

# Ealing cycle network plan

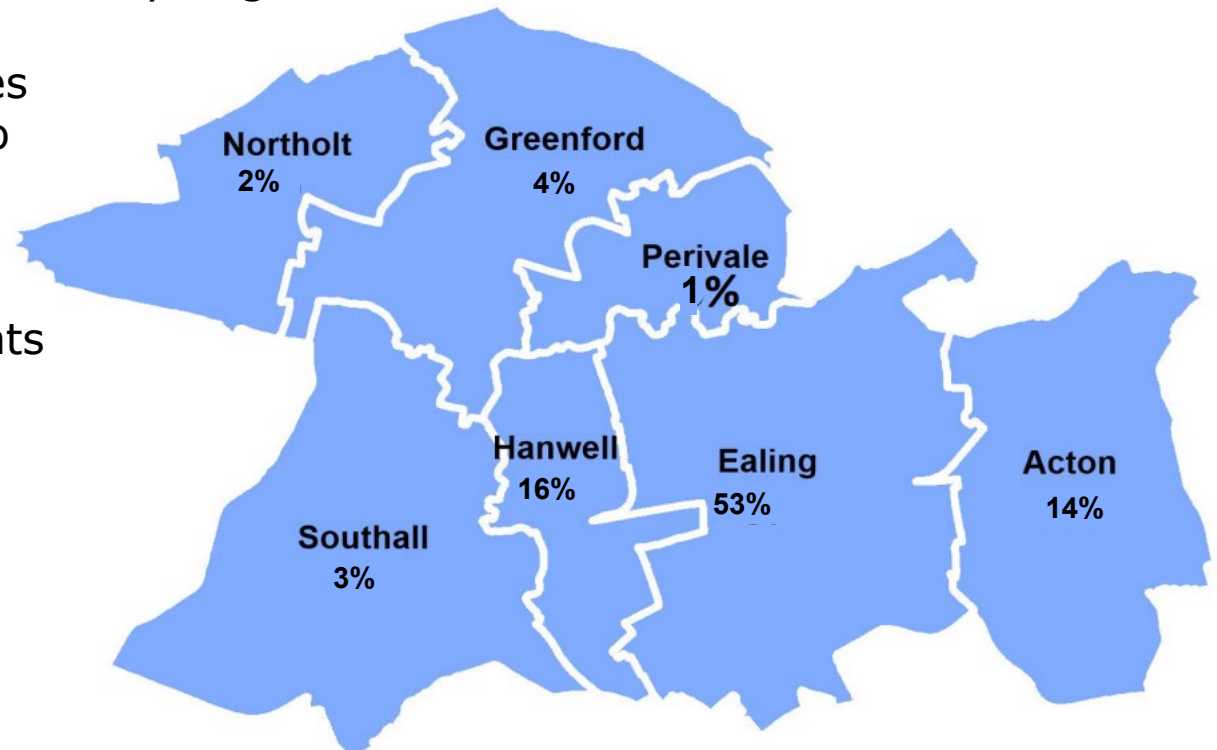
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# Overview

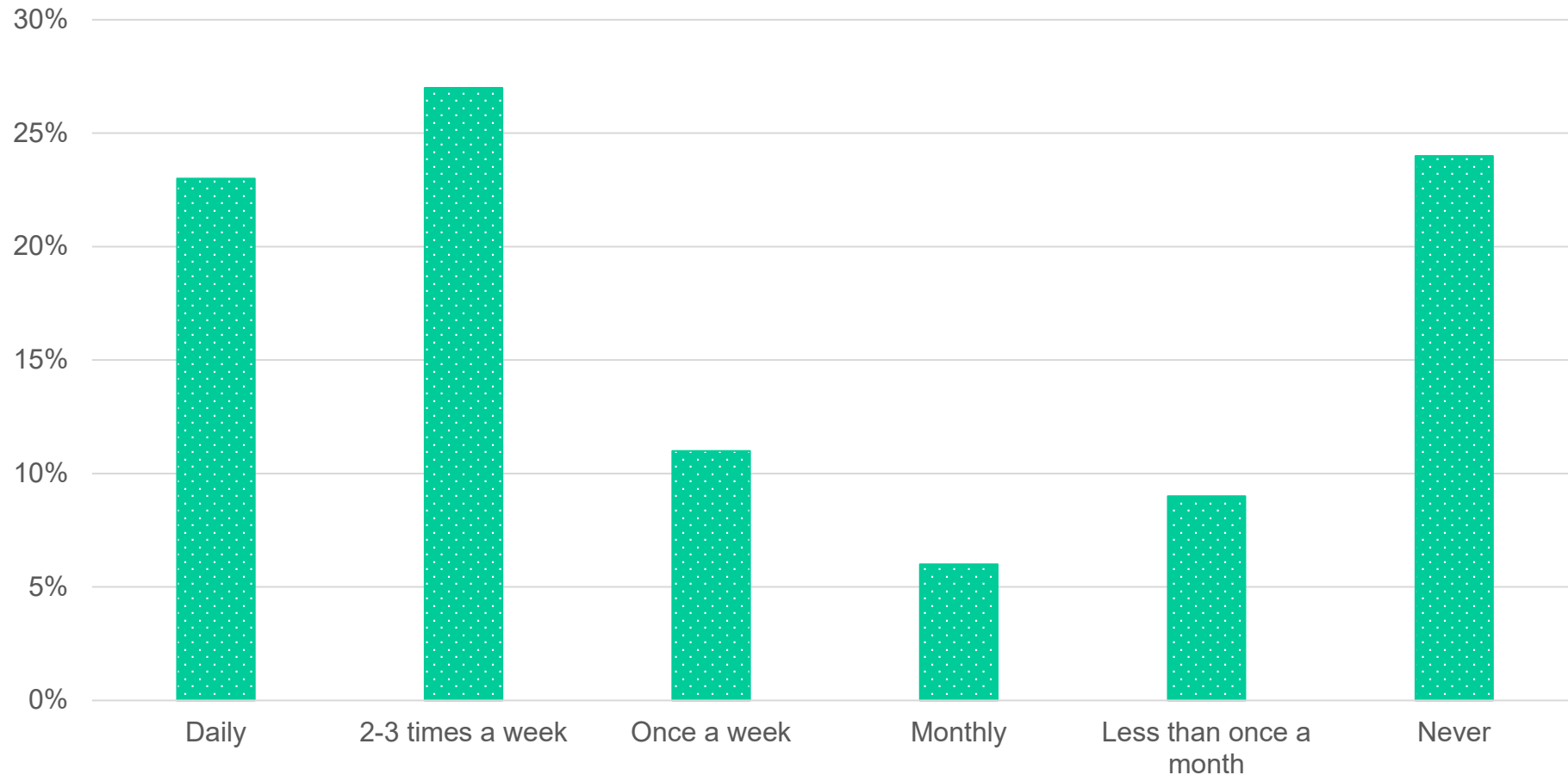
- The cycle network consultation ran from 5 April to 17 May 2023.
- 1,118 residents took part in the consultation.
- It was an opportunity for residents to share their views on cycling in the borough, and help develop safer cycling routes and better connections.
- This report details the responses to the consultation. We are also seeking any final resident feedback on the cycle network plan that has been developed based on the data and comments we received.



Breakdown of responses by town - 7% of respondents did not indicate a town.

# Summary of findings – frequency of cycling

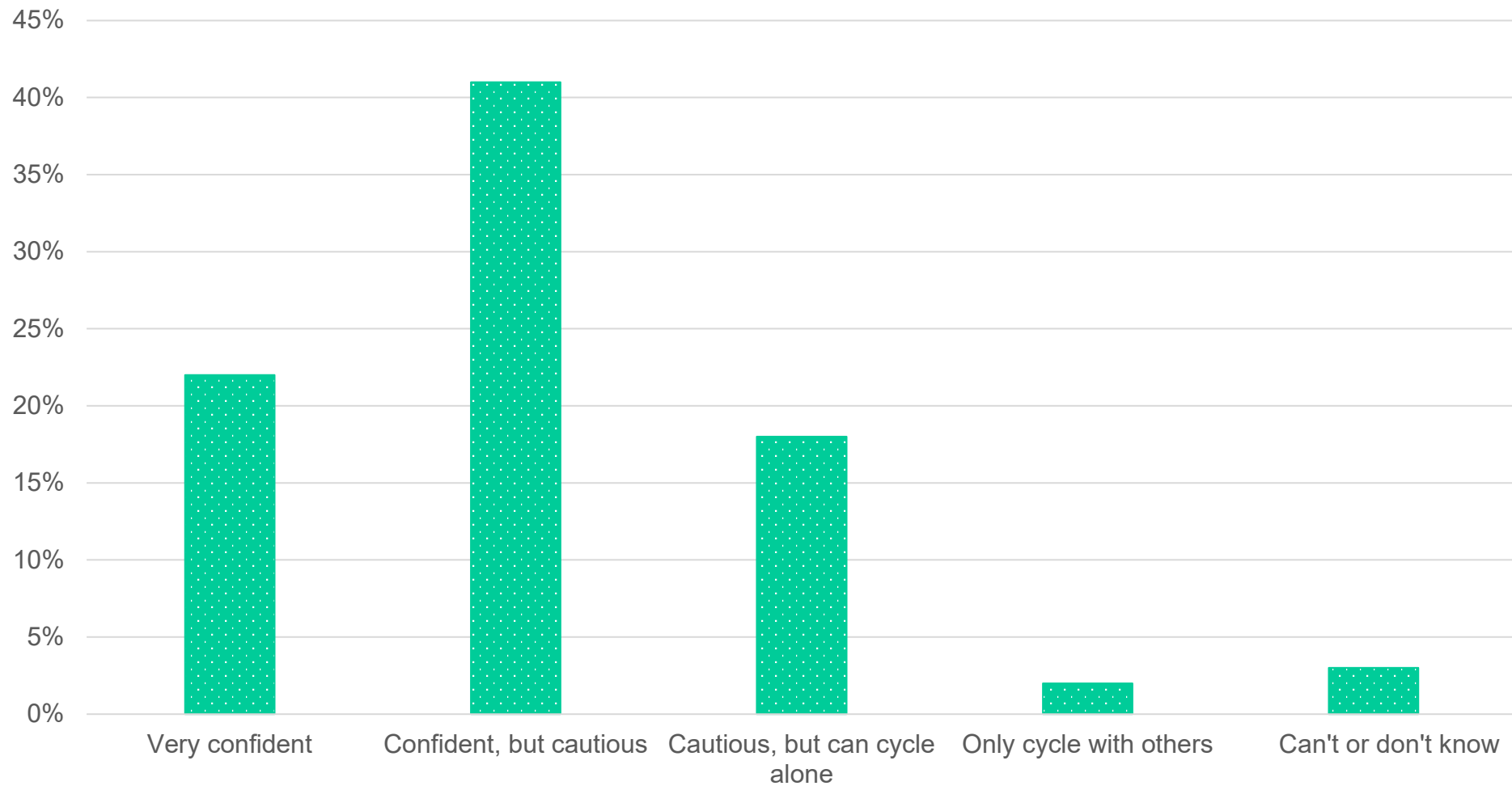
- How often do you currently cycle in the borough?



The council estimates that 2-3% of overall Ealing residents regularly cycle, a much lower proportion than the consultation respondents. However, a significant proportion of respondents never cycle, which can help us understand the barriers to cycling from those who don't cycle at all or are less confident.

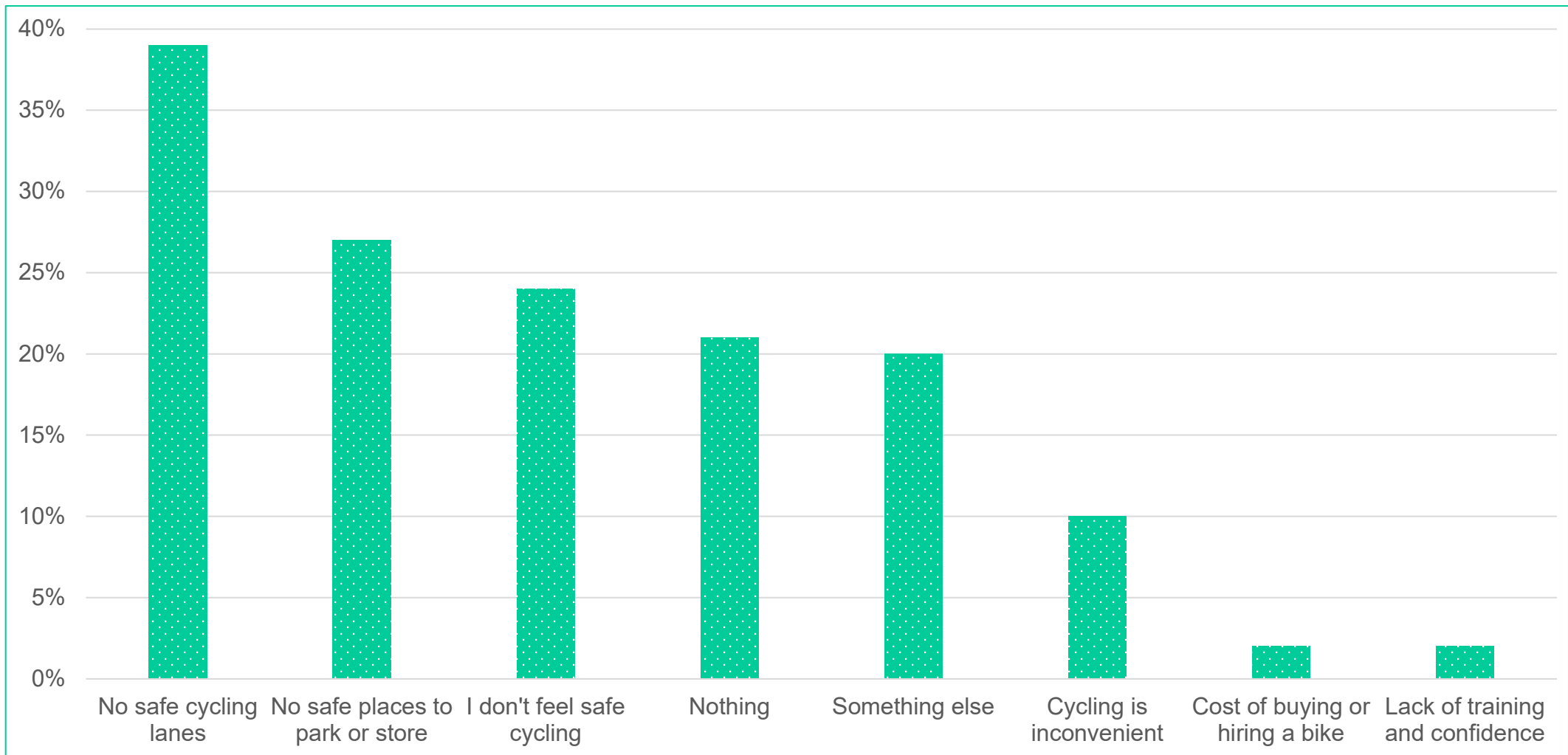
# Summary of findings – cycling confidence

- How would you describe your confidence in cycling in the borough?



# Summary of findings – barriers to cycling

- What prevents you from cycling, or cycling more frequently and confidently?



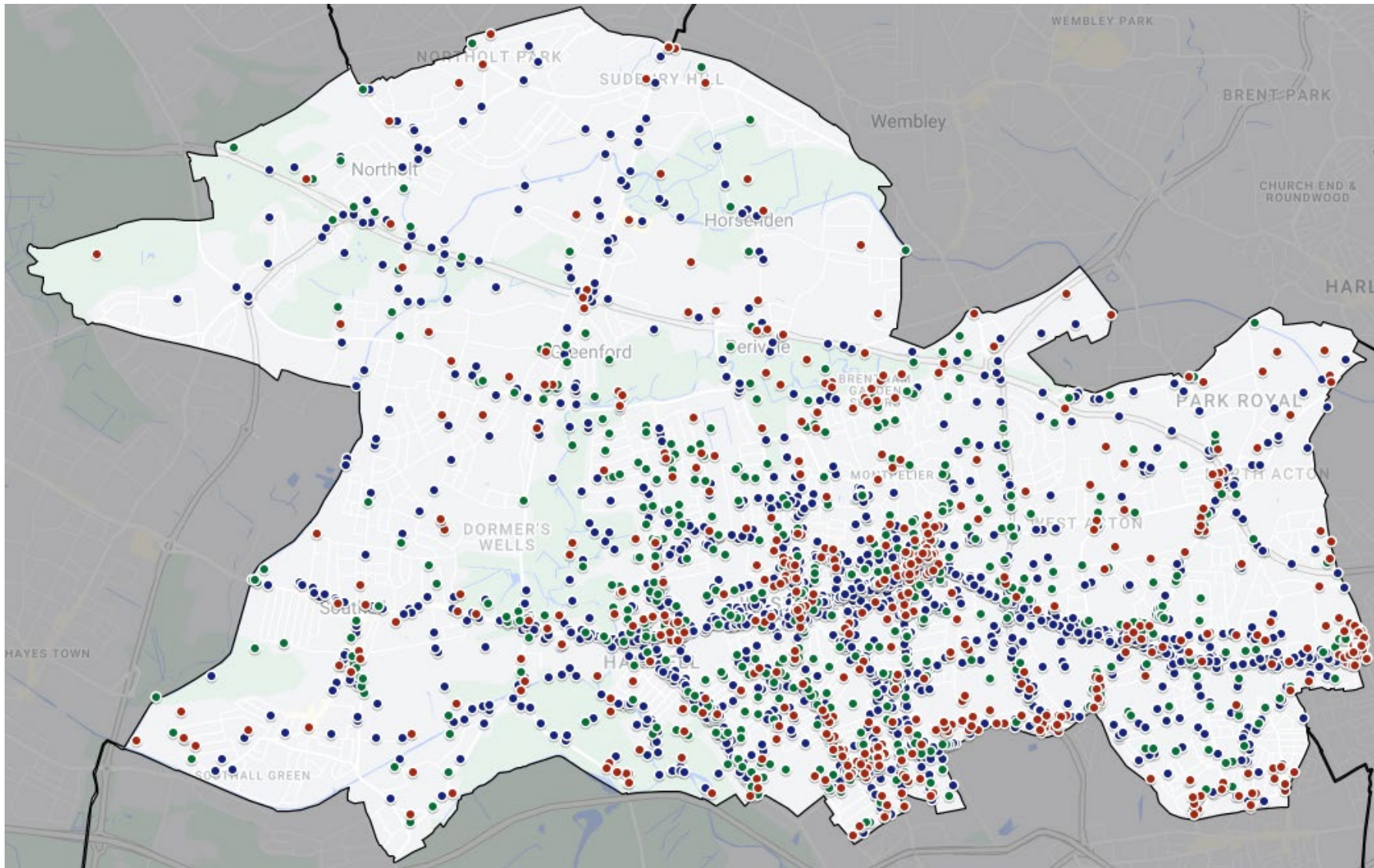
# Summary of findings – barriers to cycling

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- The responses from the previous slide have indicated that the lack of safe cycle lanes is a key barrier; this is in line with similar London-wide consultations and important for prioritising future projects.
- This question also had an option asking 'What else prevents you from cycling, or cycling more?'
- Below is a list of the main other reasons we received from residents, by order of frequency:
  - Age or health - 57
  - Infrastructure - 48
  - Weather - 31
  - Traffic volume or speed - 24
  - Cargo - 17
  - Don't want to - 14
  - Cyclist behaviour - 9
  - Walk - 8
  - Theft - 7
  - Children 6
  - Time -5
  - Skill - 3
  - Hills - 2
  - Storage - 2
  - Don't need to - 2
  - Pollution - 1
  - Bike maintenance -1

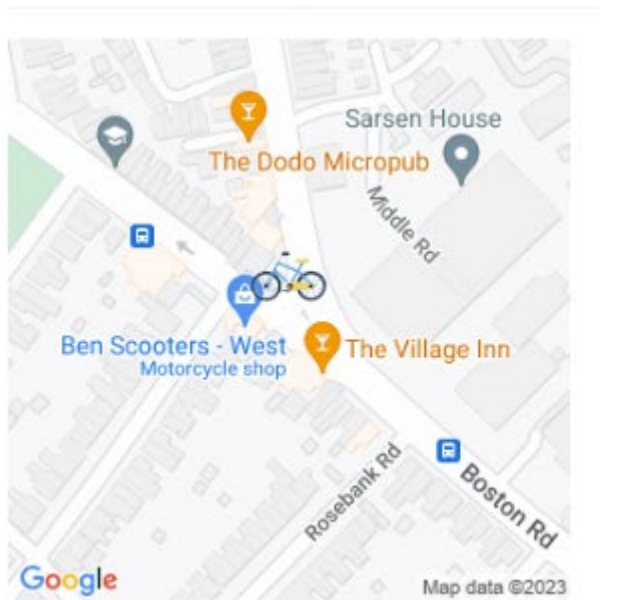
# Are there any existing routes/quietways that need improving?

- We received 1,814 pins, some of which included additional comments like road maintenance e.g. potholes and road surface, and signal timings at junctions

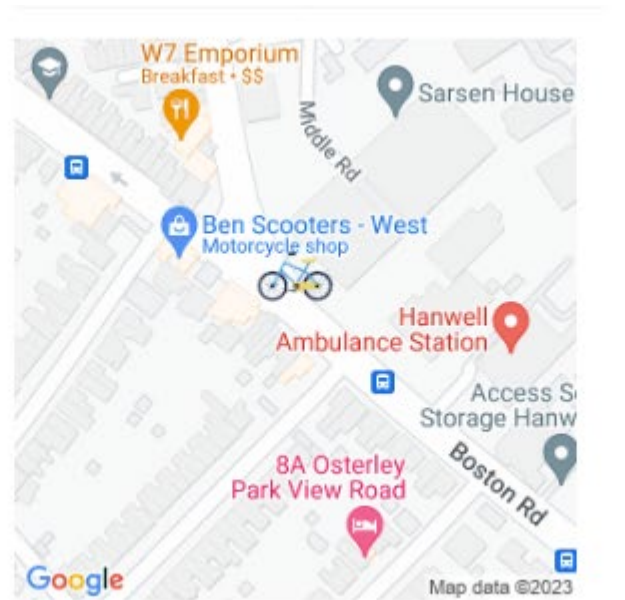


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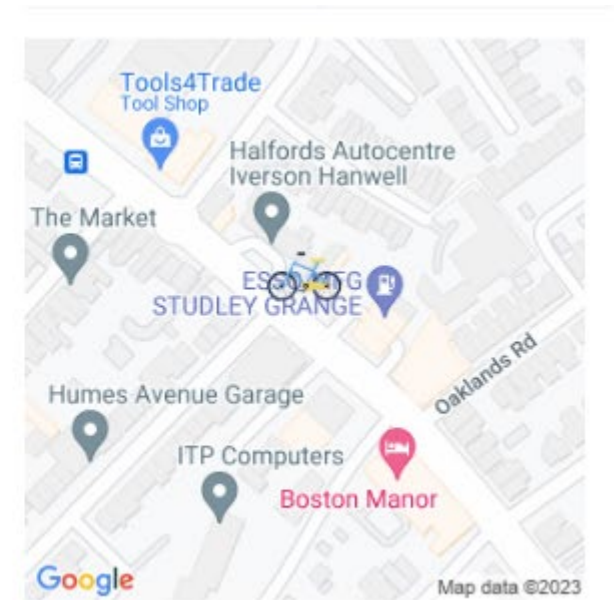
- Alongside dropping a pin on locations that need improving, residents could also add comments. These will be further examined to understand the individual issues at specific locations and how these can be addressed. Three sample comments are shown below.



“Motorcycles parking on both sides the single yellow lines and (illegal parking) on the zigzag lines adjacent to the pedestrian crossing outside the motorcycle shop make cycling unsafe and block the cycle line. The single yellow line section should become no parking”



“Vehicles parking here, cause unsafe passing for cyclists.”



“What was a bike lane is all broken and not fit for purpose. Not observed by motorists, and often results in motorists overtaking too close to cyclist”



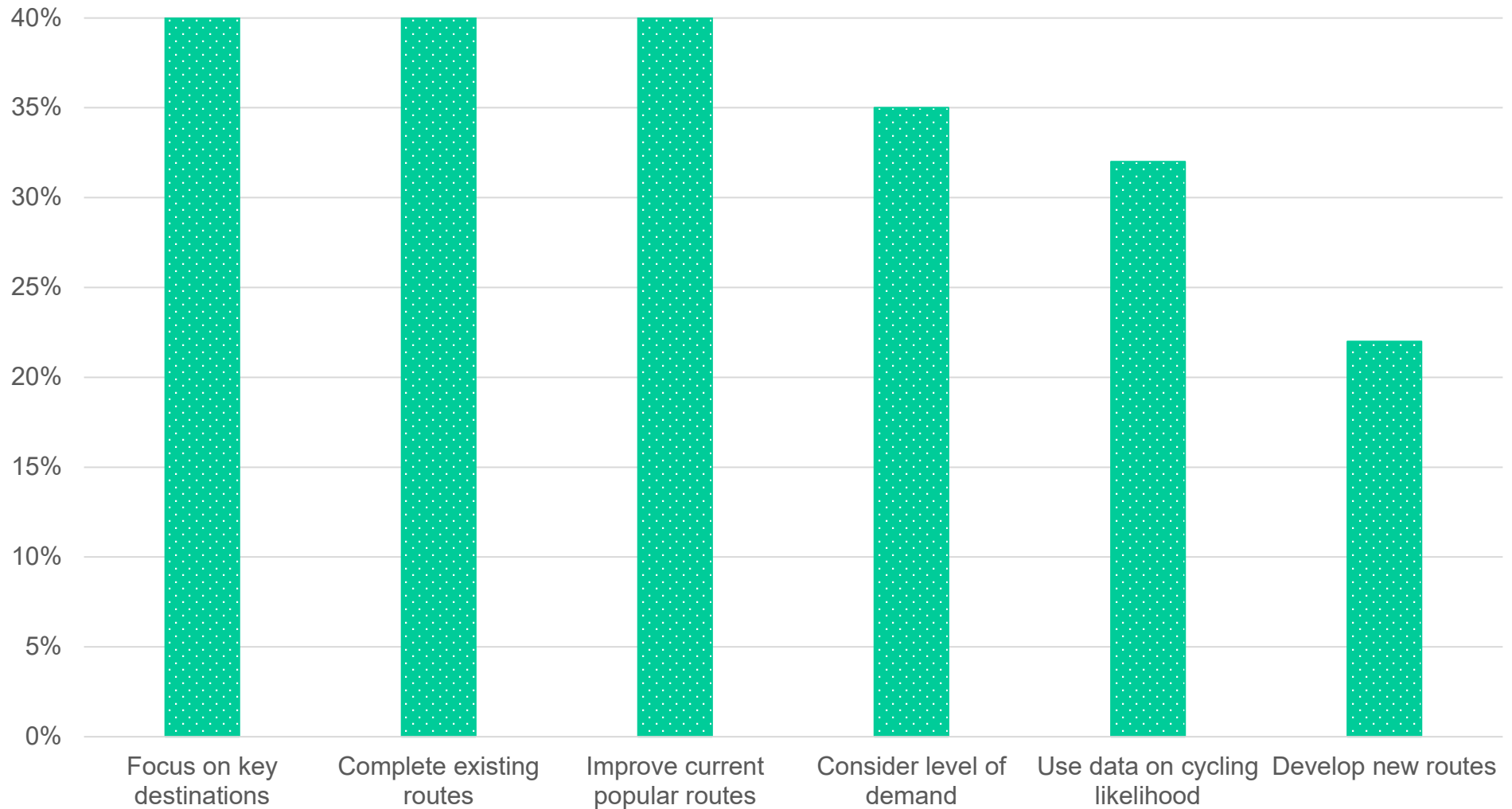
# Desired cycle routes

- This is an initial map that illustrates over 500 responses to 'where would you like to cycle?'. The individual start and end points and the free-form comments were analysed to produce the cycle network plan.



# Summary of findings – implementation priorities

- How should the council prioritise implementing the cycle network?



# Summary of findings – implementation and desired routes

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- Where would you like to cycle?  
The pins allows Ealing Council to understand the key routes that connect the borough to Hounslow and Hammersmith & Fulham, as well as popular designations outside the borough in Chiswick and Shepherd's Bush.
- In which areas should we create more cycle lanes?  
Residents responded with the following options as highest to lowest priority, as a result our plan is to develop a 'strategic' network of routes connecting town centres to each other:
  1. Roads linking town centres
  2. In town centres
  3. Off-roads routes, e.g. canals
  4. Quiet and residential roads
- How should the council prioritise implementing the cycle network?  
The results show more support for both completing and improving existing routes, i.e. finishing their full planned course, and improving their level of maintenance and segregation, than there is for developing new routes (graph of results on page 11).

## Notes and next steps

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Several questions had the option to add comments. These offer invaluable additional information, especially about specific issues in certain locations. Given the nature and volume of this type of response, it will take time to fully combine this additional data, and use it to help shape the cycle network and cycling experience for Ealing residents.

The findings from this data were used to develop the cycle network plan, which will be part of the next Ealing transport strategy. We will also continue to analyse the detailed data and to include specific issues in our work programme for the next few years. The council is keen to address the barriers to cycling and can offer solutions to many of the reasons given by residents for not cycling. This includes continuing to expand secure cycle parking, cycling training, and improvements to cycling infrastructure.

This report is a summary of the data from the Give My View consultation which finished in May 2023. It informed the cycle network plan map which is available to view on the council's website. If you have any feedback on this consultation or the cycle network plan, please complete this form: