

Top 20 Postcodes of Respondents



This chart displays the top 20 postcodes of respondents, indicating the geographic spread of survey participants.

Figure 5 - Survey Participants Postcode Proximity to Nixon Wood

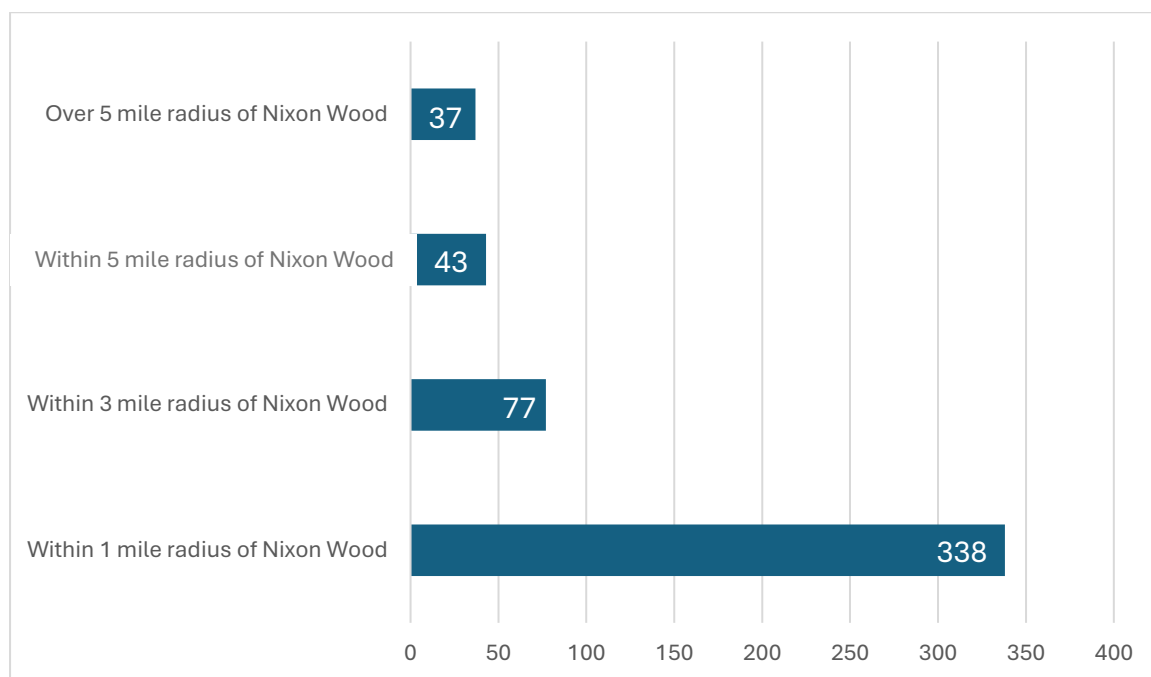


Figure 6 - Views on Horse Access Postcode Proximity

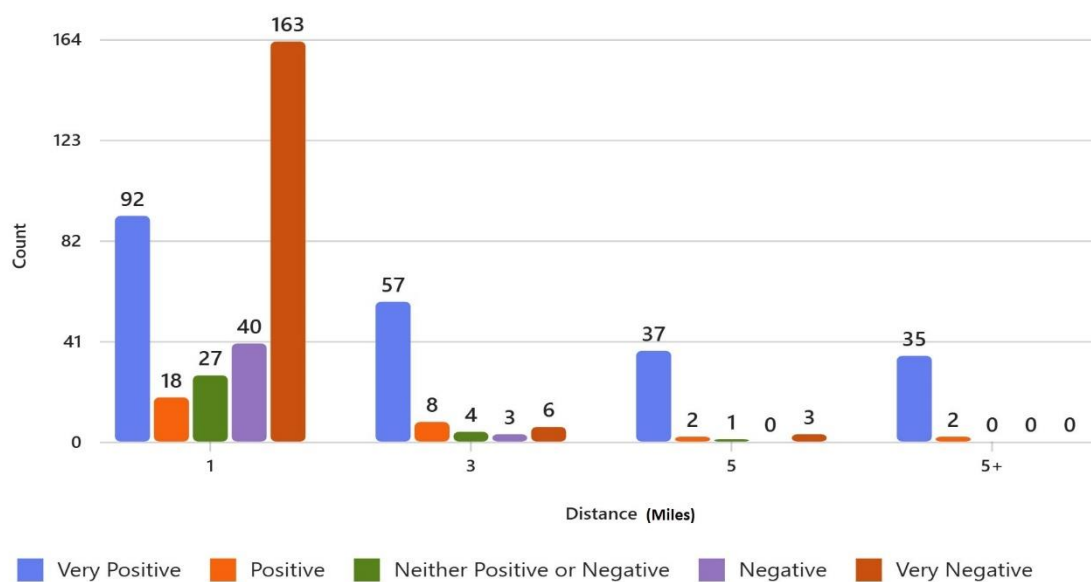


Figure 7 - Overall, Views on Horse Access

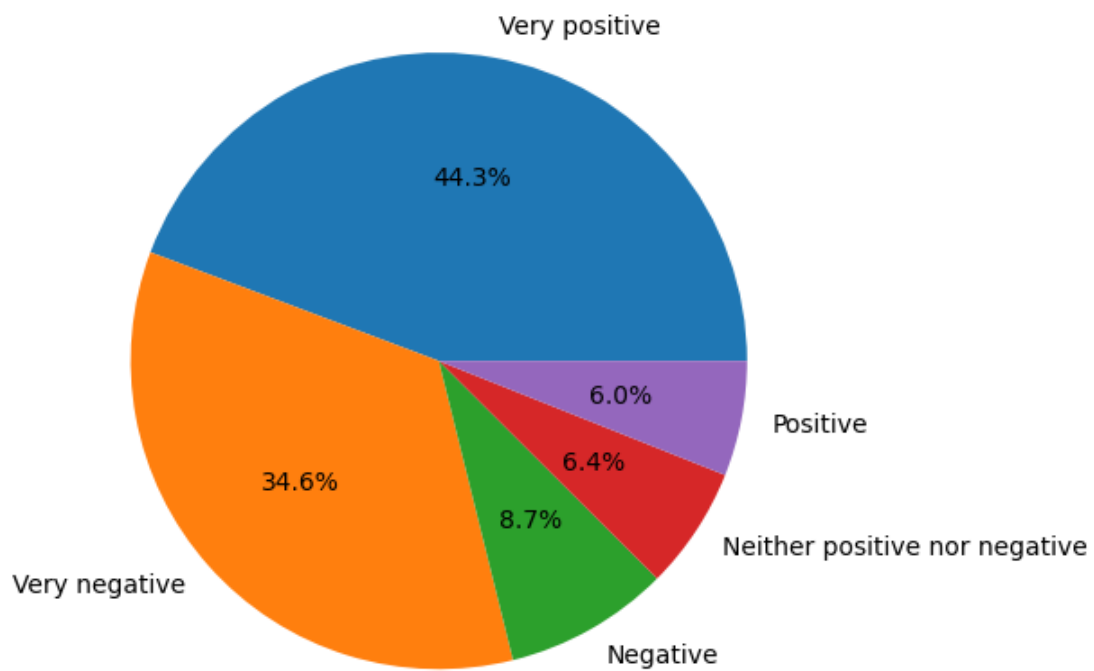
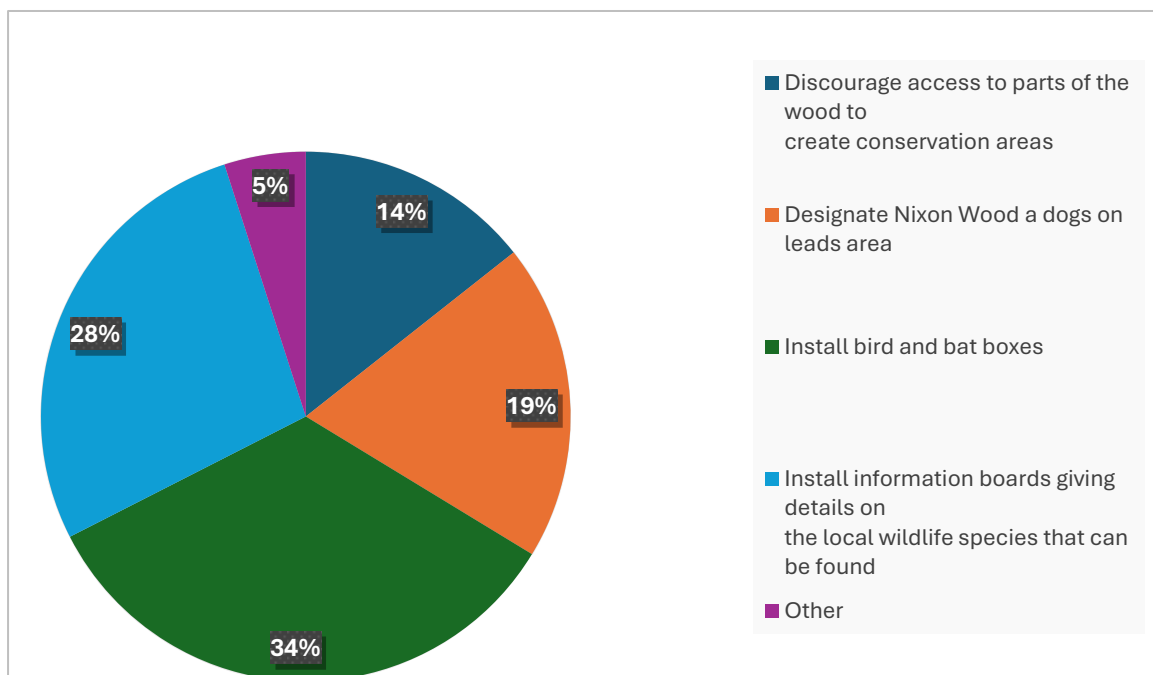


Figure 8 – Wildlife Protection Preferences



Main Views in Favour

- This will create a safer alternative route for horses, helping to avoid fast traffic on Ulne Walton Lane.
- The proposed new extension of the Path will enable horses and their riders to exit the bridal path on the opposite side of Ulne Walton lane much more safely.
- This will help keep horses off the busy road during school start and finish times and for the changeover on prison shift patterns
It's a busy road and some road users don't respect the speed limit.
- Current link for the bridleway is along a busy road which is dangerous for riders and drivers when being used by riders. Replacing this section with a crossing will be a significant safety improvement.

Main Views Against

- Horses are huge animals and could seem intimidating in a restricted space especially for young children, people of a nervous disposition or dogs
- Horses will foul on the path making it difficult for people, especially with pushchairs to navigate the path without getting muck on their shoes or the wheels of their pushchair.
- How will dog walkers know when horses are about, so they can recall their dogs off leads.
- Horse riders will be able to see into residents' back gardens.