



SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCIL

Destination Tweed

Peebles - Gytes Leisure Centre to Fotheringham Bridge Consultation Summary

Destination Tweed - Peebles

SBC undertook a Public Consultation which included a public information session held on the 28th May 2024 as well as a survey which was open from the 25th May to 28th June 2024.

The aim of which was to seek the public's views and opinions on the development of an Active Travel Route between Gytes Leisure Centre and Fotheringham Bridge, results which then could help inform preference for the proposed route, path specification & any other suggestions for placemaking and enhancement opportunities.

From the survey 105 responses were received, the following slides summarise the results.

In summary, the preferred route is the North Route with a segregated path specification, and having approach ramps to 'The Hump'



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SBC are seeking the public's opinion on the development of an Active Travel Route between the Gytes Leisure Centre and Fotheringham Footbridge in Peebles. We would welcome your preference for upgrading the existing path North or South of the river. This will form part of the River Tweed Trail long-distance walking and cycling route.

Why your views matter

Both route options have significant engineering and environmental challenges and SBC are seeking the public's view to feed back into the feasibility report. We are seeking the public's opinion on the preferred route option, the path specification and potential opportunities for further placemaking and route enhancement.

Please refer overleaf for further information including route plans and details to inform your answers below. More information can be found online using the QR code below or visiting <https://scotborders.citizenspace.com/assets-and-infrastructure/destination-tweed/>

- 1) Where do you live?
 - a. Peebles (South of River)
 - b. Peebles (North of River)
 - c. Area Around Peebles
 - d. Elsewhere in the Scottish Borders
 - e. Outwith the Scottish Borders
 - f. Prefer not to say
- 2) How do you, or your household envisage using the upgraded path?
 - a. Walking (recreational)
 - b. Walking (commute)
 - c. Walking (school)
 - d. Cycling (recreational)
 - e. Cycling (commute)
 - f. Cycling (school)
 - g. No intention to use path
 - h. Other (please specify below)
- 3) Which route would be your preferred option to upgrade to an active travel path?
 - a. North Route
 - b. South Route
 - c. No preference
- 4) Would your preference be for a shared use path or a segregated path?
 - a. Shared Use Path
 - b. Segregated Path
 - c. No Preference
- 5) If the north route was to be developed, would your preferred option be Option 1 (level path but remove trees) or Option 2 (approach ramps)
 - a. Option 1 - Level path, remove trees
 - b. Option 2 - Approach ramps
 - c. No preference
- 6) If the south route was to be developed, would you prefer to upgrade the existing bound path or develop the alternative route through the woodland?
 - a. Upgrade existing bound path
 - b. Develop alternative route through the woodland
 - c. No preference
- 7) If you have any final comments or suggestions for the path upgrade project then please leave these below.



Want to fill in the form online instead? Use the QR code to access the online questionnaire.

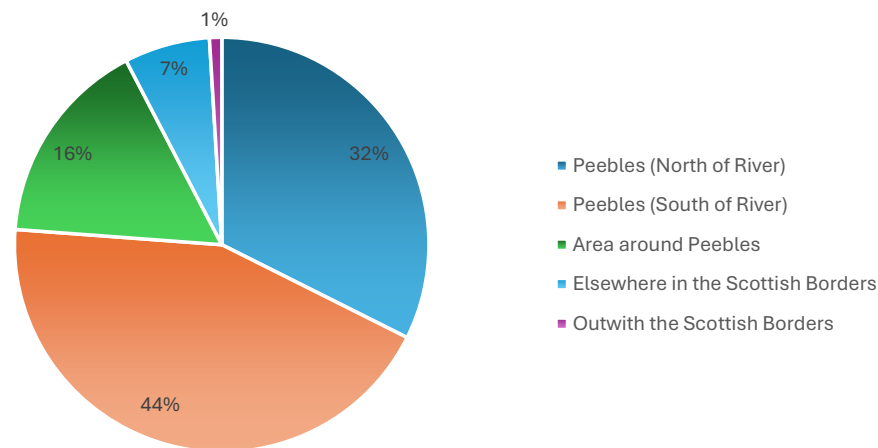
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Questionnaire Responses

Where do you live?

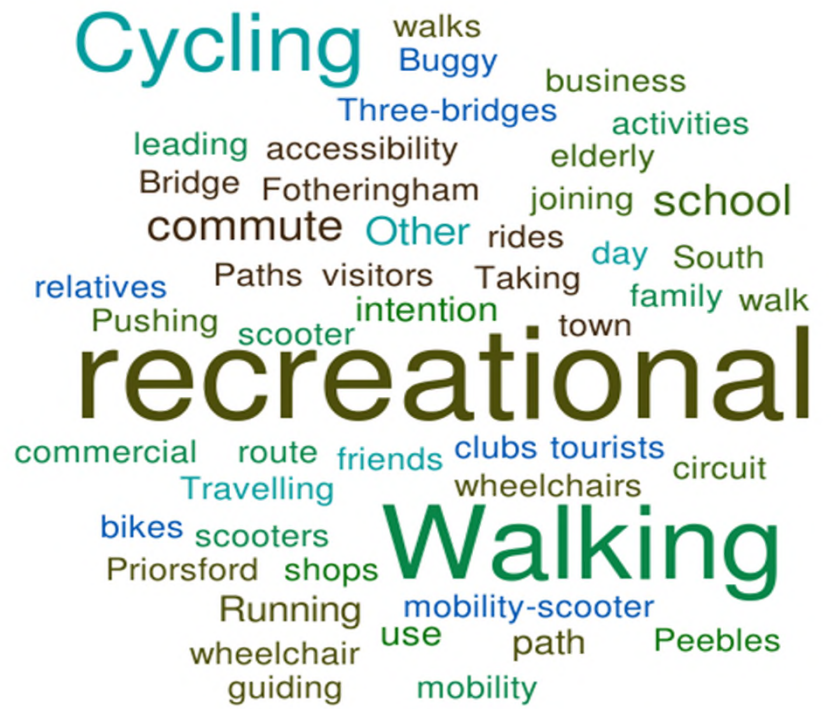
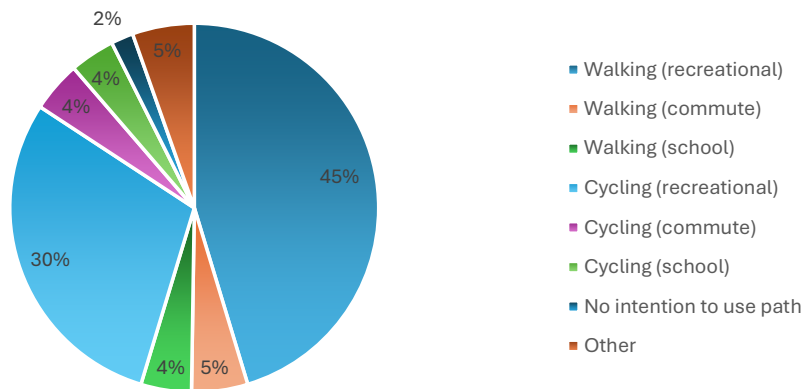




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How do you, or your household envisage using the upgraded path? Please select one or more options





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Questionnaire Responses
Active Travel Route Options

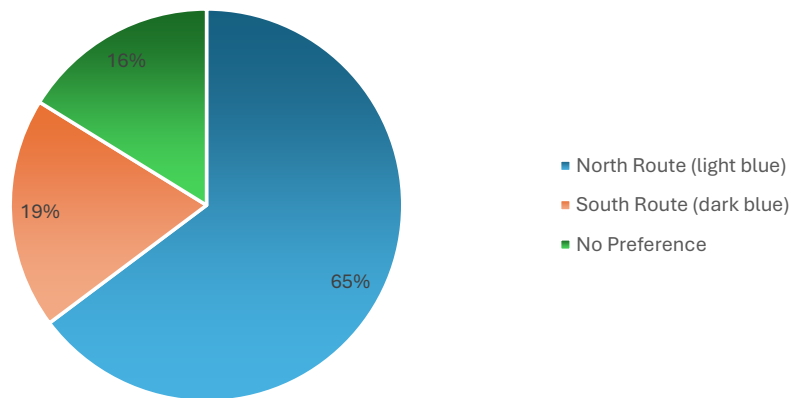




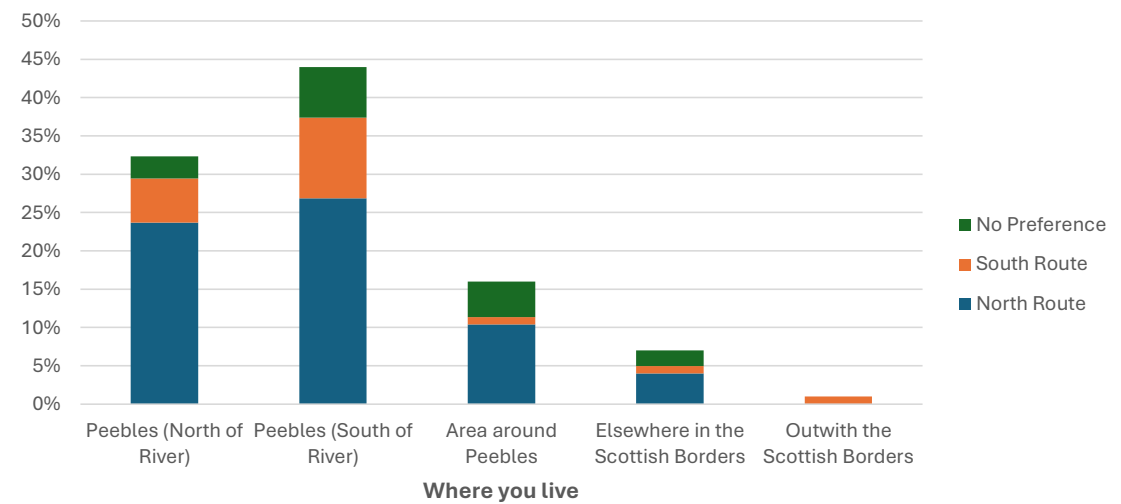
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Questionnaire Responses

Which route would be your preferred option to upgrade to an active travel path?



Which route would be your preferred option to upgrade to an active travel path? In relation to 'Where you live' answers:

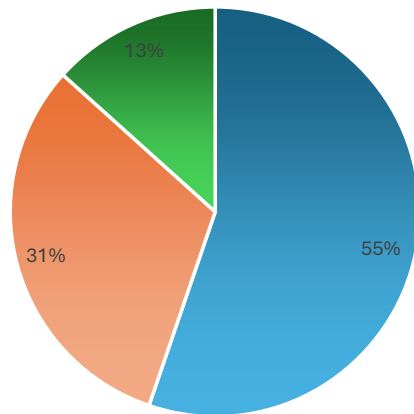


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Questionnaire Responses



Would your preference be for a shared use path or a segregated path?



- Segregated Path
- Shared Use Path
- No Preference

Segregated Path

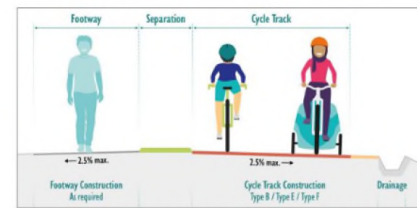


Figure 3.5: Detached or remote cycle track (separated from pedestrians on same level)

Shared Path

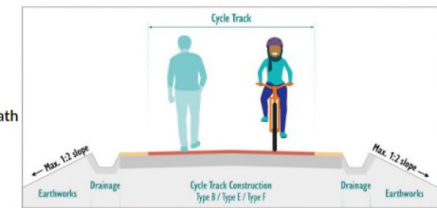
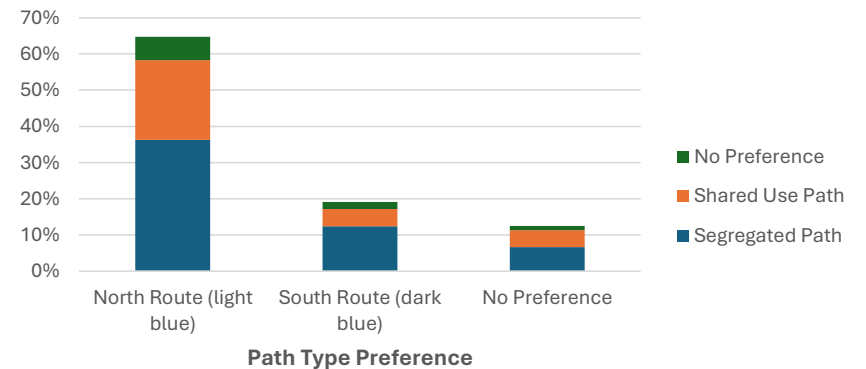


Figure 3.4: Detached or remote cycle track (shared with pedestrians)

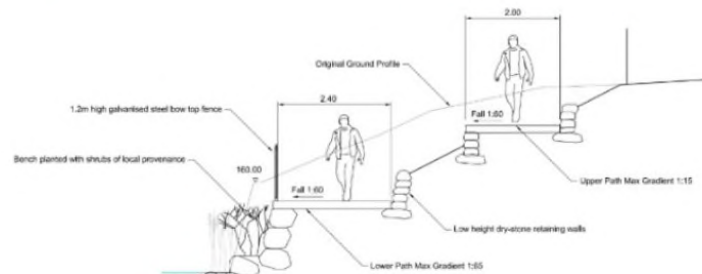
Would your preference be for a shared use path or a segregated path? In relation to 'Preferred Route' answers:



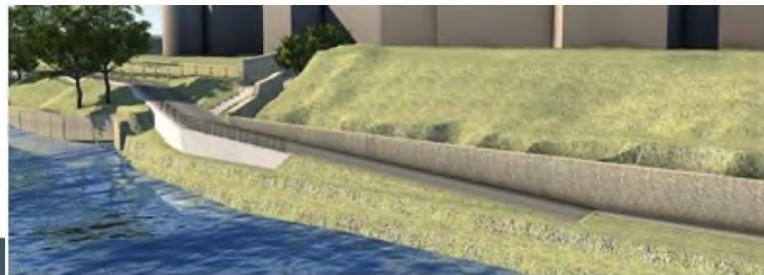
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Questionnaire Responses
North Route – The Hump

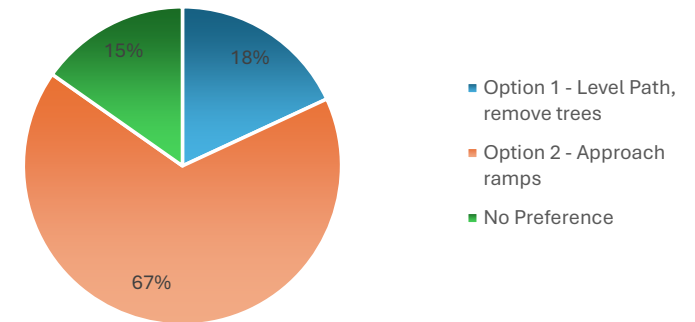
Option 1 would be to remove the mature trees and embankment to create a level path. This would have significant environmental implications. The embankment would need to be retained by a new structure and the existing riverside wall would need repaired. Compensatory planting for the lost trees would need to be undertaken in the adjacent Haylodge Park.



Option 2 would be to create approach ramps on the east and west sides to remove the stairs whilst preserving most of the trees. The path would climb at 7% on both sides for approximately 40m and would be narrowed to 2.5m. The ramps may impact on the capacity of the flood corridor and may need to be mitigated through compensatory storage in the adjacent Haylodge Park. Any impacts to flooding would be verified and mitigated at the detailed design stage through detailed flood modelling. See proposed design below;



Hump Options

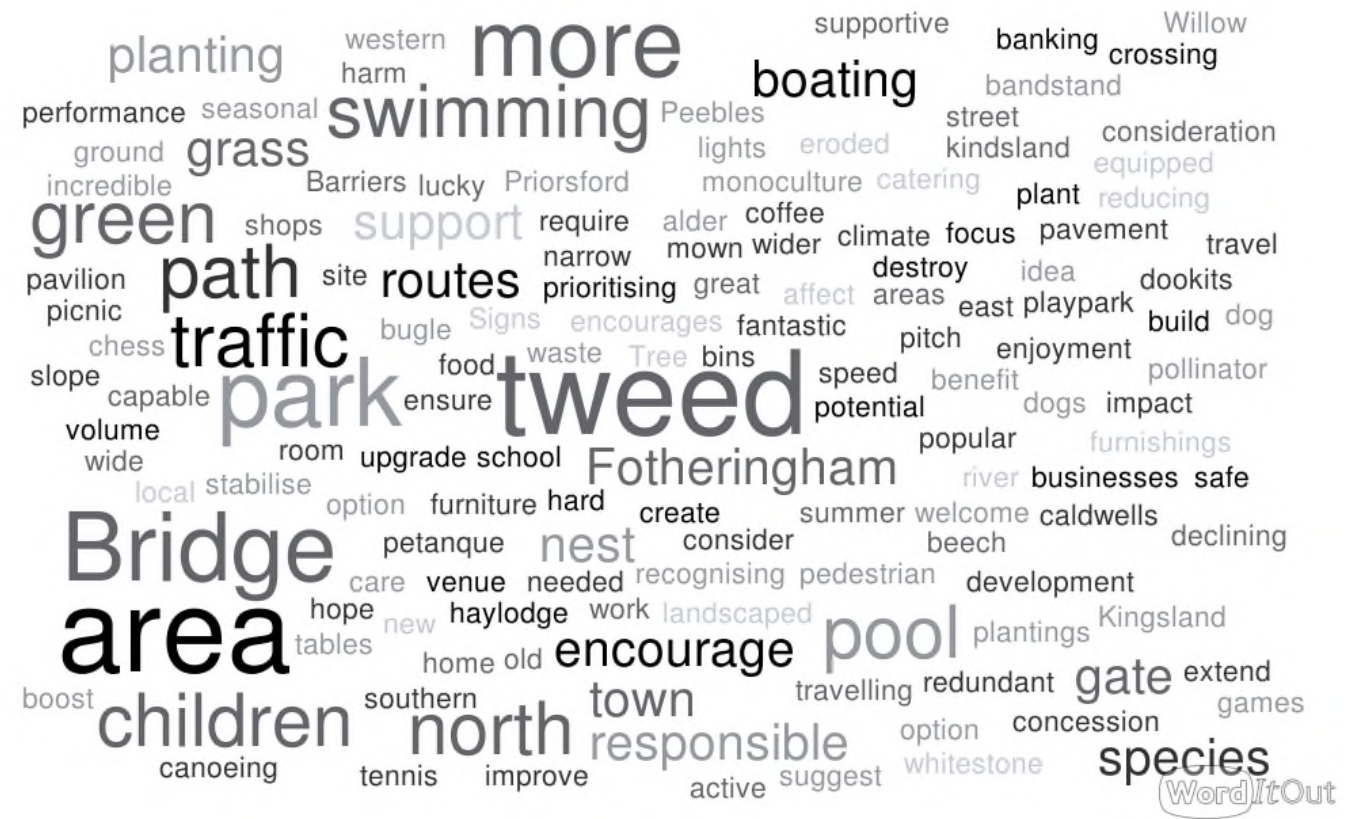




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Questionnaire Responses

Enhance Placemaking comments:





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Questionnaire Responses - Some final comments:

“This will be a **huge asset** to Peebles.”

“This is a real opportunity to greatly **improve connectivity** between leisure areas within Peebles for all potential users.”

“Destination Tweed is an excellent idea...ideas which **encourage access** to our beautiful river tweed and **increase opportunity** for pedestrian and foot access.”

“...improving paths and access is important but **maintaining the natural beauty and enhancing biodiversity is essential...**”

“**Do not destroy mature trees** for paths.”

“this project will create **safe school connections** within the town, but also be a very valuable infrastructure for walkers and general public...paramount importance that it is **fully accessible**”

“The **bridge over the Cuddy**...is between 1m and 1.5m, making it difficult for two-way traffic.”

“For people who just wish to walk or cycle around Peebles, the **current arrangements are adequate.**”

“Please devote as much effort towards developing a plan, and securing long term revenue funding for **ongoing maintenance...**”

“The whole plan is unworkable without **huge costs**...There are 100’s of better causes the local government could be spending its money on.”

“A 3m or 4m wide path along the riverbank, closely resembling a road, will **detract** from Peebles beauty spots.”

“**...cyclists are getting priority** over every other form of transport. As a pedestrian it feels like we’re being pushed out and given no consideration...”

“Make sure the route avoids areas prone to **flooding.**”