

Neighbourhood Area: South

**Communities & Neighbourhood
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**Tuesday 9th December at Brazen
Gate end of Lakenham Way**

Resident feedback

In December, the South neighbourhood team consulted with the users of Lakenham Way to see how they used the footpath, what issues or concerns they may have and ways in which the area could be improved to encourage greater use by local residents.

Respondents

We had 24 responses to the consultation from the drop-in session and online survey.

Use & views of the area

Almost all of those we spoke to used Lakenham Way once a week or more, with the majority of these people going between Brazen Gate and either Hall Road or Mansfield Lane

Although everyone we spoke to thought Lakenham Way was a great route, nearly half of respondents had concerns about anti-social behaviour along the route, and for many people this affected when they would use the path. A number of residents also identified that litter was a problem along the route, although many acknowledged the great work that local community group LTC Green Spaces did in helping to clear much of this.

Suggestions for improvements

Almost everyone supported our proposals to encourage more use of Lakenham Way through highlighting the positive aspects, thereby reducing anti-social behaviour.

The most popular improvement residents wanted to see were information boards about plants & wildlife along the route, with 8 in 10 of respondents identifying this as something that would make a difference. Two thirds wanted to see boards with information about Lakenham Way's history, whilst half thought it would be useful to have the location of litter bins identified. It was also suggested that there should be information about who maintains the route (ie Lakenham & Town Close Green Spaces group). A number of concerns were raised that the information boards would get vandalised, and this will be considered when deciding on which boards to purchase.

Aside from the information boards, 7 out of 10 people wanted to see more bird and / or bat boxes. Almost the same number of people wanted more wildflower areas and half thought picnic benches would see greater positive use of the area. Residents felt improvements to

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the steps going down to the path were less of a priority, and there were a smaller number of requests for more litter bins and improved lighting.

What next?

Using this feedback from residents, we will put together project plans and seek opportunities to obtain funding to take some of the suggested improvements forward. We will keep residents who responded to the survey updated with any progress and promote ways in which you can get involved, subject to funding being available.

We hope you found this report interesting. To see the programme of when and where we will be for the next three months visit www.norwich.gov.uk and go the Walkabouts page of the A to Z. All residents are welcome to attend and we look forward to seeing you there.

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