

Executive summary

As part of the updating of the Burnham Beeches Management Plan 2020-2030, a public consultation was held from 26th to 28th October 2019. Following a briefing on the background and proposed management, 916 people completed 358 forms answering questions and providing comments. Participants comprised more females (56%), were mainly white (95%), over 45 (67%), without a registered disability (97%).

The results indicated that most visitors came from within 4 miles (62%), visited at least once per week (59%), on both weekdays and weekends (57%), throughout the day (\approx 50%), for more than 1 hour (80%), arriving by car (69%), in order to walk on the site (66%), and with other people (82%) in groups of less than 5 (89%). Dog walkers were fairly a large constituency at 32% of participants, most of whom brought just one dog (79%).

It was clear that attitudes to the site were positive, with 98% having at least a good opinion of the site and the same percentage at least mainly supporting the vision for the Beeches. Most management proposals were supported strongly (by over 90%) for management of wood pasture, grazing, pollards, ponds, soils, and facilities. Similar positive results were recorded for proposals for working with neighbouring landowners, helping visitors to enjoy the site, and for providing rangers. A smaller number suggested sites for benches (37%) and fewer still had funding ideas (27%) or were willing to volunteer on the site (20%).

Other proposals were less positively supported. Bin removal was only supported by 44%. Extending areas where dogs must be on leads was only supported by 38% (but there were a large number with no opinion), although an extension to those areas where dogs are not allowed was supported by 52%. The supply of bags for dog faeces collection was felt to be the owner's responsibility by 93%, although only 51% thought these should be taken home when full.

In general, the proposed plan seems to be strongly supported, although care may be needed where changes to litter control and the management of dogs is concerned.

Executive summary continued

There are some interesting similarities (and a few differences) in the results from 2019 compared with a similar survey in 2009. NB since some questions changed between surveys, not all aspects can be compared.

In 2019, 916 people completed 358 forms, *cf* 2009 when around 700 people provided 600-700 responses. NB in 2009 responses involved using stickers placed on answer boards. In 2019 a more detailed response through an answer booklet was required, which may have reduced the participation rate but enabled more thorough analysis.

- There was a similar dominance of female respondents in both consultations (56% in 2019, cf 55% in 2009).
- Respondents were older in 2019, with 67% over 45 and only 3% under 20, *cf* in 2009 where 57% were over 45 and 13% were under 17.
- The results for 2019 indicated that 71% of visitors came from within 5 miles, compared to 66% in 2009.
- Similar percentages visited at least once per week (59% in 2019, cf 60% in 2009).
- The same proportions came by car (69% in both surveys) although those arriving on foot increased from 23% in 2009 to 29% in 2019, with a drop in cycling from 6% in 2009 to only 1% in 2019 (car park charging may also have influenced this with more people possibly parking off site and walking from there in 2019).
- Most visitors came to walk on the site in 2019 (66%). Although this was lower in 2009 (41%), a further 11% came to watch nature, and 7% came for food and drink (responses that were not offered in 2019).
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Our work is guided by a management plan, updated every ten years. We are now preparing the plan for the next decade with the help of experts, interest groups, our visitors and neighbours.

This is your opportunity to tell us what you think about our proposals for looking after the 220 hectares of this amazing and unique open space.



Bought by the City of London in 1880 to save it from development, Burnham Beeches is protected as a public open space under the City of London Open Spaces Act of 1878. It is further safeguarded by the Corporation (Open Spaces) Act (2018), and by its status as a Site of Special Scientific Interest, National Nature Reserve and Special Area of Conservation.



Burnham Beeches is one of the most significant and historic places in the UK for wildlife - especially for those species linked to old beech trees. It is also a major public open space and visitors, mostly local, come to the reserve over half a million times each year.

This means the Beeches needs careful management, not only to look after its fragile and threatened habitats, but also to ensure that those who come to enjoy the peace and tranquillity of this ancient landscape, do not damage the things that make it so special.



The display explains how we plan to carry out what we believe to be the best possible management for the reserve over the next decade.

There are a series of questions to which we would like your answers.

Please use one of the answer booklets for your responses and the slips of paper if you have anything additional that you would like to say.

Staff and volunteers will be happy to help or answer any questions you have.

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Public consultation process

As part of the process of producing the Burnham Beeches Management Plan (2020 to 2030) a public consultation exercise was carried out. This was held in a marquee on the Main Common for three days in autumn 2019. Autumn dates were picked to fit with the management plan timetable and to coincide with the peak visitor period (autumn colours). The consultation event was advertised on site (posters and banners at the entrance), through the Burnham Beeches e-news and on social media. The main part of the consultation involved presenting participants some information, outlining the proposals for the next 10 years, and asking their level of support. Answer booklets were supplied to enable information from each respondent to be collected. In addition, for most questions, a box was available so that extra comments could be added if wished. A final question enabled people to raise issues not covered elsewhere. A couple of respondents took the answer booklet home and brought them back the next day. The consultation was not made available on-line because we wished to obtain views of visitors, rather than those who do not visit.

The consultation was divided into three sections covering:

- Participant profiles.
- Visit profiles covering typical visit behavior by the participants.
- Participant opinions of the management proposals.

A total of 916 people attended resulting in 358 forms being completed: 60 (out of 90 attendees) on Saturday October 26th; 183 (out of 665) on Sunday October 27th; and 115 (out of 161) on Monday October 29th. A number of couples and a few families completed the forms together. It was rainy all day Saturday, on Sunday and Monday it was sunny dry, and relatively warm, although the temperature dropped mid-afternoon on both days.

The consultation results will feed into the plan, along with comments from others, including specialists and staff. This report includes all the information panels presented alongside summaries of the results so that it is possible to fully see the context of the questions.

Participant Profiles

Participant profiles provide a valuable insight into the types of people visiting Burnham Beeches who are willing to offer their opinions on the proposed management of the site.

In addition, this information helps managers to ensure that the services offered by the site are inclusive, welcoming and accessible to all.

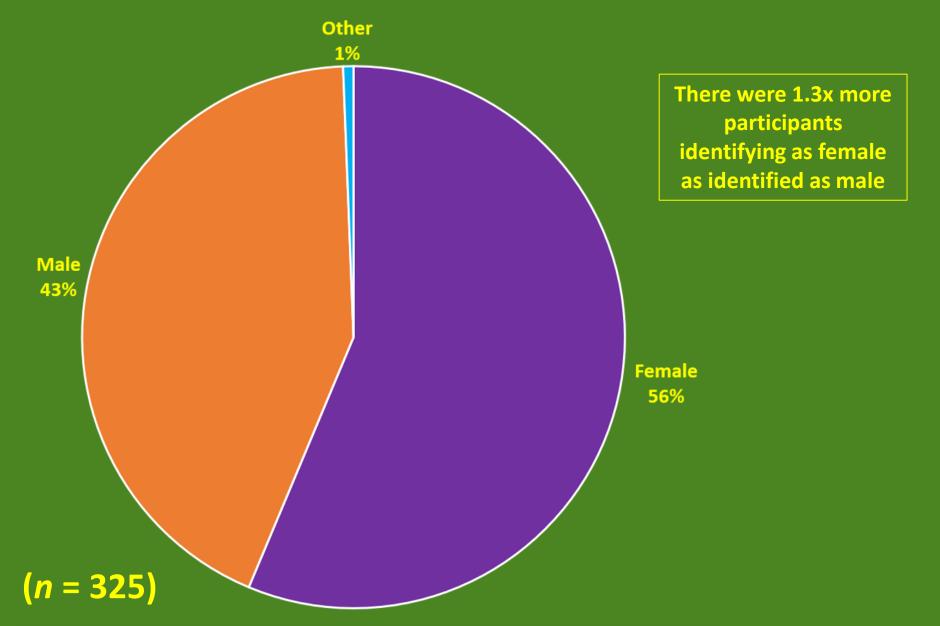
Participants were asked to provide details of their:

- 1. Gender.
- 2. <u>Age.</u>
- 3. Ethnicity.
- 4. Whether they were registered as disabled or not.

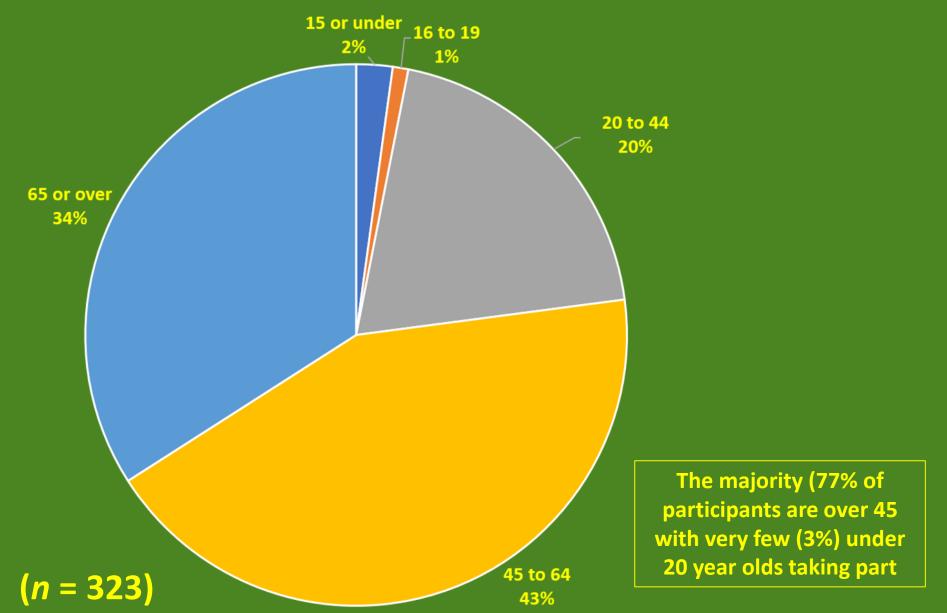
They were informed that these data would assist in meeting obligations under the Equality Act 2010, and that answers would be treated in confidence and all data usage would comply with the Data Protection Act 1998.

The results of this section have been collated in such a way that individuals cannot be recognised.

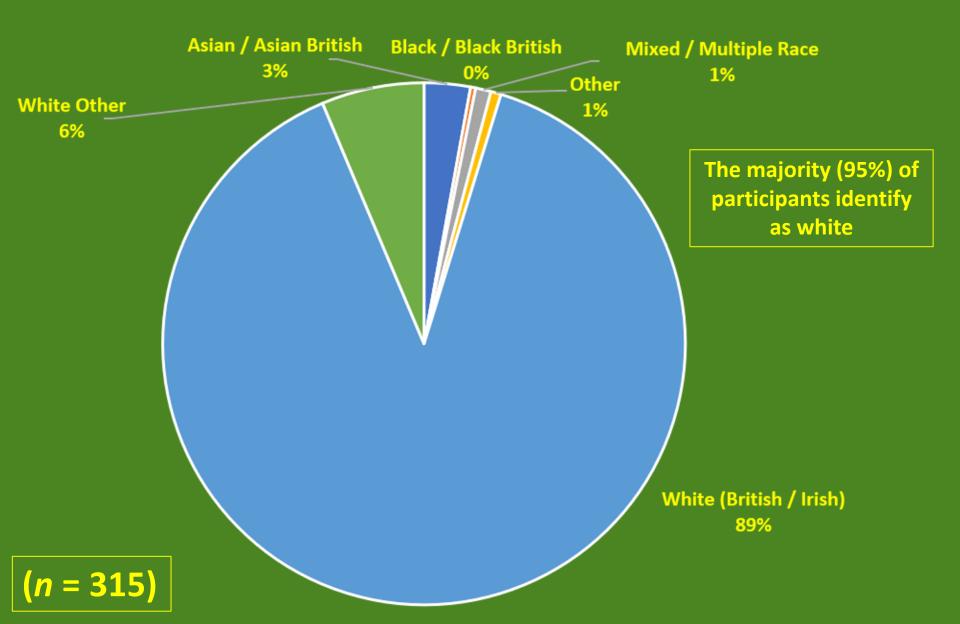
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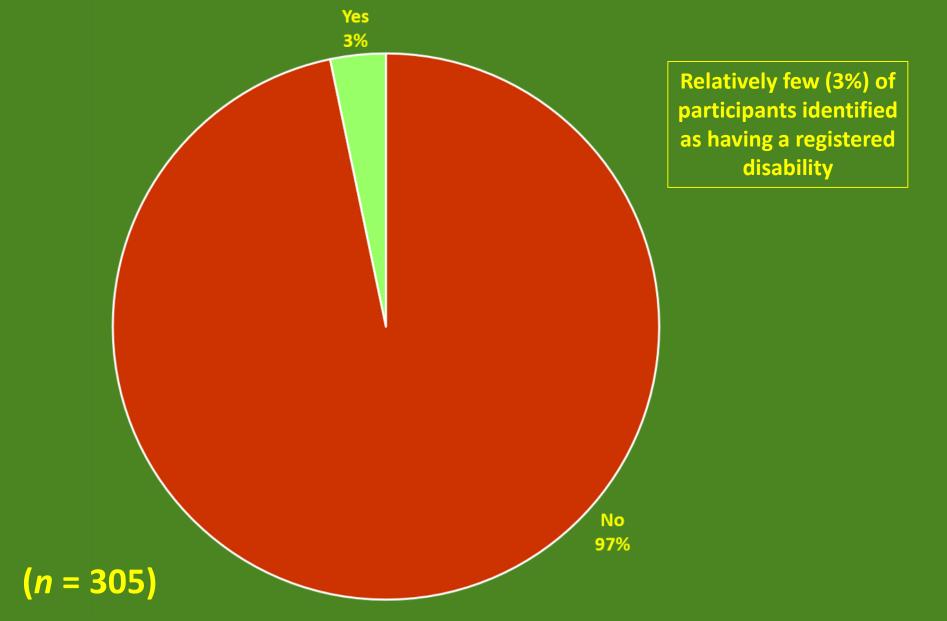
Question 2: Age of participants



Question 3: Ethnicity of participants



Question 4: Registered disabilities of participants



Visit Profiles

Information on how, when and for what purpose participants visit Burnham Beeches is important in order to understand their needs and preferences. It can also provide some context for individual answers to particular questions regarding opinions of management proposals.

Participants were asked to provide details of the following:

- 1. Postcode to identify how far they had travelled.
- 2. Frequency of visiting the site.
- 3. Normal day of visiting the site.
- 4. Normal time of day of visiting the site.
- 5. Normal length of visit.
- 6. Mode of transport to the site.
- 7. Main reason for visiting.
 - a. For dog walkers how many dogs were normally walked.
- 8. Who they normally visited the site with.
 - a. For those in groups, how many people were normally present.
- 9. Overall opinion of the site.

1) Please write down your post code. This helps us understand how far people travel to get to the site but does not identify individuals.

Postcode data were supplied by 336 people.

These data were analysed using Free Map Tools software* - an internet based mapping package that allows the distances between postcodes to be generated.

Each postcode was compared to the postcode for Burnham Beeches Office (SL2 3TE) and the following were generated:

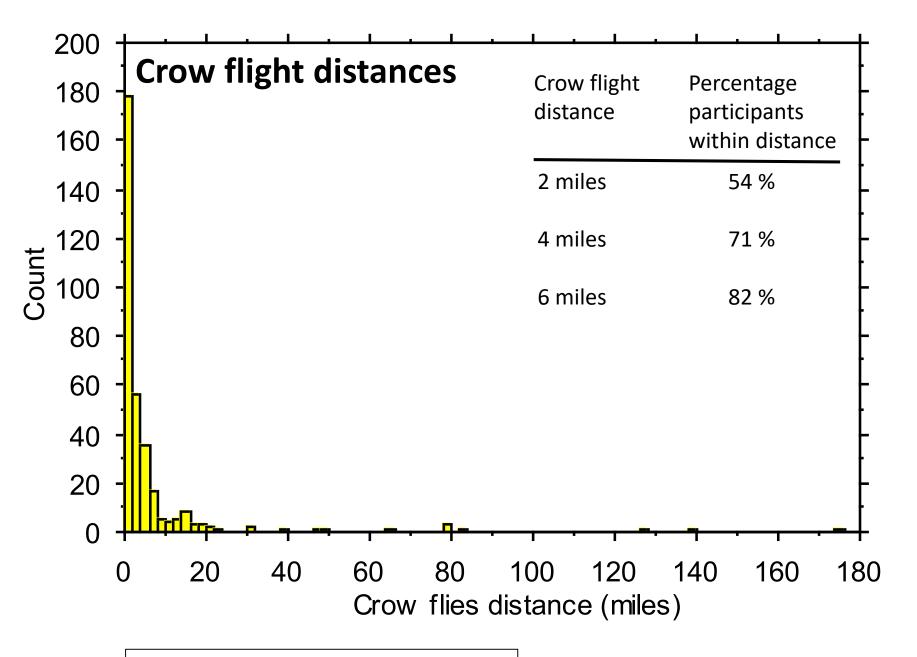
- a. Straight line (Crow flight) distance.
- b. <u>Distance by road (Transport distance)</u>.
- c. Map of the geographical distribution of participants' postcodes.

Maximum distances reported were:

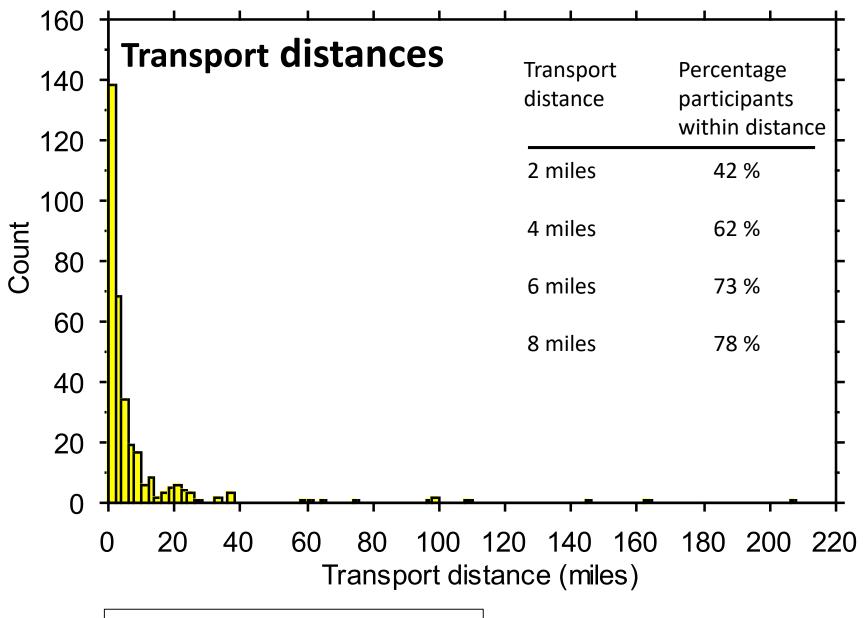
Crows flight distance 174.2 miles

Transport distance 207.4 miles

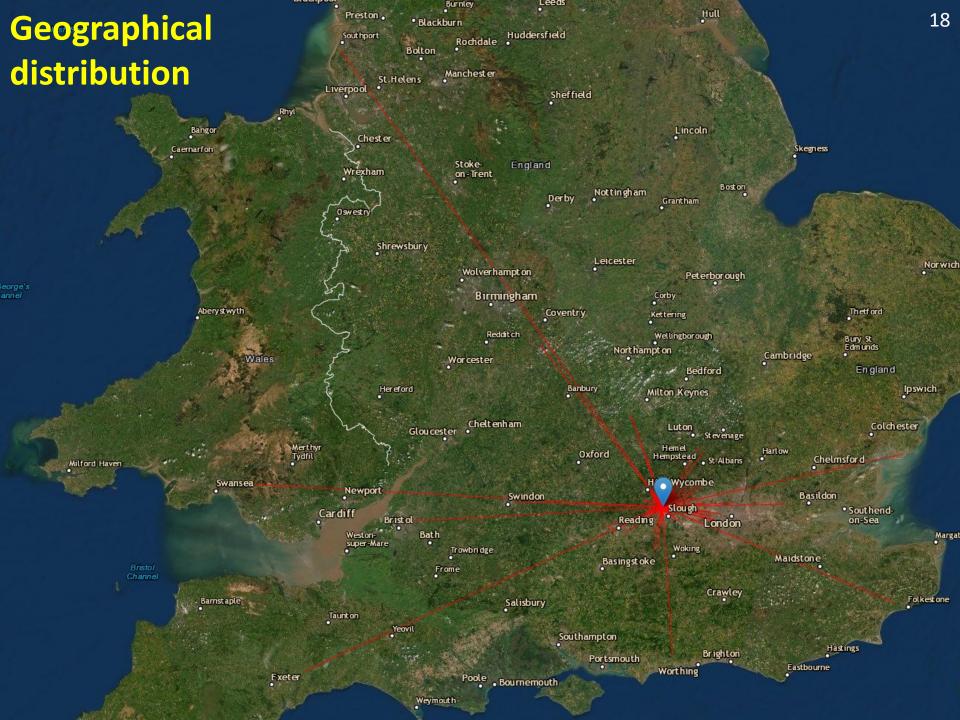
^{*} Source: https://www.freemaptools.com/distance-between-uk-postcodes.htm



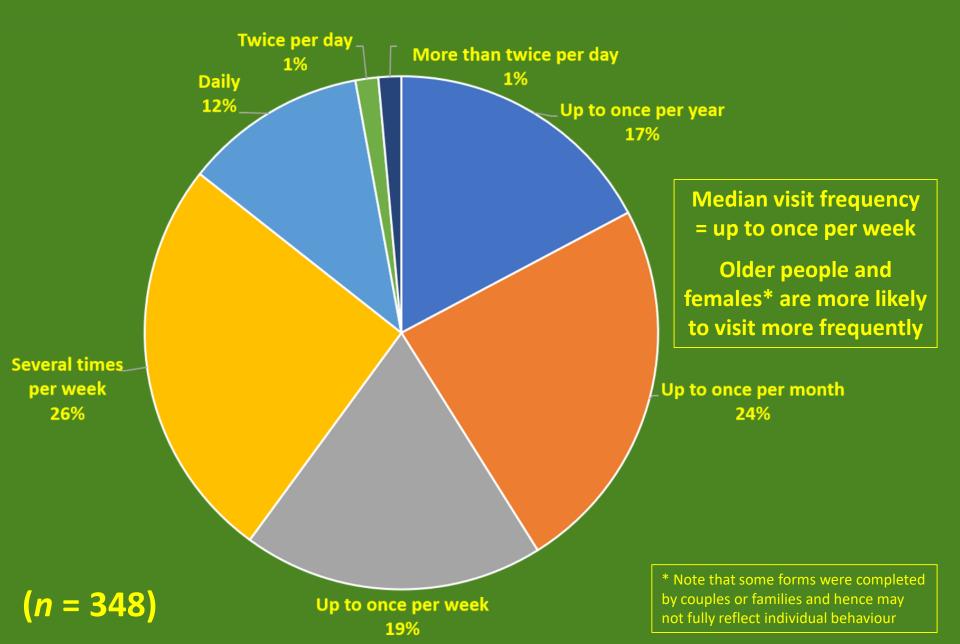
Mean crow flight distance = 6.4 miles



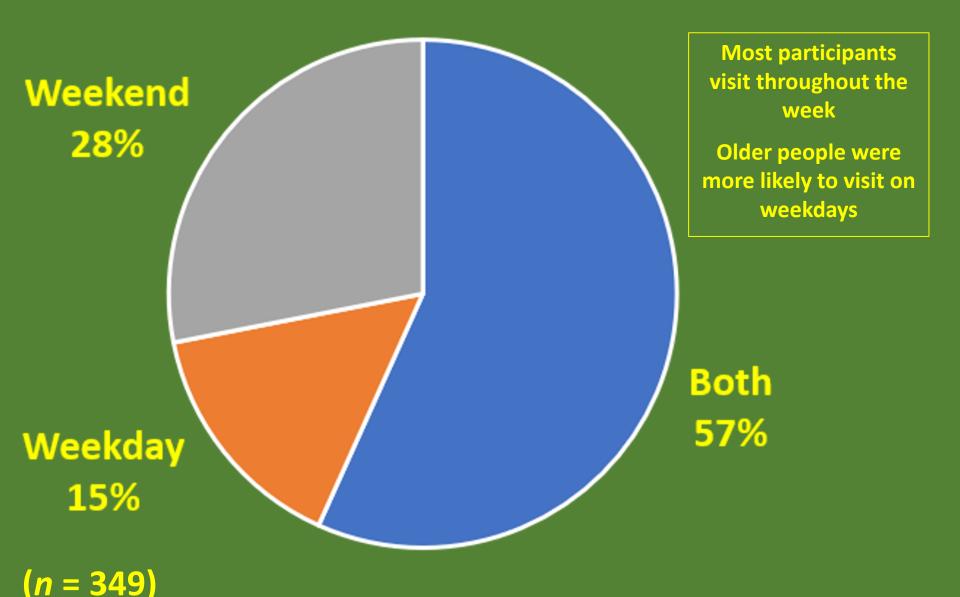
Mean transport distance = 8.6 miles



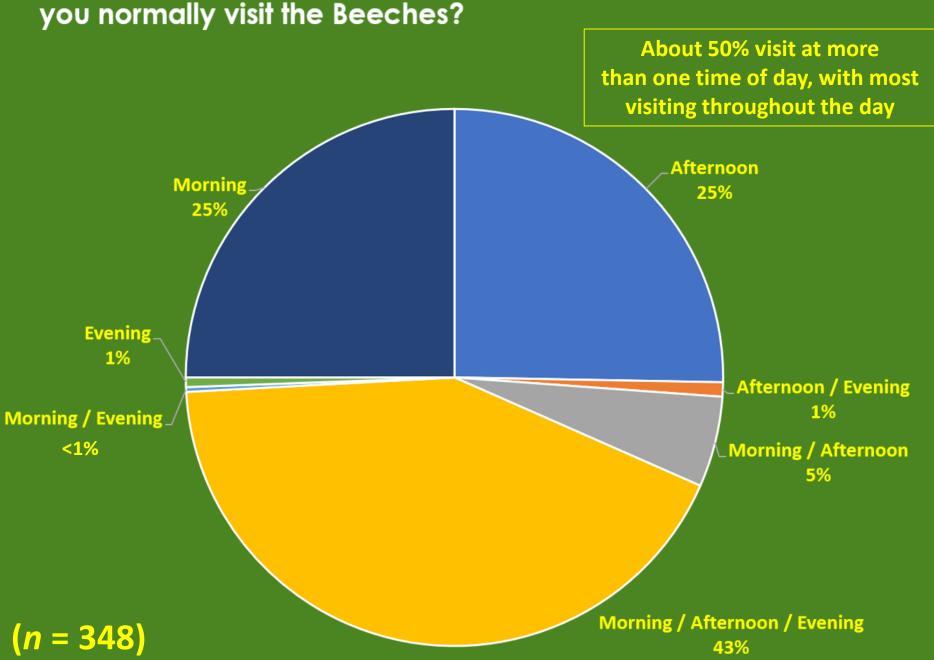
Please circle the box which best reflects how often you visit the site.

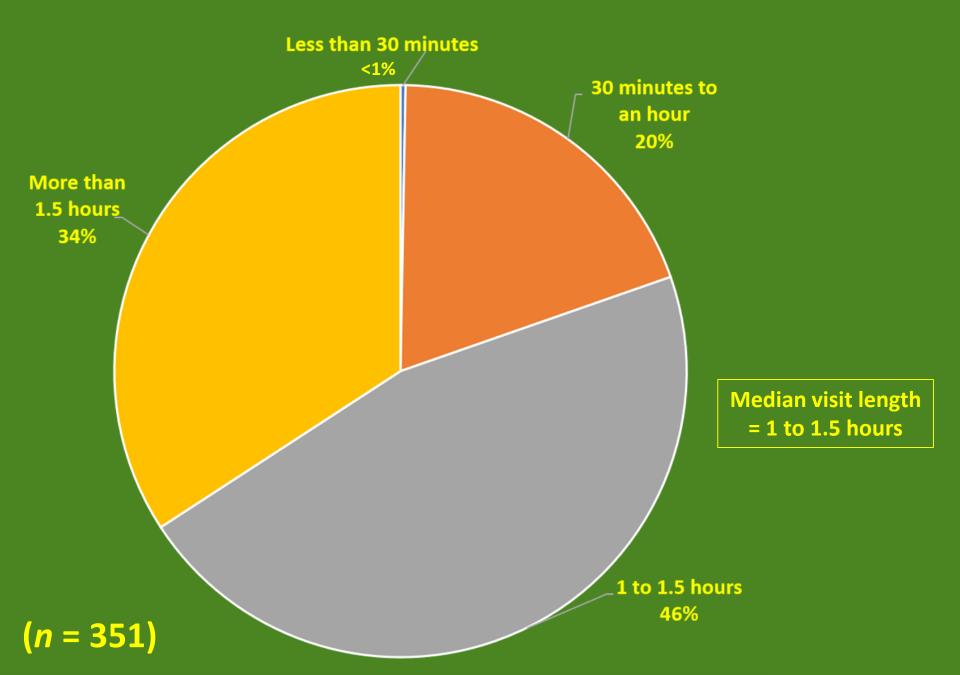


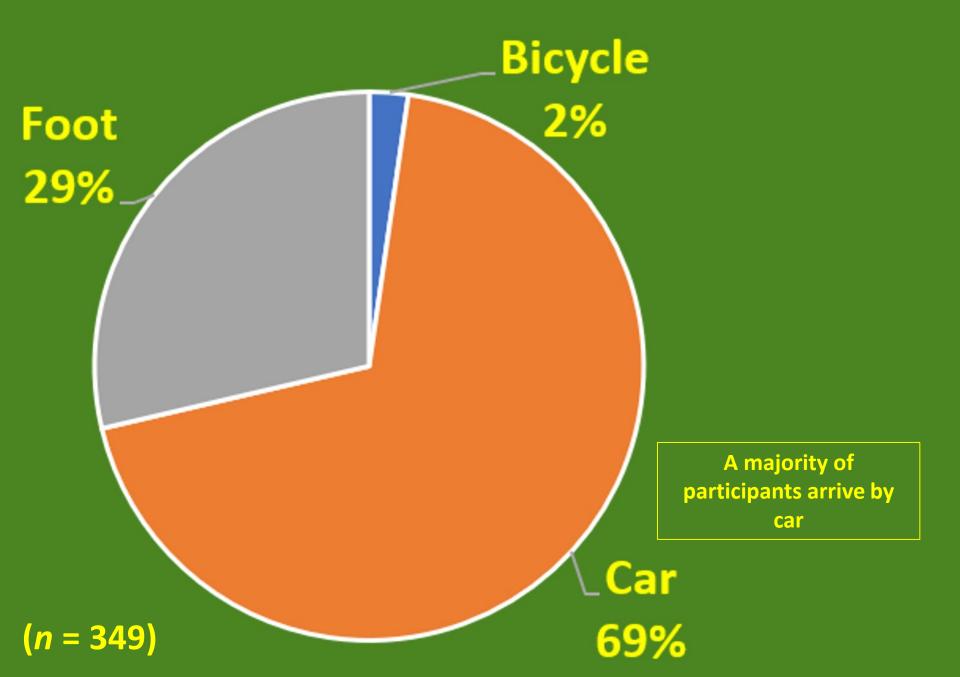
3) Please circle the box which best reflects the day(s) of the week that you normally visit the Beeches?



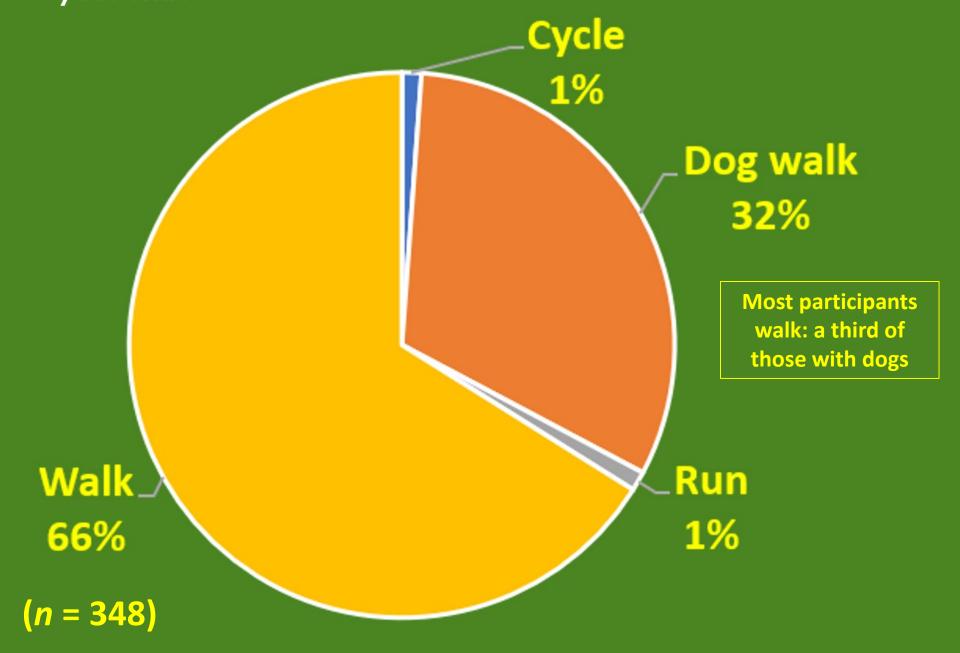
4) Please circle the box which best reflects the time of day that

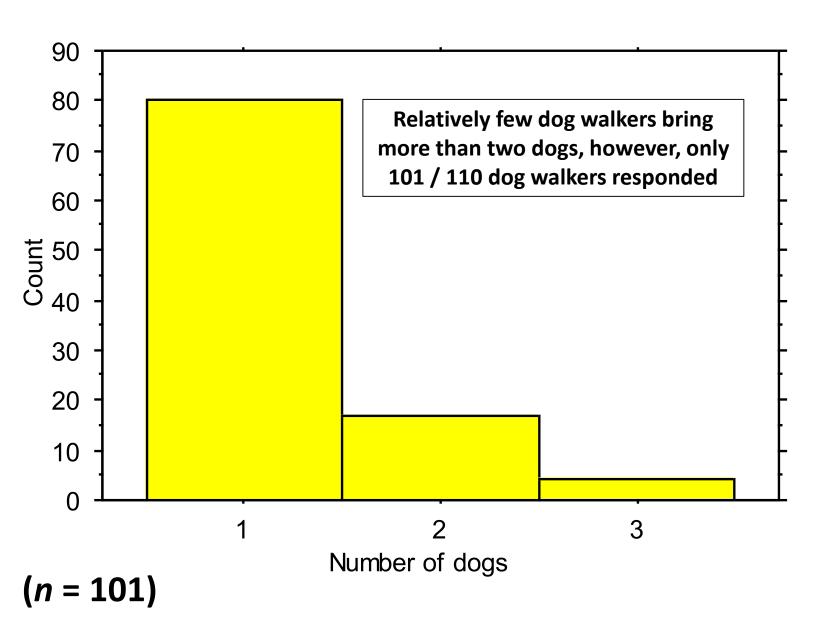




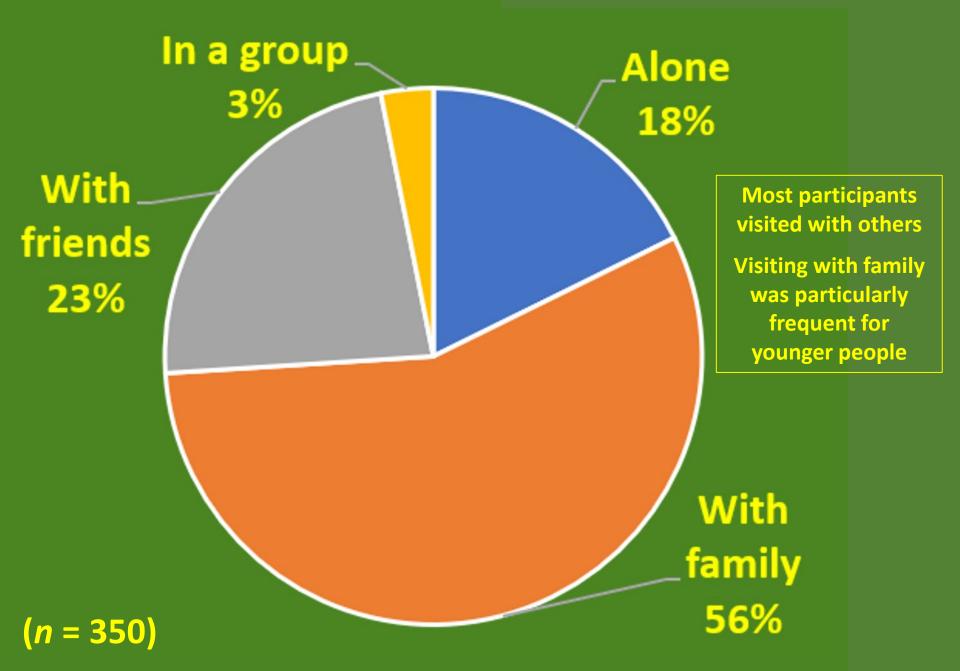


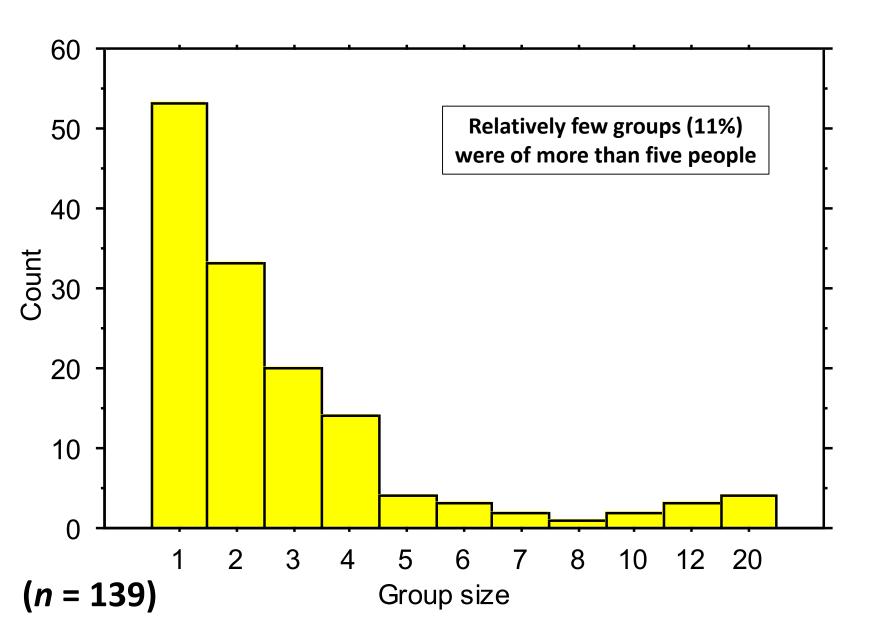
7) Please circle the box which best reflects the main reason for your visit?



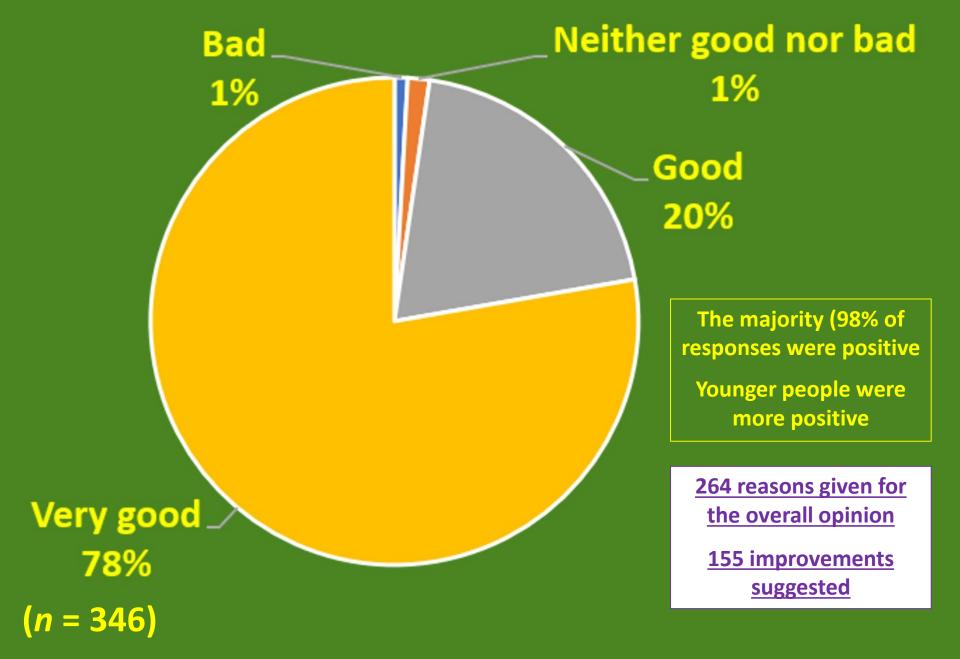


8) Do you normally visit:





9) What is your overall opinion of Burnham Beeches?



Opinions on management proposals

This section of the consultation involved providing participants with appropriate information about the background to various important aspects of the site and the management proposals for the next 10 years. Participants were asked to complete an answer booklet and were also asked to provide specific feedback on a number of topics by submitting comments separately to the answer booklet.

The questions were organised under three objectives:

- 1. To restore and maintain the key habitats of Burnham Beeches to favourable condition as part of a landscape scale network.
- 2. To encourage the sustainable use of Burnham Beeches for the recreation and enjoyment of the public, while promoting public involvement and fostering greater understanding of the nature reserve.
- 3. <u>Estate assets and legal issues to fulfil all legal obligations and to maintain estate</u> structures in good condition.

Finally participants were asked for their opinions on the <u>long term vision for Burnham Beeches</u> and to <u>identify anything that they felt had been omitted during the consultation</u>.



Objective 1

To restore and maintain the key habitats of Burnham Beeches to favourable condition as part of a landscape scale network.



Questions relating to objective 1

Participants were asked for their opinions on the following topics:

- 1. Wood pasture management.
- 2. Grazing.
- 3. Ancient tree management.
- 4. Pond management.
- 5. <u>Burnham Beeches in the wider landscape.</u>

Slowing the decline in biodiversity



Economic development has meant that globally, and in the UK, biodiversity has plummeted. Burnham Beeches is a small part of the overall picture, but it has an essential part to play in

helping with the challenge of habitat loss. Careful management is needed to maintain healthy habitats, with variety being key.

Wood pasture

Through centuries of management, people have shaped the habitats at the Beeches. We now must continue to manage it to allow its special wildlife to thrive. The main habitat is wood pasture; a mix of grazing land and trees where the trees can be scattered or dense, with grassland or heathland beneath which is grazed by freely roaming

livestock. The more open areas are home to particularly special plants like juniper, bog pimpernel and marsh St. John's wort.

Around 80% of heathland has been destroyed in the last 150 years so it is very precious; the mix of wood pasture and heathland here is particularly

rare.





Wood pasture management

Wood pasture is valuable because the mix of light and shade suits a many different plant and animal species. It includes a wide range of microhabitats which helps to increase diversity.



Cropped lawn



Tufty grass



Flowering plants



Dung



Prickly bushes



Poached areas

This priceless wildlife refuge was created by people cutting trees for firewood and using the pasture for grazing their animals. Managing it like this stopped open areas from reverting to woodland. We now recreate the historic management with a mix of grazing, scrub cutting, cutting/bruising bracken, and mowing into dense scrub. Scrub is great for wildlife, but if unmanaged, it becomes tall, dense and less biodiverse.



In the 2020 - 2030 plan, we propose to:

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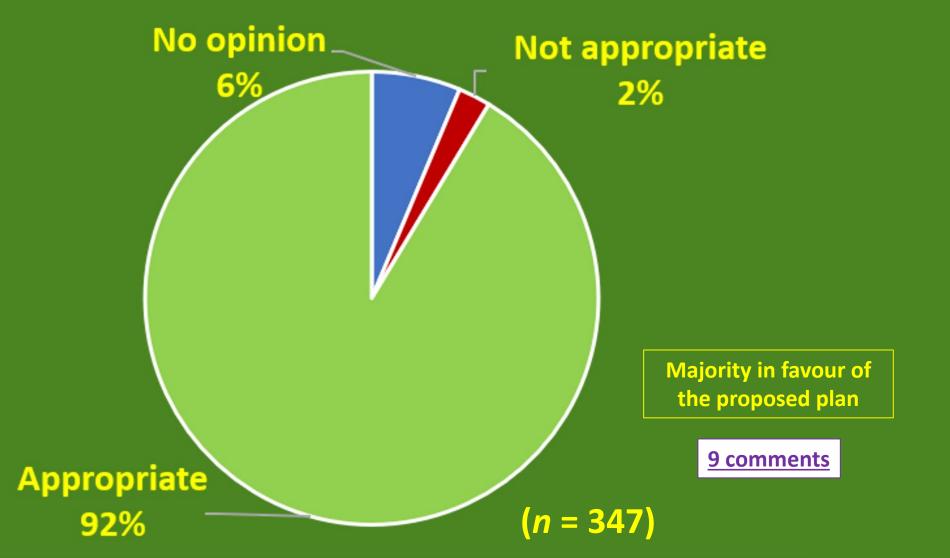


- Continue managing wood pasture through grazing and manual means.
- Make the wood pasture areas at the Beeches more interconnected to enable species to move easily through the nature reserve and beyond, by using links between open and dense habitats.
- Restore small areas of wood pasture to help create the links between the habitats.



Question 1:

Do you feel that the plan for wood pasture management and restoration is appropriate?





Grazing

The best option for managing wood pasture and heathland is grazing, with cutting and mowing to supplement where needed. The livestock help keep scrub in check and bring many other benefits.

Cows and ponies eat different plants and graze 'unevenly'. This results in: plants and scrub of different heights and types; footprints creating tiny pools; and dung which supports insects and fungi.

As the vegetation changes, we may increase the numbers of animals by a small amount to optimise biodiversity.



Fences and invisible fences



At the last management plan consultation, 71% of respondents agreed to our proposal to graze as much of the Beeches as possible; this remains our aim. Where possible, we use invisible fences (cows wear collars that receive signals from buried cables) and this helps maintain easy access for visitors. We will continue to use appropriate technology to reduce impacts on people, wildlife and the environment.

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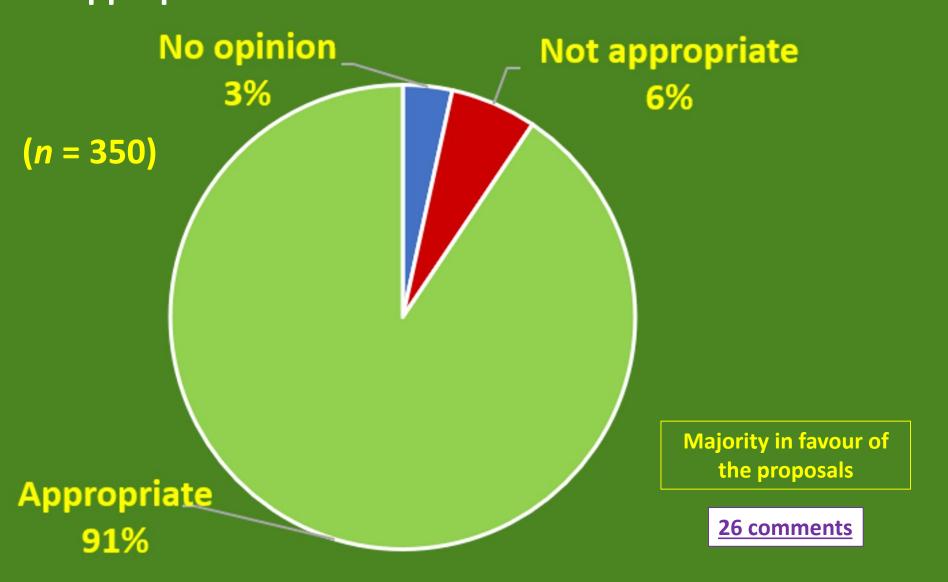




- Continue using grazing livestock to maintain and enhance biodiversity.
- Use a combination of invisible fences, existing fences and temporary fences to secure grazing livestock. As the fences age and are repaired their lines may be altered to expand the area grazed.
- If feasible, replace more physical fences with less obtrusive technological solutions.
- If needed, increase livestock numbers from 9 cows and 3 ponies at present up to around 25 animals.

Question 2:

Do you feel that the proposals for grazing Burnham Beeches are appropriate?





Ancient trees

The ancient trees are the most important feature of the Beeches. Now around 500 years old, there are fewer than 400 left from the original population that may have numbered up to 3,000 in the 17th century. Many rare and threatened species are associated with them, ranging from lichens and mosses to beetles, flies, spiders and birds. Our work has slowed the rate of loss of the old trees but they are extremely fragile and continue to fall apart.

Ancient tree management

The ancient trees only exist because they were managed as pollards. Cut regularly about 2m above the ground, the trunks would then grow a new crop of branches - the cut wood was mostly used for fuel. Regular cutting and regrowth helps pollards live longer than uncut trees and, as they age, they develop pockets of decay. This unusual habitat is very important for a wide range of wildlife; some of the mosses, lichens and specialist invertebrates found here, live only on beech pollards.





Ancient tree management



Every ancient pollard is checked regularly and has an individual work programme to maintain optimal health. This may include branch reduction, propping, bracing or tethering, removal of surrounding trees to increase available light and/or control of bracken or holly. Pruning must be carried out by our team of specialists because the techniques needed are unlike those for 'normal' trees. Our latest ten year plan for these trees began in 2018.







Ancient tree management

These ancient trees will, despite the best possible management, ultimately die and decay. Rather than see these habitats and associated wildlife disappear, we are creating new pollards that will be the veterans of the future. In the last 30 years, we have cut and maintained 1000 new pollards; many of those created 25-30 years ago are already starting to become good habitats for specialist invertebrates. Each must be re-cut approximately every 10 years to maintain the distinctive crown of branches and, where needed, scrub is cleared to ensure the pollards have enough light.







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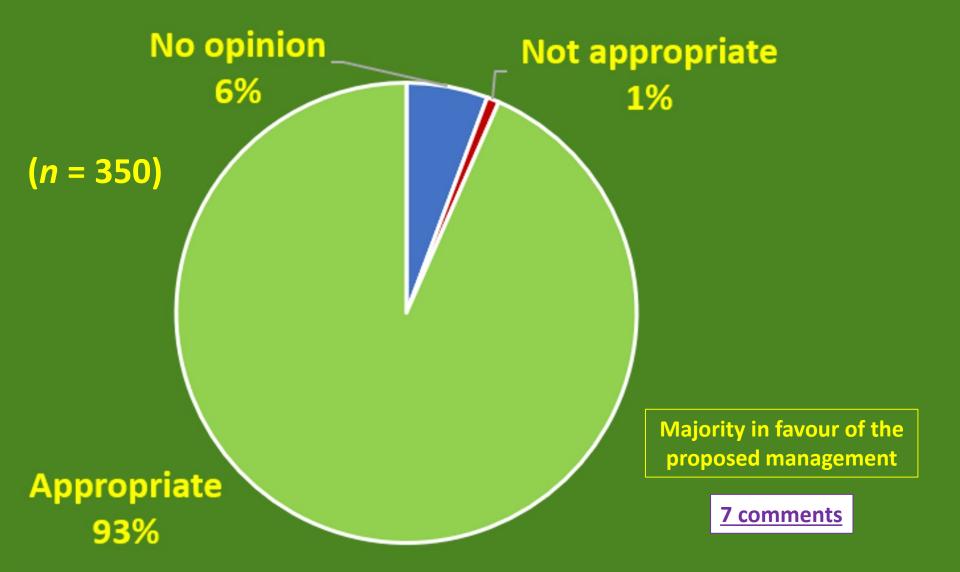




- Continue to use grazing livestock to maintain and enhance biodiversity.
- Maintain the 1000 young pollards that will be veteran trees of the future.
- Continue to create new pollards to ensure that in the future there is a good age range of pollarded trees on the reserve, from new to veteran.

Question 3:

Do you feel that the proposed management of the pollarded trees is appropriate?



Ponds

We manage three ponds at the Beeches, each of which adds to the diversity of the wildlife on the reserve. Although volunteers have removed some silt and water plants when they get dense, there hasn't been any major work carried out on the ponds for about 30 years.

The Freshwater Habitats Trust surveyed the ponds in 2018 and have advised that we:

- Remove some bank-side trees to keep dappled shade around the edges at all times this can help support some specialised and uncommon species.
- Remove some of the built up silt this can help to improve water quality.

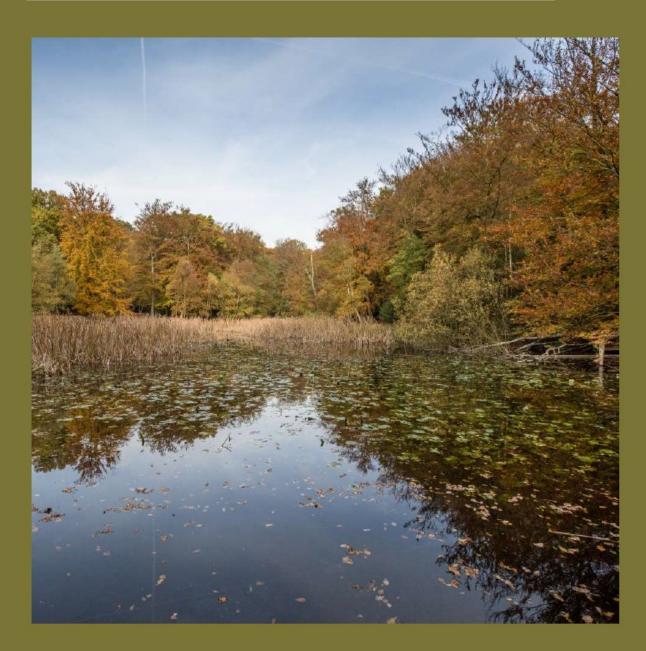
Carrying out some of this work will require some heavy and specialist machinery which will be expensive. Thankfully, the cost of this will mostly be covered by legacies from visitors to the reserve. Work will begin on middle pond once the source of a leak has been identified and resolved.





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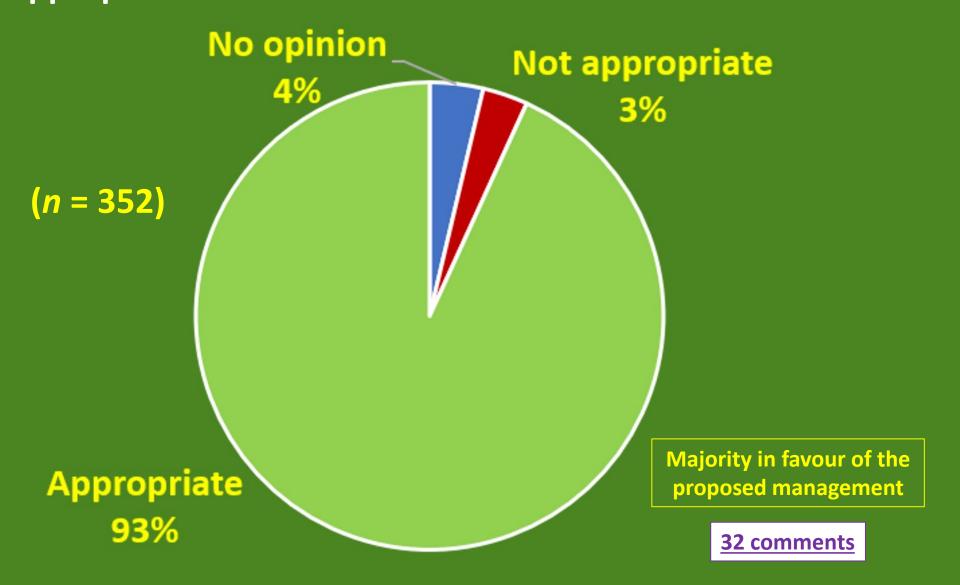
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- Maintain dappled shade around the ponds by removing bankside trees as required.
- Remove built up silt to create a healthier water environment.



Question 4: Do you feel that the proposed management of the ponds is appropriate?



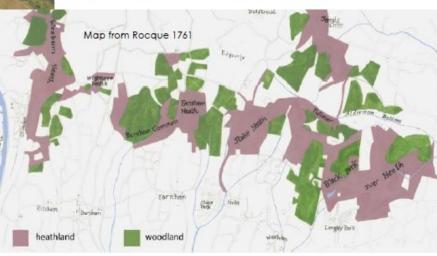
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Losing green areas doesn't just affect the wildlife; woodlands like the Beeches help to improve air quality by absorbing CO_2 , producing oxygen and filtering particulates from the air. A greener landscape benefits wildlife and people alike.

Burnham Beeches in the wider landscape

Burnham Beeches was once part of a rural landscape including heathland, commons and small parcels of beech woodland, stretching from Iver Heath to Cliveden. Today the landscape has altered completely; natural areas have been fragmented by towns, roads, intensive agriculture and land use with low wildlife value. Increasing population numbers and traffic adds more pressure to the few remaining green spaces.

The increasing isolation and reduction in size of natural areas means that plants and animals become threatened; populations become isolated and too small to survive, so they die out. Its important to reduce, or even reverse, fragmentation and make it easier for species to move across the landscape. In the face of a changing climate, wildlife areas are more robust the larger and the more species rich they are.

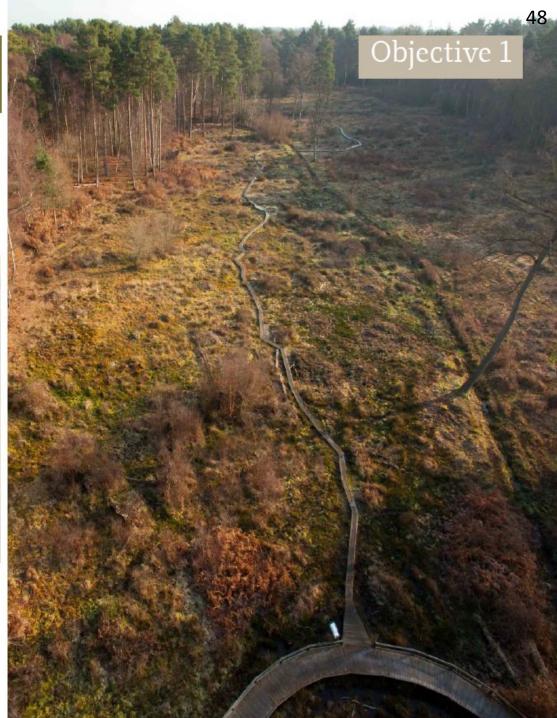


Burnham Beeches in the wider landscape

Burnham Beeches is at risk from climate change, loss of biodiversity and the sheer volume of people living, working and travelling locally. Its legal protections as a nature reserve and public open space are of limited help in the long term if it becomes an isolated nature reserve surrounded by buildings, busy roads and intensively farmed land.



We want to help strengthen and protect the remaining natural areas around the Beeches and make it easier for plants and animals to disperse between them. Work has already started on this and will continue to involve joint working with other local landowners, to improve and protect the wider environment.



Objective 1

You can help the Beeches and the wider environment by:

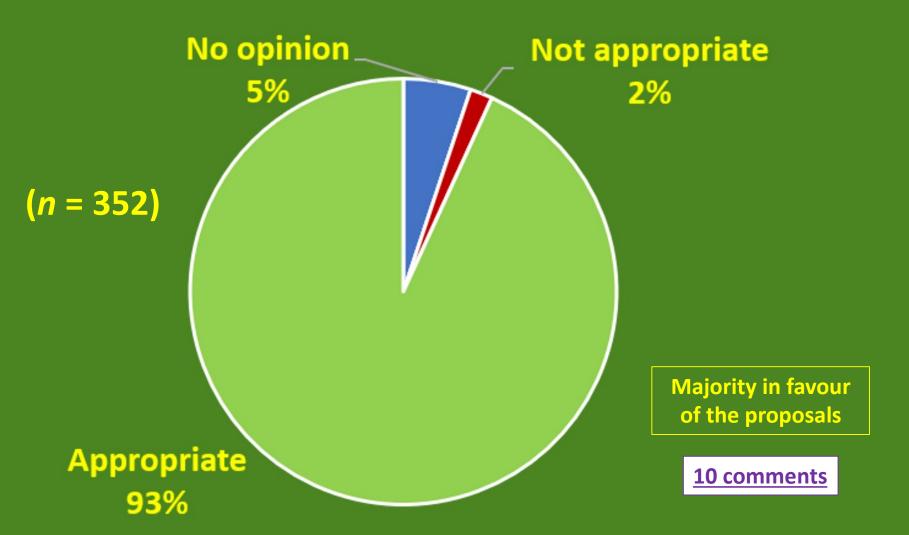
- Managing your garden, allotment or even window box with wildlife in mind - try to leave uncultivated areas and some of your grass uncut. Erect bird, insect or bat boxes or create a small pond. Use native plant species that are bee and butterfly friendly.
- Put a bell on your cat's collar cats are the biggest predator of garden and song birds.
- Reduce light pollution use directional lights and not flood lights.
- Never dump garden waste on Burnham Beeches; this can not only change soil fertility allowing invasive plants to grow, but it can introduce non-native, and invasive plants, pests and diseases.





Question 5:

Do you feel that the proposal to work with neighbouring landowners to try and reduce the impact of habitat fragmentation around Burnham Beeches is appropriate?





Objective 2

To encourage the sustainable use of Burnham Beeches for the recreation and enjoyment of the public, while promoting public involvement and fostering greater understanding of the nature reserve.



Questions relating to objective 2

Participants were asked for their opinions on the following topics:

- 6. Soil protection.
- 7. Visitor facilities.
- 8. <u>Litter and waste disposal.</u>
- 9. Accessibility.
- 10. Walks and events.
- 11. Walking your dog areas where dogs are on leads.
- 12. Walking your dog areas where dogs are not allowed.
- 13. Walking your dog dog bag provision.
- 14. Walking your dog dog bag bins.
- 15. The rangers.
- 16. Volunteers.

Soils

Soils take hundreds of years to form and should therefore be considered a 'non-renewable' resource. They are fundamental to the survival of all plants.

The soil in the Beeches is naturally nutrient poor which provides the right conditions for many of our special plants to grow. Nitrogen from pollution (through cars and domestic heating) as well as from dogs (urine and faeces), changes soil nutrient levels and introduces unwanted chemicals; the impact of this can be seen along the edges of well walked paths.



Research* carried out in the Beeches has shown that soils in areas with high visitor pressures have fewer fungi and more bacteria than healthy soils. Note that cow dung does not have the negative effect of dog faeces: it recycles nutrients from within the reserve and encourages native invertebrates such as dung beetles.

*(Treework Environmental Practice, 2014)





The high number of visitors to the Beeches also has an impact on soil and vegetation. Being able to roam freely is attractive to visitors but it can come at a cost to the soils and plants. Desire lines (where corners are cut between paths) create an ever increasing network of trampled areas, degraded habitats, damaged plants and tree roots. Off-road cycling and horse riding can cause similar damage.



To manage this damage we try to focus maintenance to the main paths and use fallen trees or dead hedges to block some desire lines.



Soil erosion and compaction affects the growth of plants, from small plants to large trees, by limiting the way roots can spread and the amount of air in the soil. Trampling, particularly around trees, harms the roots by damaging the soil structure or exposing the roots. We protect vulnerable trees in areas with high visitor numbers by mulching, fencing and/or building dead hedges.

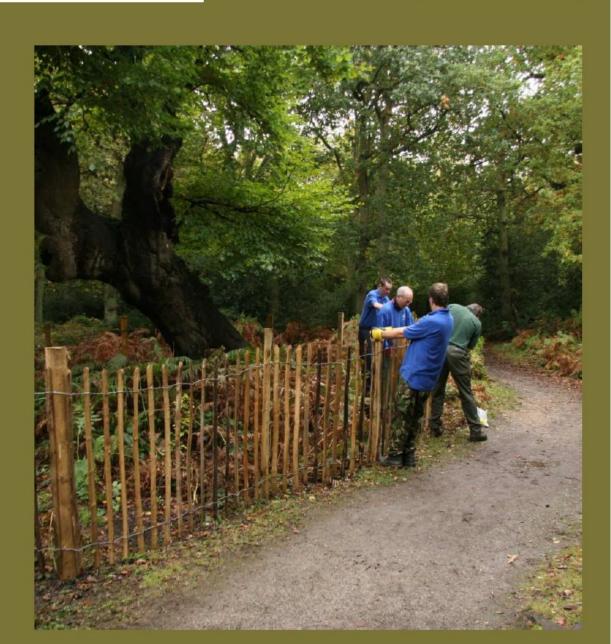
Much of our work on the reserve is in fragile habitats. We aim to ensure the impact of vehicles and equipment does not adversely affect soil health; we walk, cycle or use low impact vehicles wherever possible.



In the 2020 - 2030 plan, we propose to:

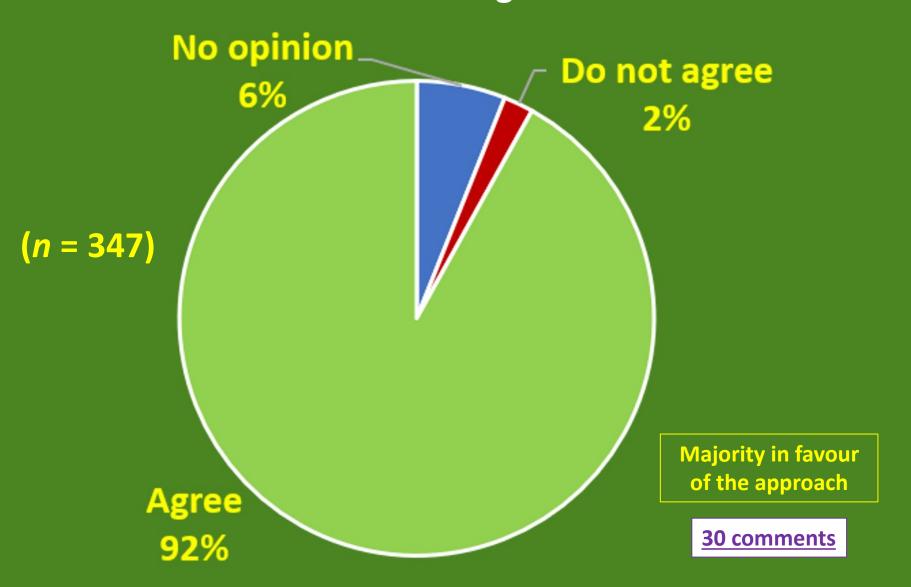
Objective 2

- Maintain low nutrient levels by continuing to expect dog walkers to remove the faeces dropped by any dogs they bring onto the site.
- Encourage visitors to use the main paths.
- Protect vulnerable trees from root damage.
- Reduce path erosion by enforcing the rules regarding off-road cycling and horse riding.
- Ensure minimal affect to soil health through any operations that we carry out.



Question 6:

Do you agree with our approach to protecting the soils in the Beeches from further damage?



Objective 2

Most visitors come to the site via the car parks on Lord Mayors Drive where the main common and visitor facilities are. Since it's construction in 2007, the café area has proved a very popular place for many visitors: the buildings are owned by the City of London but the café business is private.

The Information Point was designed to be unstaffed and to make use of natural light. It is now over ten years old and we would like to refurbish it to make it more inviting and update the displays but this requires finances that are not currently available. We will continue to seek grants that will enable us to do this.

A major constraint to making changes is the nature reserve status of the Beeches. This means that we cannot expand the café area (e.g. to create a playground). Planning restrictions mean that we cannot enlarge the enclosed area (e.g. to provide indoor seating).



In the 2020 - 2030 plan, we propose to:

Objective 2

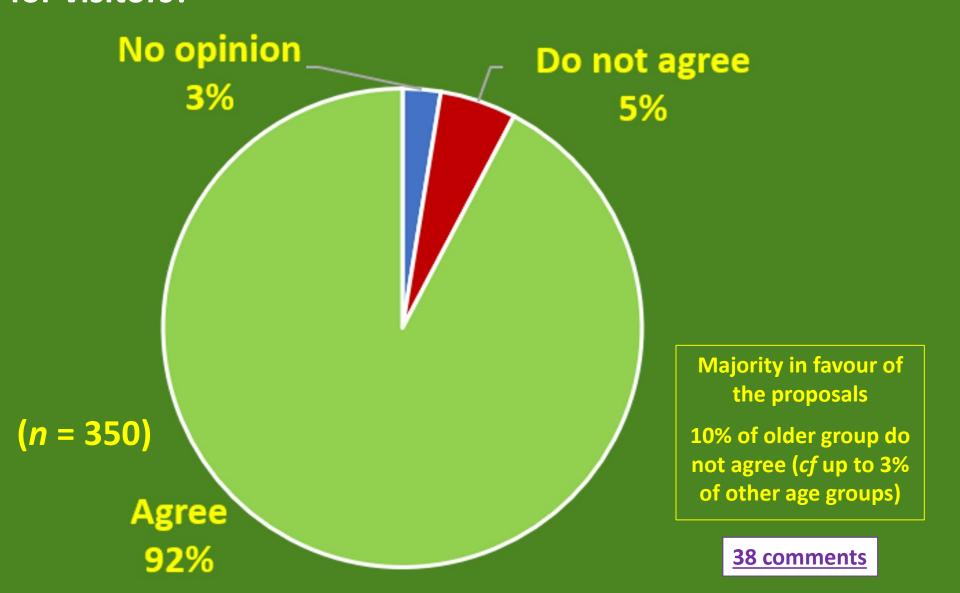


- Continue to provide an Information Point and toilet facilities during café opening hours.
- Explore options to update the Information Point.
- Support the café as needed.



Question 7:

Do you agree with our proposals to maintain the facilities for visitors?



Litter and waste disposal

It costs £15,000 - £20,000 per year to provide and empty litter bins and to pick up rubbish left across the reserve. The bins will need replacing before 2030 at an estimated cost of £11,000. Any rubbish left by the bins is often spread by dogs, crows and other animals.

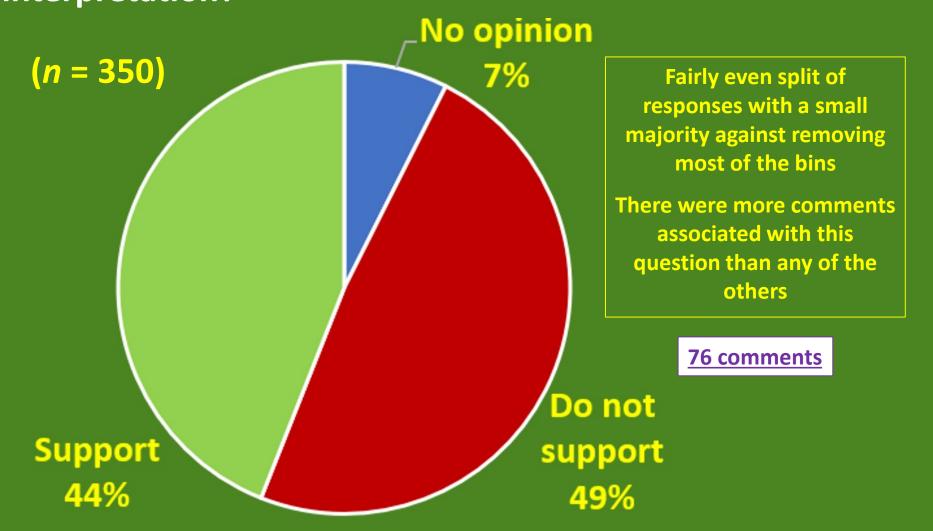
Many nature reserves have a 'no bins' policy, with visitors expected to take all their rubbish home. Bins would be essential where the café provides food and drink in containers that need to be disposed of/recycled, but if we were to remove bins from elsewhere on the reserve, the money saved could be spent on wildlife management, events or interpretation.





Question 8:

Would you support the removal of most of the bins on the site so that the money saved can be spent on wildlife or interpretation?





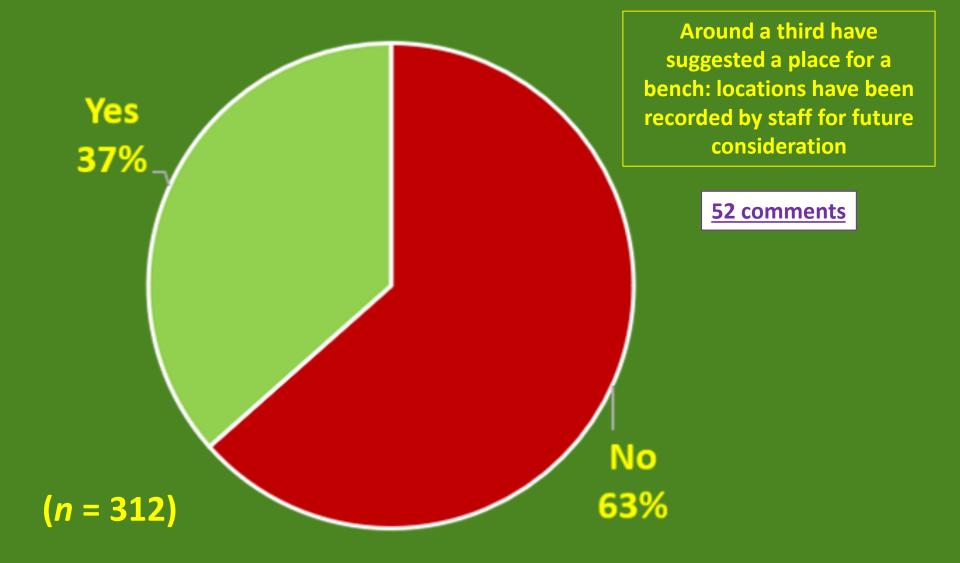
Accessibility

Our 'Easy Access' path network was created to help less able people to gain access deeper into the Beeches. We also have a 'Tramper' (off-road electric buggy) that can be borrowed for free during the week. A variety of benches are located around the reserve, some of which are designed to be more accessible to people with a disability.





Question 9: Are there any places where you would like a simple bench?







Walks and events

With increasing pressures from climate change, population growth and development, green spaces are becoming more valuable, and more under pressure than ever. As an internationally important wildlife site as well as a place for recreation, it is essential that the recreational use of the Beeches is compatible with its status; 'low key' recreation such as walking or taking light exercise is fine.

While most visitors explore Burnham Beeches on their own or in small groups, Rangers organise a variety of events in the reserve to promote its wildlife, conservation and history. Additionally, a range of fact sheets is available from the Information Point and website to help visitors get the most from their visit.

We also help community groups with their events, such as the community picnics, and provide a fantastic natural learning resource for countless local schools and colleges each year.

We are currently working with the Beacons of the Past project to increase our understanding of Seven Ways Plain hillfort and improve the interpretation of it. One thing being explored is the use of technology to explain the site's history.



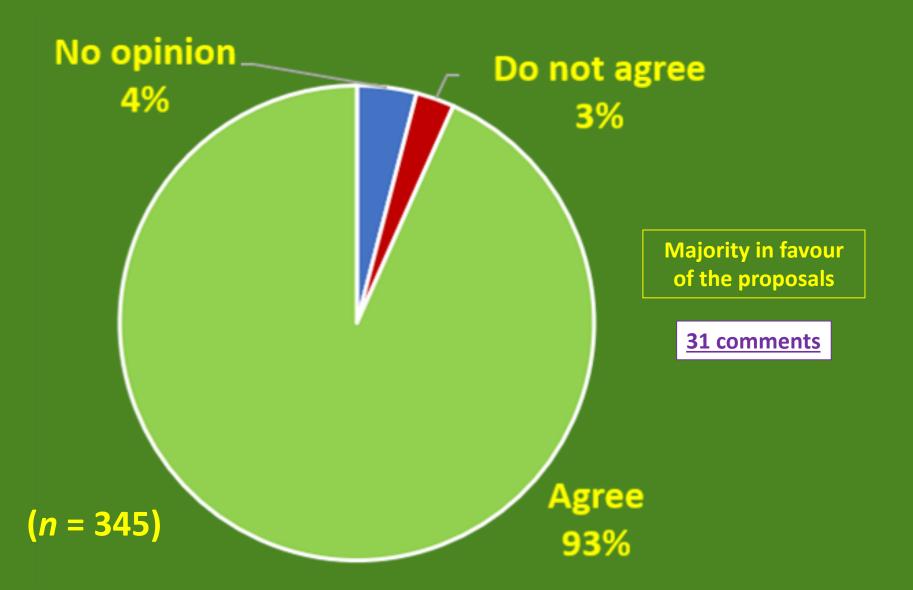


In the 2020 -2030 plan, we propose to:

- Continue promoting the features of the reserve by providing a range of walks, and small to large events.
- Work with the local community on suitable community events.
- Continue providing a range of maps, trails and fact sheets.
- Maintain our website and social media pages.
- Investigate the use of technology like virtual reality to help interpret the reserve.

Question 10:

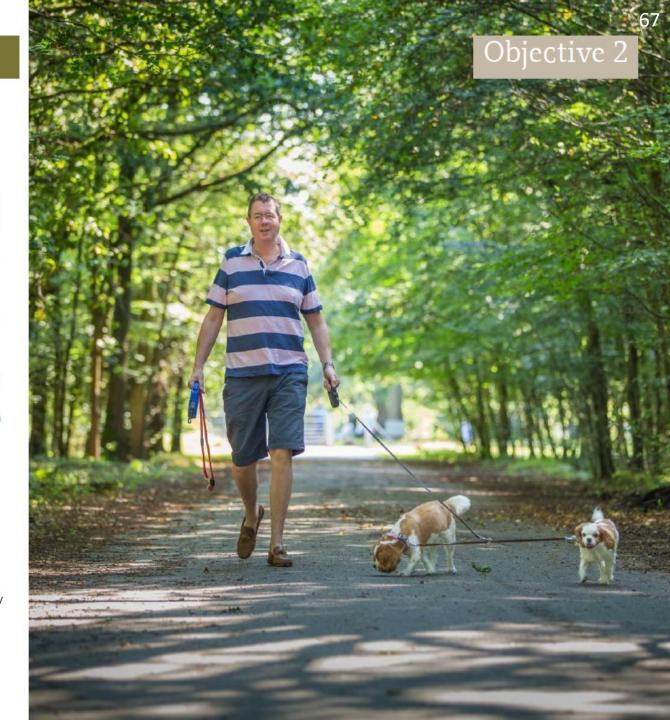
Do you agree with our proposals to help people to enjoy the Beeches?



Walking your dog

The introduction of Dog Control Orders (DCOs) in 2014 and their subsequent conversion to Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPOs) in 2017 has had very positive results for visitors and the reserve. Visitor numbers, the proportion of children and the number of school visits increased when DCOs were introduced and feedback has indicted that this is related to better dog behaviour. There is now far less dog mess because people are picking it up, and we see more deer and birds in the area where dogs must be on leads; comparisons made before and after the introduction of DCOs in our 'flag the poo' exercises have shown 97% less dog mess in on-lead areas and 70% less in off-lead areas.

Dogs off leads still have access to 90 hectares which is more than all three areas of Stoke Common put together and well above the recommended area for an average dog walk. Dogs are still welcome across the whole of the Beeches, they just need to be put on a lead in some areas. Additionally, we know that many dog walkers prefer to use the on-lead areas.







Visitors bring significant numbers of dogs to the reserve each year. They can act as 'top carnivores' and may cause considerable disturbance to wildlife, particularly in the area where dogs can be off-lead.

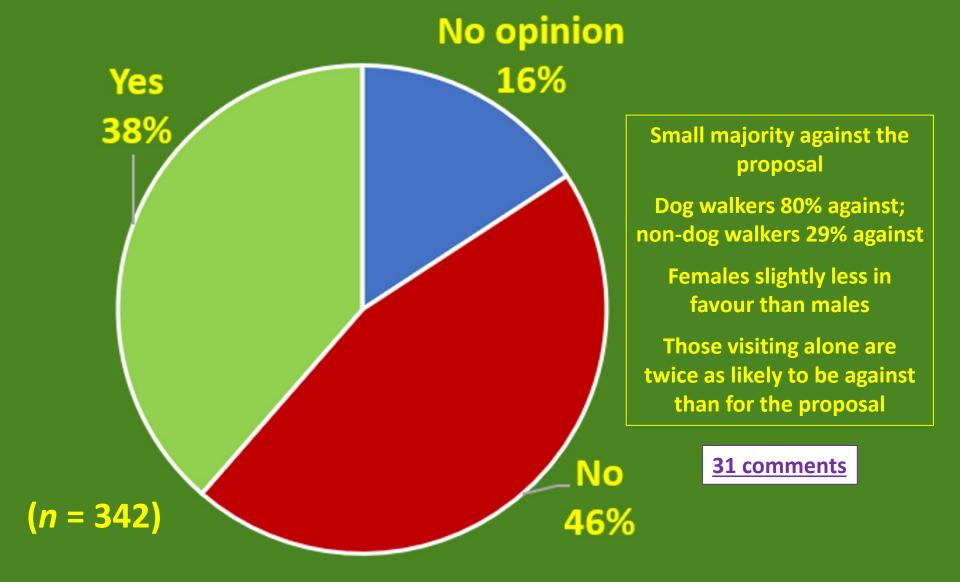
We currently have no plans to change the area where dogs must be on a lead, or to have dog free areas other than that around the café, but we would like your views.





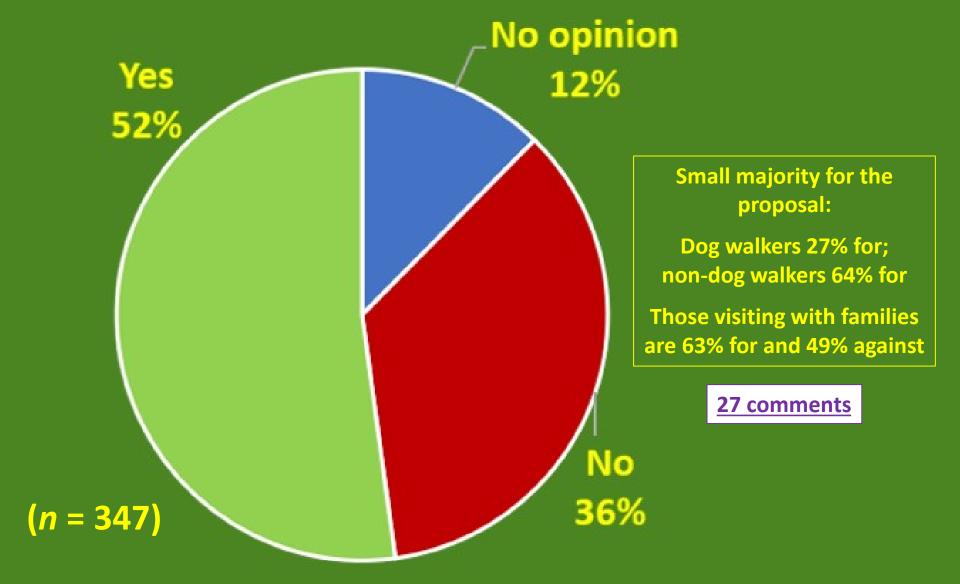
Question 11:

Do you think we should have more areas where dogs must be on leads?



Question 12:

Do you think that, to protect the wildlife, there should be additional areas where dogs are not allowed?



Dog bags and bins

Under PSPOs, all dog walkers must clear up any faeces that their dog drops on the site. Currently we provide dog poo bags and also special bins where those faeces can be thrown away.

This service costs £1500 per year to provide dog bags and £5000 to empty the dog bins. This has a substantial impact on resources, and more than the cost of our annual ancient tree management programme. In addition, we will need to spend £6,000 - £8,000 in the next ten years on replacing bins.

We have no immediate plans to stop providing bags or bins but we would like to know your opinion.

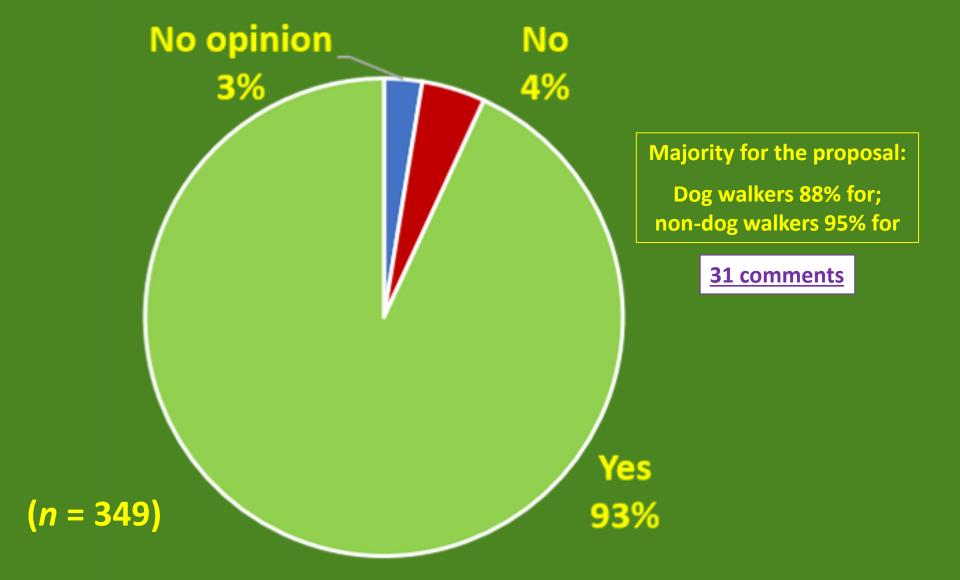






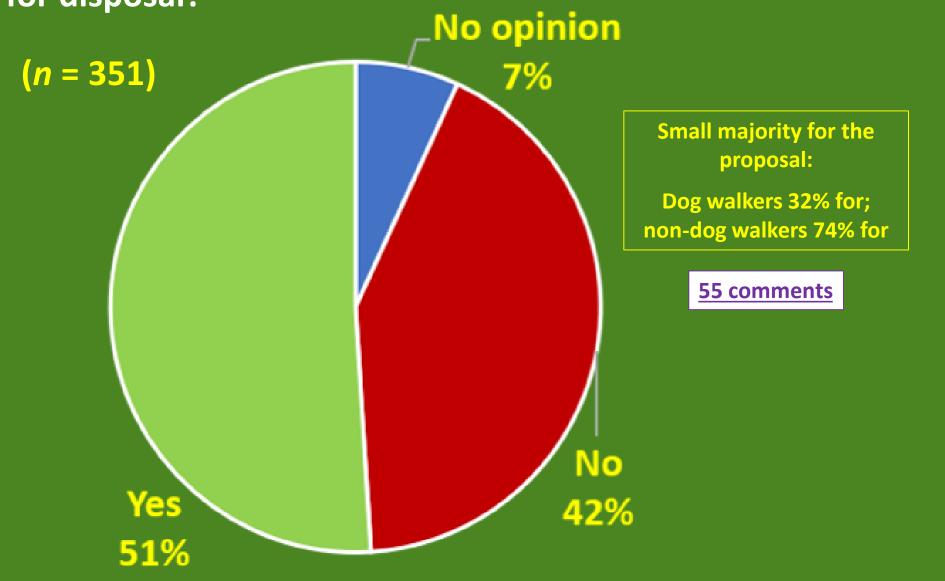
Question 13:

Is it a reasonable expectation that dog walkers should provide their own dog poo bags?



Question 14:

Should dog walkers be expected to take their dog poo home for disposal?





The Rangers

The Burnham Beeches Rangers have many different roles including:

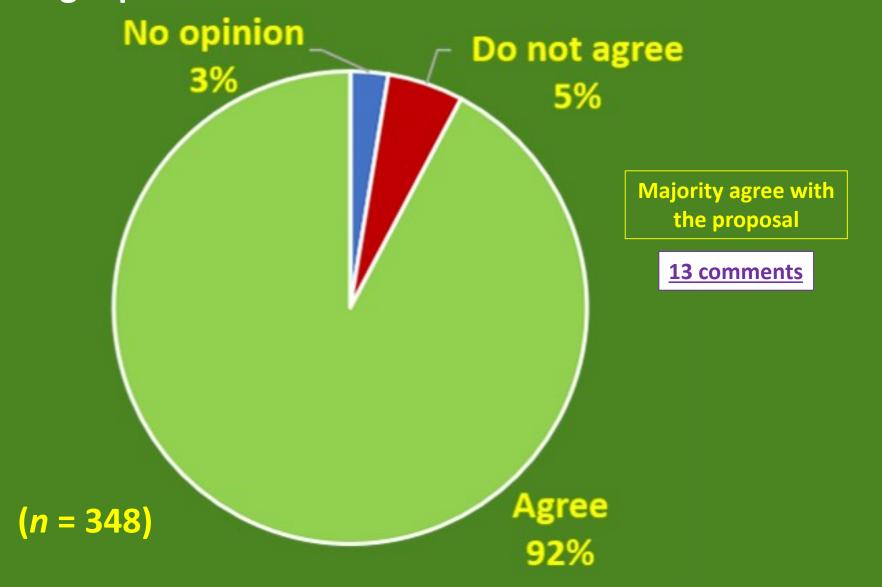
- Carrying out most of the habitat work, including skilled specialist work like management of the ancient trees.
- Looking after the livestock.
- Maintaining and mending paths, gates, fences benches etc.
- Mowing areas that are not grazed.
- Leading walks and organising events.
- Running the volunteer teams and practical community tasks with schools, scout and guide groups.
- Patrolling to ensure the security and safety of the reserve and its visitors.
- · Managing filming.
- Opening and closing the site 365 days per year.

Perhaps the most important job is day-to-day contact with visitors. Although this is mostly positive, with most conversations helping people to enjoy their visit, sometimes the Rangers have to enforce PSPOs, car park charges or byelaw infringements such as fly-tipping, lighting fires or causing damage to the reserve.

We propose to continue to have a Ranger presence on the reserve for the next ten years.

Question 15:

Do you agree with our proposal to continue to have a Ranger presence on the reserve?



Volunteers



We are increasingly reliant on our regular volunteers: their collective hours provide the equivalent of five full-time members of staff each year. They help with practical work like scrub clearance and bracken control and also with biological monitoring, checking the livestock, events, office administration and, in a less formal way, as 'eyes and ears' for the Rangers and litter picking.





In the 2020 - 2030 plan, we would like to expand our volunteer roles. Suggestions so far include:

- Livestock lookers to check the cows and ponies on a daily basis.
- Visitor ambassadors to welcome visitors on weekends and bank holidays, help them find their way around the reserve and explain the very special nature of Burnham Beeches.
- Organising community events or projects on the Beeches.
- Helping to seek funding or sponsorship from local businesses.

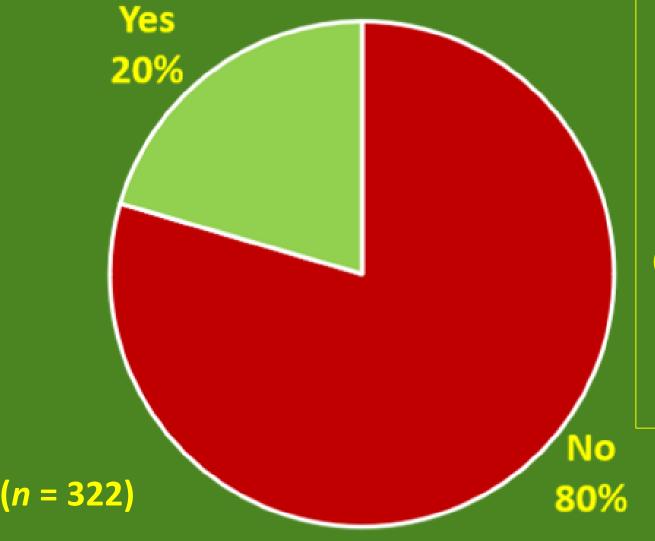








Question 16: Would you like to help the reserve by joining the volunteers?



Around one fifth are willing to become volunteers

Fewer females than males are willing to become volunteers

Under 16 year olds seem to be keen (although the numbers involved are low)

Details have been recorded for future engagement

10 comments



Objective 3

Estate assets and legal issues - to fulfil all legal obligations and to maintain estate structures in good condition.



Questions relating to objective 3

Participants were asked for their opinions on the following topics:

- 17. Funding.
- 18. Helping to protect the site.

Funding

The amount of funding for the reserve is decreasing; we need to increase our income and/or cut services. So far we have reduced operating costs and have raised some additional income by introducing car park charges, charges for event licences and for the hire of our meeting room. However, the options for income generation are limited by the Beeches' status as a nature reserve - 'Go Ape' or other country park style diversification is not an option.



Hiring the reserve as a film location can be a good source of income but it is unpredictable and, again, the nature reserve status of the Beeches means it is not suitable for some films: e.g. film makers are not allowed to film under the old trees and must keep away from their roots.





Objective 3

Our main options for dealing with the loss of funding are:

- Reduce some of the services we provide e.g. hold fewer events, remove litter bins and/or dog bins.
- Reduce the quality of what we provide e.g. less frequent repairs to paths and internal roads.
- Further raise income within the constraints of the nature reserve.

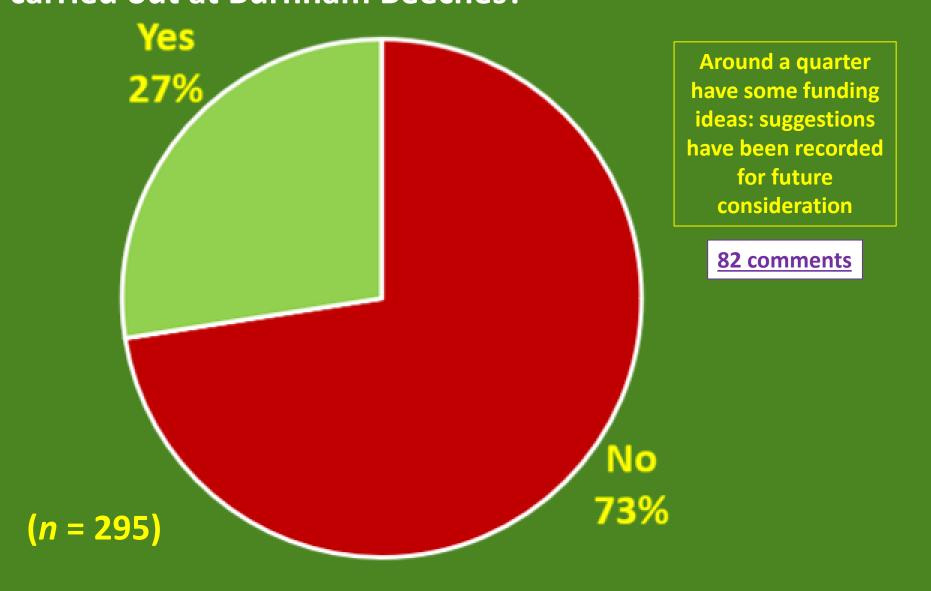


We have always had the option to charge for car parking daily (i.e. not just weekends and bank holidays as at present). Depending upon the outcome of our spending review, it is likely that we will need to start charging for parking every day.

Although this may not be popular, the Beeches is still one of the cheapest open spaces to park at locally and is one of the few that currently doesn't charge daily. Any income would help pay for looking after the site.

Question 17:

Do you have any suggestions on how to help fund the work carried out at Burnham Beeches?



Objective 3

We are mindful that some of our activities (like driving and mowing) are polluting and use non-renewable resources. Wherever possible, we aim to reduce our impact on the environment by:

- Using electric vehicles.
- Cycling or walking wherever possible.
- Having buildings with a low environmental impact e.g. solar power, wood pellet boilers etc.
- Reducing mowing by increasing the grazing area.
- Increasing the amount of waste that is recycled.

Do you want to help the Beeches? You could:

- Walk or cycle to the site instead of driving.
- Minimise your impact by keeping to the main paths and not creating desire lines.
- Take all your rubbish (and dog waste) home with you.
- Park only in the car parks and not on verges in the surrounding countryside.





Increased travel and movement of goods around the world is having a huge impact on our landscapes: unfortunately pests and diseases from outside our shores that have the potential to kill some of our most iconic species, have been introduced on imported goods. Ash dieback is devastating the countryside and there are diseases that have the potential to kill both oak and beech, should they reach Burnham Beeches.

We operate a 'biosecurity policy' for contractors and visitors from other sites; tools and boots are disinfected to reduce the risk of infection. You can help protect the Beeches by:

- Cleaning your boots between visits to other sites.
- Not bringing back plant material from other countries.
- Not bringing plants or dumping garden waste on the Beeches.
- Not releasing unwanted pets or other animals on the Beeches (e.g. goldfish, frogspawn, terrapins, trapped vermin etc.)
- Taking any food waste home with you.

Burnham Beeches - an asset for everyone

Objective 3



Having a nature reserve of the international stature and importance of Burnham Beeches on our doorsteps is a real, and rare, privilege. As well as being a refuge for rare and threatened wildlife, it is a place where people can escape the stresses of 21st century life. We recognise the importance of both aspects of the Beeches and want it to be at the heart of the local community, offering:

- Space to walk.
- Somewhere to 're-charge the batteries'.
- A place for children to learn about and experience wildlife, freedom and adventure.
- The sights sounds and smells of nature.
- Clean air.
- Improved mental health.
- A pleasant and attractive neighbourhood.
- Somewhere to relax and unwind, whether that's by: walking alone, with friends or a
 dog; cycling; running; horse-riding; picnicking; or simply sitting in the shade, enjoying
 the sounds and smells of the woodland.

Supporters badge

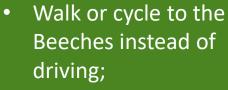
Our vision is for Burnham Beeches to be conserved and protected forever as a first class, sustainable, public open space and site of international conservation importance. We need your help to ensure visitor activities do not damage the site that we have all come to love. But, we also need financial support to ensure we can continue to manage the reserve in the best possible way; please ask one of the team about our annual supporters badge scheme.



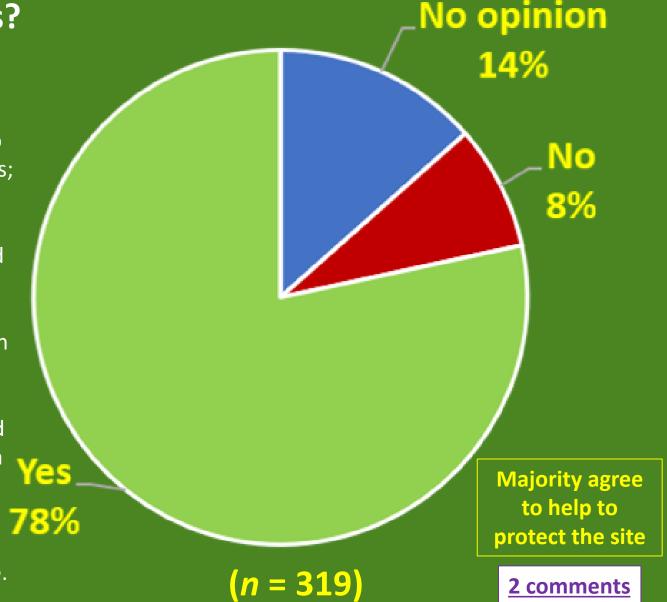
Question 18:

Will you do one or more of the following to help protect

Burnham Beeches?



- stay on the main paths to avoid creating desire lines;
- take all your rubbish and dog waste home;
- only park in car parks and not on verges or neighbouring roads;
- clean your boots between visits to other sites;
- not bring back plant material from abroad and not dump garden rubbish on the reserve;
- try to reduce your environmental footprint by changing your lifestyle.



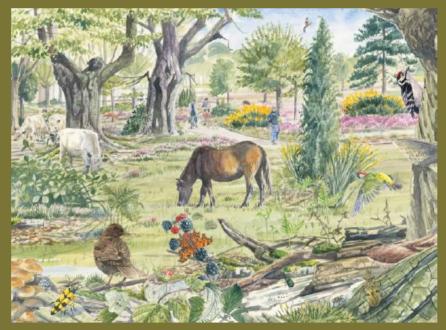
Our vision for Burnham Beeches in 2500 is:

Burnham Beeches, conserved and protected for ever, will be a first class, sustainable public open space and a site of international conservation importance.

Burnham Beeches, one part of a larger green landscape:

Burnham Beeches is part of a larger landscape, linked by a network of wildlife areas that encircle London and stretch across the country - maintained by organisations and communities that safeguard the environment. Harmful pollution is a thing of the past – all transport systems are sustainable. Quiet roads surround the Beeches, and other local green spaces, so that the local community can walk, cycle or ride safely.

Outstanding habitats maintained by grazing: Burnham Beeches is an attractive and varied landscape, rich in wildlife. It is an intricate mix of open woodland, heathy and grassy areas and dense woodland. Livestock graze across the reserve under pollarded trees of all ages. Neighbouring fields provide additional land when grazing numbers on-site need to be reduced. The wood pasture system has a high conservation value and may also be a sustainable source of fuel and food for the local community if this does not conflict with the needs of wildlife.



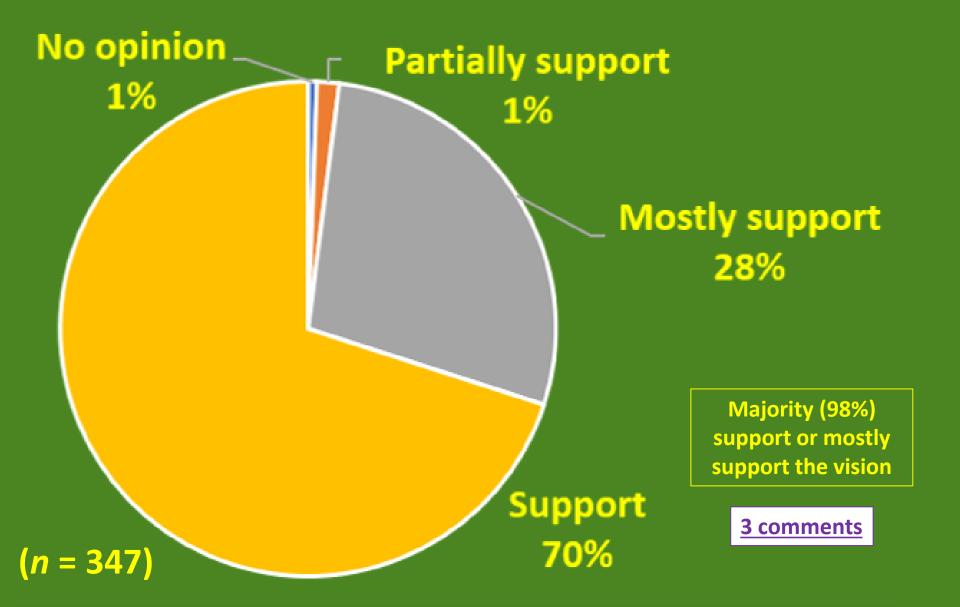
A local community working together:

The local community are proud of the Beeches. Visitors work with the City of London to care for 'their' heritage ensuring that access is managed to ensure that people can enjoy the reserve without detracting from its natural character. The Beeches is a safe place for informal recreation and there are opportunities to learn about the past, present and planned future of the Beeches in a variety of different ways.

<u>The future is secured:</u> The Beeches is financially secure, renowned internationally for its work and good practice in conservation management. The site adapts appropriately to external influences such as climate change and continues to contribute to international debate and action on major ecological issues affecting the planet.

Question 19:

Do you support our vision for Burnham Beeches?



Question 20: Did we miss anything?

- 255 stated nothing missed / missing
- 2 requested car park charging be stopped
- 2 comments expressed enthusiasm for the site
- 1 comment targeted littering
- 1 comment targeted donations

Other comments were attributed to particular themes (including by those stating nothing missed / missing) and are covered under those specific questions

$$(n = 345)$$

Appendices – Participants comments

Comments are recorded as written

Those obtained on Saturday 26th October are indicated in red

Those obtained on Sunday 27th October are indicated in blue

Those obtained on Monday 28th October are indicated in green

<u>Appendix – Reasons for overall opinion of the site</u>

<u>Appendix – Suggested improvements for the site</u>

Appendix – Comments on participant opinions of management proposals

Appendix – Reasons for overall opinion of the site

Comments are recorded as written

- 1. Beautiful place for our daily dog walk
- 2. The ethos of the Beeches is excellent in the Beeches
- 3. Paths are well kept and managed.
- 4. It's a relaxed, friendly place.
- 5. We are so privileged to have this site locally and have it maintained in good condition.
- 6. Plenty of wide footpaths. Café at end of walk.
- 7. Beautiful trees and landscape
- 8. Very well preserved and maintained.
- 9. A natural place without artificial intrusion
- 10. Lovely café.
- 11. Used to love it. It has changed.
- 12. Lovely place to walk in all seasons and weathers.
- 13. Lovely place for dog walks
- 14. Great facilities, café, toilets and fantastic open spaces and woodlands.
- 15. Absolutely beautiful, well cared for by a great team, so appreciative being able to come here
- 16. A wonderful, beautiful open space on our doorstep.
- 17. An amazing resource for the district.
- 18. I love walking in the Beeches but would like to walk dog off lead in a larger area.
- 19. Lovely place to live and nice place to walk the dog.
- 20. Lovely environment. A peaceful place and interesting flora, fauna, cows and ponies.
- 21. Beautiful open space for children/dogs/families (I grew up in New Forrest)
- 22. More wild animals
- 23. beautiful, stunning landscape. Interesting nature.
- 24. Very beautiful colours in Autumn
- 25. Its great for the dog and family to come here.
- 26. Excellent
- 27. Clean fresh air, meet folk.
- 28. Very good under foot.
- 29. I have been coming here for 50 years and I Love every minute of it (relax)

- 30. Amazing atmosphere/Stunning scenery
- 31. Find it hard to navigate. Unclear marked paths
- 32. Because it is fun
- 33. I love this area in any weather
- 34. If BB didn't exist life in this part of the country would be intolerable
- 35. Beautiful natural space perfect to escape or discover nature
- 36. Very important nature reserve.
- 37. A wonderful reserve, the owners/custodians clearly care for the Beeches. We love it here.
- 38. Its proximity to London and wonderful country feel
- 39. Lovely guiet place, loads of wildlife beautifully looked after.
- 40. A wonderful resource to have on the doorstep.
- 41. Also open Rangers keeping an eye on dog walkers and naughty people.
- 42. Great place to visit and explore seeing the way the environment changes with the seasons.
- 43. I enjoy my time spent.
- 44. Local open space well looked after.
- 45. Vert natural environment. Not overly managed. Deadwood left etc...
- 46. Such a lovely place to walk around.
- 47. BB is managed very well to meet an extensive variety of needs.
- 48. Wonderful space for all to use. Been coming for over 40 years.
- 49. Pleasant walk see wildlife and enjoy surroundings. Take photos.
- 50. A place to get away from the grind of the daily commute to London. You can easily get away from crowds even in the Beeches.
- 51. I walk for my own health and to walk my dog. I find the countryside v. important to me and my health.
- 52. Plenty of parking, clearly signposted. Good toilet facilities, Good selection of additional activities for visitors.
- 53. Beautiful scene all seasons. Many different walks, interesting sculptures
- 54. Unique
- 55. Ever changing scenery with the seasons.
- 56. Well kept/maintained
- 57. Well maintained
- 58. Delightful still environment nature at its best
- 59. Good walkways and paths, interesting feature.
- 60. Well managed, friendly staff, interesting walks and talks. Like the introduction of animals.
- 61. Good open space, good paths for buggy/bike/scooter.
- 62. Variety of trees and pasture etc.
- 63. Been coming since I was 5 and love it.

- 64. A wonderful natural area varied walks and lots to see.
- 65. It is a brilliant place
- 66. Beautiful particularly on a sunny autumn day
- 67. Great walks for dog. Beautiful in autumn
- 68. Nature at its best
- 69. Feels natural and safe
- 70. Love scenery, natural habitat
- 71. Delightful woods well managed
- 72. Good amenity for the public
- 73. Lovely to have nature on our doorstep
- 74. To much management
- 75. A poo bin especially at Egypt entrance
- 76. Excellent facility, well managed love the introduction of cows, pigs and horses.
- 77. Great place for kids to explore and learn about nature. Great to see the changing seasons.
- 78. Map needs updating. Signage not great
- 79. Maintained well
- 80. It is wonderful facility to have so near to our home
- 81. Plenty of open space but needs more cycling routes (traffic free)
- 82. Well maintained, clean, easy to navigate, coffee shop
- 83. Good walking routes for all abilities
- 84. Well kept lots of space
- 85. Whenever we return to the UK we aim to Visit BB
- 86. Lovely walk rain on shine, winter or Summer
- 87. Enjoy countryside and managed environment
- 88. It is fantastic place for walking in all seasons. Wonderful trees.
- 89. A pleasure to visit
- 90. Beautiful natural woodlands
- 91. A wonderful place to reflect be left alone or meet with friends, pathways and ponds are great
- 92. Lovely to have open space free for all and for dog walking
- 93. wonderful to have such a beautiful place on our doorstep
- 94. Good paths and trees
- 95. Lots of walks that we can take the dog
- 96. Well managed
- 97. Beautiful and untouched

- 98. Relaxing
- 99. Well managed. Explanation on management clear and precise
- 100. Great photography
- 101. Very good under foot.
- 102. Looks like minimal Mgmt. but recognise a lot is being done in a focused way.
- 103. Beeches are extremely well maintained and a pleasure to work here
- 104. Well run overall but dog restrictions need rethinking
- 105. We are lucky to have Beeches so close to us and its beauty place to be.
- 106. Lovely place to come for a walk
- 107. Nice balance of nature vs accessibility
- 108. Well kept and nice walks
- 109. Unspoilt/balance of livestock and natural habitat
- 110. Great place to get out in the country
- 111. Nice well maintained walks not weather dependant
- 112. We love it the kids love the animals and birds, paths for walking scooting the café
- 113. Because there is always a part which you haven't seen
- 114. Always clean, tidy just a lovely place to walk
- 115. Wonderful to be in nature and to have a drink/eat after our walks. We so missed the café.
- 116. We love our Beeches also lucky to live nearby
- 117. Enjoy the ancient trees
- 118. Wonderful natural environment
- 119. Fantastic area to walk, run and explore
- 120. Lovely place to walk in and have cup of tea. Would be great to have more sheltered area to drink tea.
- 121. Not all dog friendly. Poor café facilities and long queues.
- 122. Well managed but too many people and card. Café claims to be eco friendly but sells packaged food that is not properly recyclable
- 123. Love the beech trees and friendliness of fellow walkers. Well maintained paths.
- 124. Great local resource
- 125. Because it is natural and there isn't technology
- 126. Very well run focus on environmental protection not profits
- 127. Convenient just to walk to loads of wildlife to see
- 128. Photography, I feel privileged to have access to this wonderful natural habitat on my doorstep.
- 129. I haven't visited in 20 years will definitely be visiting more frequently now. Lovely morning.
- 130. Lovely area of natural beauty
- 131. Photography, Great place to take pictures. Unspoilt woodland. Nice café.

- 132. Photography, an amazing array of trees great walks nice café
- 133. Its just lovely right on the doorstep
- 134. Lovely facility in heart of village
- 135. Does not like all the dog restrictions on the lead
- 136. Tranquil, beautiful setting
- 137. Woodland habitats, Woodland walks for kids
- 138. It is very good because you can do lots of activities
- 139. Well maintained. Large area of green space.
- 140. Lovely place to walk no litter
- 141. There's lots of stuff to do
- 142. Conservation, nice place to walk and explore. Good for the soul.
- 143. Lots of mature great for the dogs
- 144. Wonderful woods and wildlife
- 145. Outdoor well maintained safe coffee shop
- 146. Beautiful wood and on our doorstep
- 147. Lots of variation of habitat big enough to get away from the crowds
- 148. Lovely variety of vistas and walks.
- 149. Lovely place to walk
- 150. provides enough time for walking and facilities
- 151. Lovely quiet place for a walk in the woods.
- 152. Usually like a well cared for, natural environment, close to our family home.
- 153. It is wild and natural. There is a café to have a drink. Parking is free during the week.
- 154. It is an amazing space
- 155. I love the variety of scenery it is beautiful of at any time of the year.
- 156. Always a delight to walk through in all seasons
- 157. Very near to home so easy to access. Great for families safe environment and good wildlife hunting.
- 158. Good open spaces help to clear your head on a nice pleasant walk.
- 159. Burnham Beeches is a great place to relax, walk and have fun.
- 160. Beautiful place, it would be better if it had an eco-friendly play area.
- 161. Some very nice quiet walks parking charges at weekend but it's a bit off
- 162. Clean, lots to see, free space for kids
- 163. Lovely place to stroll through. Ideal for wearing out young children.
- 164. It's a magic place
- 165. Best in autumn, beautiful trees

- 166. Good but there are facilities needing improvement Public toilets and café
- 167. Not very busy in terms of people and dogs. Strong conservation ethic.
- 168. An incredibly important site biologically with many pressures/challenges which CoL work well to provide balance and accommodate.
- 169. I like that you have the freedom to do what you want
- 170. Always clean and tidy good facilities. Good for riding horses off road.
- 171. Nice natural open space
- 172. Fabulous woodland park that we all love Especially the kids.
- 173. Well kept, peaceful, diverse areas/woodland and open space.
- 174. A wonderful place to walk with a mix of environment also close to our home.
- 175. Excellent for cutting edge conservation techniques but over visited by public. I'm concerned about negative effect of public pressure on key features.
- 176. Lovely large site with variety of different views, different trees, open spaces and water, wildlife habitats.
- 177. Well kept, no litter and lots of nature
- 178. A pleasure for mind and body
- 179. It's a lovely place but very easy to get lost due to sparse/poor signage
- 180. Enjoyable area to walk with several places of interest
- 181. It is very useful as we live so close. It is beautiful
- 182. My enjoyment of the Beeches has been reduced since dogs were required to be on leads on 60% of the site.
- 183. A beautiful place for walking
- 184. Good place for a stroll. Not too busy
- 185. Great place to exercise the dogs and me
- 186. I love the autumn leaves. Great place for walking and being at one with nature.
- 187. I find BB a very peaceful place to walking all weathers and the café and toilets are very good and always clean
- 188. Be kinder to well behaved dogs.
- 189. Lovely to have somewhere like this to see the lovely nature.
- 190. Well kept good balance of event
- 191. Awesome
- 192. Good environment
- 193. Used to be more dog friendly. The dog off the lead area is not where the poo bins are.
- 194. So many opportunities for exercise learning and general well being, such an important site for conservation
- 195. Generally the woods are well maintained and a pleasant place to walk
- 196. Delightful, very colourful, Especially this autumn
- 197. Like it
- 198. Hostile attitude to dog walkers. Unnecessary restricted off lead areas. Unfriendly staff, poor upkeep of the oldest trees.
- 199. Love the trees and great exercise
- 200. Lovely park, livestock nice continued...

- 201. Well maintained. Feels safe environment
- 202. Brilliant place and good for kids
- 203. Its stunning and beautifully maintained
- 204. Pleasant walk, fresh air
- 205. Nice walk with a cuppa at the end
- 206. We have always found it very pleasant and the facilities are always well maintained
- 207. Lots of areas to explore, good for dogs and good caféWell looked after
- 208. Peaceful, wooded relaxing and good toilets, refreshments
- 208. Fabulous area, just amazing varied and quiet
- 209. Lovely environment for dog walking
- 210. Beautiful place
- 211. I have been coming here for over 70 years and have always enjoyed the environment and staff.
- 212. Its my local wood. I love it.
- 213. We and dog love it here
- 214. Peace tranquillity general, love the nature and facilities
- 215. It always feels good in the woods
- 216. Very well looked after and a bit of peace away from hub bub
- 217. Amazing place which I feel lucky to have practically on my doorstep
- 218. Beautiful and well maintained woodlands
- 219. Beautiful and peaceful
- 220. Been coming here for 40 years an oasis within easy reach
- 221. Poor provision for dog walkers excluded from parts of the Beeches
- 222. Peaceful ever changing with the seasons
- 223. We love coming to explore and climb and we like the ducks on the pond and the animals
- 224. Feel lucky to be on doorstep. Easy access path. green haven amongst development
- 225. Lovely natural wooded area, well preserved and easy access
- 226. Unspoilt, Beautiful and natural
- 227. Nice place to walk the dog
- 228. It's a wonderful place. We love seeing the changes through the year. Especially like looking and photographing fungi`
- 229. Loads of nature for kids to experience and frog spawn
- 230. Its very peaceful and because its lovely and green
- 231. Unspoilt and beautiful
- 232. Clean and beautiful, accessible always something new to see
- 233. Photography, Nice Woods

- 234. A beautiful location and I am so lucky to experience this on my doorstep.
- 235. Open space, clean air, rubbish free
- 236. Appears untidy when felled trees are left to rot
- 237. Beautiful surrounding, peaceful, well maintained, we are so lucky to have BB on our doorstep
- 238. Very fortunate to have the area so close and upkeep ongoing so always room for improvement
- 239. Photography and good fun
- 240. A beautiful area to spend time any season and much appreciated. Love the animals.
- 241. Well maintained
- 242. Think more areas should be open To dogs off leads
- 243. Parts of site have to walk on lead
- 244. A great open space
- 245. Great area for all dogs
- 246. Lovely place to walk dog. Peaceful, Feeling of safety
- 247. Varied countryside. Good walks.
- 248. My fave is Virginia Waters Lake.
- 249. Seems silly come several times a year. It is a varied and magnificent ancient woodland magical.
- 250. Beautiful atmosphere. Quiet uncrowded walkways, interesting growth and wildlife
- 251. Very well looked after
- 252. Quiet clean, well maintained, animals, the hut for a drink
- 253. Permitted dog areas
- 254. Clear tracks and roads to walk on. Lots of wildlife to see.
- 255. It is a unique and beautiful green space
- 256. Lovely areas to walk Poo bags and bins provided. Gated areas.
- 257. So peaceful and natural
- 258. Lovely place to walk and enjoy the peace and quiet.
- 259. Volunteer here and think it is very well kept.
- 260. Lovely walks for children, clear paths to follow.
- 261. It is a beautiful place, very well managed. There is so much to see especially away from the common and the car park.
- 262. Very safe, lovely scenery and wildlife
- 263. It's great for the bio-diversity. Sustainability of wildlife.
- 264. Beautiful nature. Wildlife kept in natural state.

Appendix – Suggested improvements for the site

Comments are recorded as written

- 1. Have covered area in the dog area for the café. So when it rains you can enjoy your coffee in the dry like the non-doggy people.
- 2. Reduce area where dogs have to be on a lead
- 3. A new tramper for the disabled
- 4. Poo bins in off lead area, apart from the main common
- 5. Please keep the East Common clear of cows. Lets have one area of kids and families to play and picnic without wadding through cow dung.
- 6. I am not convinced that the plan adequately explains the impact of climate change. A point may be reached when the existing site can no longer be maintained from discussion I understand that the existing mix can be varied to assist in the longer life.
- 7. Car park should be cheaper £3 for 90 mins too expensive for walk in nature. Should be cheaper to encourage people to get outside.
- 8. Playground
- 9. People picking up their dog poo please!
- 10. Nothing comes to mind.
- 11. As is, is fine.
- 12. As above, Maybe have lead walking at restrictive hours or months.
- 13. I think people should get involved with volunteer tasks like me.
- 14. Possibly put some poo bins at other locations in the woods.
- 15. More children activities
- 16. Clear the ponds.
- 17. Maps with recommended good paths and viewpoint.
- 18. Mark paths better allow phone or card parking
- 19. Kids trial
- 20. No other than remove inconsiderate dog owners.
- 21. More nature information, e.g. what to expect / look for at different times.
- 22. More cycle paths and less dog poop.
- 23. Make dogs wear nappies and take the poo home.
- 24. More cycle paths or segregated roads for cyclist/walking. More fish in the ponds
- 25. A lovely Café that could become a destination and maybe help with funding. Parking that can be paid with phone. Ann additional shout out you were, your are, different ecological feature, important facts, etc..
- 26. Extra dog poo bags. Too many owners just dump poo bags anywhere. One rotting tree contains dozens of bags probably left by the same person.
- 27. Just remind dog users to clear up as needed. Car parking machines that work. Always broken.

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- 28. More access for dogs off lead
- 29. Additional structure support for antient /vulnerable trees clearing ponds of silt.
- 30. More pigs, enforcement for dogs on leads and dog doo
- 31. Drinking water filling stations
- 32. More wild flowers and bulbs (native) Support vulnerable trees (stakes and supports, Dredge ponds, more dog mess bins.
- 33. No existing state is great
- 34. The way it is, is fine. Need more control of dogs on leads.
- 35. Continue with policy of opening up the beeches. More invasive plants.
- 36. More play areas, den building, activity trail.
- 37. Better trail signage (discreet & tasteful) or better map suitable for first timers. Friends get lost sometimes if unaccompanied.
- 38. A few more signposts (directions)
- 39. I just watch it evolve
- 40. It would be lovely to see it tidier ponds cleared out etc
- 41. Bring back the pigs. I love seeing them.
- 42. More seating benches along walks. Possibly more latrines
- 43. Stop trying to commercialise it
- 44. Continual management of non native species.
- 45. Not putting cows grazing in the only area dogs should be allowed off lead.
- 46. More covered/Indoor café area
- 47. Maybe fallen trees could be cut into logs and sold off for revenue.
- 48. Like the idea of foraging walks. Guided walks once a month to explore flora and fauna.
- 49. Plant more trees to replace those destroyed
- 50. One or Two minor paths e.g. in new coppice could be posted perhaps in a couple of places to help follow path
- 51. I reckon you already do very well
- 52. More cattle horses restore ponds
- 53. Not sure how but toilets on opposite side of wood from Café
- 54. Put fish in the river. Grow more trees. Put another lake in and deeper.
- 55. Have fish pond. Children's activities
- 56. Improve ageing footpaths. Keep dogs on leads where specified
- 57. Not that I am currently aware of
- 58. Roads around the Beeches reduce speed, ban large vehicles.
- 59. Would be nice to have more cycle routes
- 60. More conservation areas and explanations.
- 61. Some dog walkers do not clean the mess afterwards. It would be nice if they do so. Perhaps more notices would help.

- 62. Have dogs on lead in busy areas and at busy times off lead in quiet areas and quiet times.
- 63. Yes the dogs without the leads are not good as little grandchildren get scared when dogs suddenly jump on them.
- 64. More efficient prosecution of individuals litter / fly tipping
- 65. Lack of a play area for children without dogs.
- 66. We love a natural world structured climbing/playground/Exploration area where they could balance climb, jump and explore without any spiky surprises.`
- 67. Pleased the dog issue/mess is much better. Not so much treading in dogs mess.
- 68. Carry on its great
- 69. More places to lock your bike
- 70. Area shelter to have tea from rain and wind near tea house.
- 71. More off lead areas with terrain shelter at café. Better service at café.
- 72. More dog control
- 73. Keep as natural as possible encourage original purpose attract kindness
- 74. Do more to stop people picking mushrooms. Today some areas off-track looked very foot trampled
- 75. Add a farm please and an adventure to play in
- 76. No Perfect as it is.
- 77. Please allow to make parking payments with debit card.
- 78. Lower hourly rate car park
- 79. Heritage boards telling the history of the site/include filming
- 80. Fine walking more cycle paths
- 81. Better maps for all the different routes. Got lost a few tines when I first started coming
- 82. Add sign posts/maps
- 83. Picnic
- 84. More trees
- 85. A child friendly visitors centre that continually changes during seasons
- 86. Improve the car park with marked bays and entrance/exits in each bit. Also machines need to accept cards not just cash.
- 87. The parking is too expensive for a couple of hours visit.
- 88. Re-open the car park at the far end that has been closed. This allows different walks to be undertaken by those who can't walk all that far.
- 89. The café should have teapots. Keep free parking.
- 90. Make cycling around in a loop more accessible. E.g., access along and up to Lord Mayors drive.
- 91. Bigger café with indoor seating for winter and soft play area for children this will bring more income.
- 92. More animals roaming free please bring back pigs and sheep.
- 93. Eco friendly play area or trim trail and toilets open before 10aM
- 94. It would be nice if it had a bit more colour. Perhaps some information on trees and history.

- 95. Putting in a wooden play area for kids
- 96. Enlarge café area or have another somewhere else.
- 97. The Toilet facilities are poor adequate in number, Don't flush.
- 98. Height barriers to stop traveller encampments.
- 99. Festivals or something that make people come.
- 100. More access for horses off the main roads.
- 101. More covered eating area
- 102. More movie walks, as there is filming there all the time.
- 103. Limit promotion of events, continue with dog order areas, consider completely closing some areas, Encourage natural England to consider positively expanding your management executors onto adjacent private lands, bigger, better, move joined up.
- 104. Can't think of anything except a few more interaction boards, with rangers or wildlife experts.
- 105. Lower parking fee, faster food service
- 106. Keep parking to one area only.
- 107. More and better signage for directions for walkers around the site.
- 108. Eco friendly unobtrusive children's area.
- 109. To be more relaxed re dogs. I worry that it's a slippery slope to banning them altogether.
- 110. I would like to see more about the history of the site. I suggest you excavate the iron age site.
- 111. I get lost every time as I am hopeless with maps. Clearer signage for designated circular walks would be great
- 112. Bluebells in the wood
- 113. More wildlife boards for toddlers
- 114. Please don't restrict the dog walking area any further. It is unfair if responsible owners are penalised because of the minority.
- 115. More educational / experience events in keeping with the nature of the site, like archaeology/pre-history day over the summer. Would love to see that again or something like it.
- 116. Abolish the dog restrictions areas
- 117. An indoor seating area for the café
- 118. Needs greater investment from COL, Staff training in interpersonal skills. Poor upkeep of old trees.
- 119. Some play for children for example natural assault course would stop kids climbing on the old trees.
- 120. Keep it as it is
- 121. Kids playground at café, eco friendly solution
- 122. Grazing areas should be more clearly defined when temporary fencing which can be moved around the area.
- 123. Play area
- 124. More dog poo bins, Fabulous wildlife watching, guided night walks
- 125. More public toilets, drinking fountain
- 126. Stop charging for parking, stop dogs off leads areas totally wrong.

- 127. More toilets and water fountains
- 128. Stay as sweet as you are
- 129. Less dogs and people
- 130. Knowing already that plans are now in place but really looking forward to the ponds and water meadows being required
- 131. A playground for children on the field would be beneficial and some kid friendly forestry activities we can join in.
- 132. Allow dogs to walk throughout the Beeches
- 133. Its fantastic the way it is.
- 134. Better map, all paths and tracks
- 135. Bike route and more dog areas
- 136. Season ticket lower in line with Langley Park/Black Park
- 137. Access to Parking before 8am
- 138. Clean logs and unblock streams
- 139. Signage, more litter dog bins on paths in the woods
- 140. Maybe a small park for children
- 141. More poo bags, Perhaps more interesting sculptures?
- 142. Nothing I can think of.
- 143. A Tea Shop
- 144. No charge for parking. Toilets during park opening hours. Not just café hours.
- 145. Open all areas to dogs off lead
- 146. The little house that explains BB needs to be refurbished.
- 147. Open up all areas
- 148. More of lead dog areas
- 149. Maybe ring off the ancient pollards to protect them.
- 150. The lakes bad condition
- 151. Dog poo box at Egypt entrance. It would stop the number of dog poo bags hanging on the trees in the area.
- 152. Improve the ponds surely needs some work to clear old logs and weeds etc.
- 153. Improve café, Improve toilets, needs a deep clean.
- 154. It's a shame that so much of the Beeches is dog on lead for the whole year.
- 155. Glass café somewhere central within woods. Treehouse or tree walkway.

Appendix – Comments on participant opinions of management proposals

Comments are recorded as written

Those obtained on Saturday 26th October are indicated in red

Those obtained on Sunday 27th October are indicated in blue

Those obtained on Monday 28th October are indicated in green

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Q5. Burnham Beeches in the wider landscape Q.15 The rangers

Q6. Soil protection Q16. Volunteers

Q7. Visitor facilities Q17. Funding

Q8. Litter and waste disposal Q18. Helping to protect the site

Q9. Accessibility Q19. Our vision

Q10. Walks and events Q20. Did we miss anything?

Comments are recorded as written

- 1. Depends on how many cattle etc. are introduced. Especially in off-lead dog walking areas. It's ok at the moment
- 2. Wood pasture is great idea, but try and keep it natural with the animals doing the work naturally
- 3. Keep natural
- 4. Less wood pastures, more wood
- 5. It would be great if there was somewhere that notified you what animals were where and when
- 6. Increase grazing
- 7. I wouldn't graze cattle on common. It's the only flat place where dogs can run off lead. My dog can run anywhere, but my mobility is limited so can't get to other off lead areas
- 8. Planting of native woodland flowers e.g. bluebells to encourage/support/maintain insect diversity
- 9. Love cattle and horses

Comments are recorded as written

- 1. Lovely to see animals in this environment seems in keeping
- 2. The removal of physical fencing is a wonderful thing for the appearance of the woodland and the sensed freedom it gives Thank you!
- 3. We love seeing the cows and ponies everywhere
- 4. No fences let animals be wild.
- 5. If kept at low rate.
- 6. Cows leave messy cow pats!
- 7. Invisible fencing do not exist
- 8. More tree support for certain leaning or fragile trees to preserve them for longer (like the one at top of Halse Drive that fell over couple of months ago)
- 9. Wildlife corridors are essential for species to xxxx the whole of the area without exposure to predators wholly in favour of these
- 10. A simple bench near to the 800 year old oak Thank you
- 11. No keep the trees
- 12. While generally in favour I have some concern over the 'invisible fencing' method of containing livestock and would prefer traditional fencing
- 13. Let it return to 'ancient' woodland of which we have too little
- 14. Some concerns about existing ponies very easily startled
- 15. I think they should get more animals like horses and cows
- 16. Policy of adopting an animal
- 17. Yes but it will take a lot of time
- 18. I don't think anymore cows or ponies are required
- 19. Would love to see more grazing animals.
- 20. Grazing the animals on the common this year left masses of cow dung which is still there. No good for children or picnic.
- 21. If the proposal is to eventually increase livestock how will this impact dog walkers? Will areas then be further impacted for dogs to be off lead
- 22. Agree in moderation
- 23. Love the invisible fence idea
- 24. More buried cables, good idea. Where are the pigs? Cow dung not ideal on grazed areas
- 25. But have a concern?
- 26. Apart from dog control

Comments are recorded as written

- 1. Maybe some signage to help protect the most vulnerable trees from people climbing in/on them for pictures e.g. the hollow shell just up from middle pond
- 2. Thank you for these wonderful trees and the work you do to maintain them
- 3. More 'commercial' use of the woodland selling withies charcoal, logs etc. i.e. woodland farming
- 4. Benches left in remembrance of people at certain sites with beautiful views
- 5. Yes because it will help the earth and our environment
- 6. Tree propping for certain to preserve them for longer
- 7. Yes to pollard

Comments are recorded as written

- 1. Definitely, the ponds would benefit from the proposed improvements
- 2. Ponds appreciate costs involved. Ponds could do with more work to open them up if finding were available.
- 3. Please clear more of the weeds muck from the ponds
- 4. Please be careful to maintain the wildlife in and around the pond when the Isabella Plantation pond in Richmond park was "restored" a lot of the wild birds were lost and so far we do not think they have returned
- 5. Don't cut too many trees from the pond as the light coming from/through the autumn trees are picturesque
- 6. Urgent to remove silt from ponds
- 7. Sort out all overflows of all the ponds so they run smoothly
- 8. Ponds needs regular clearing always overgrown
- 9. Will the number of water lilies be managed. There are rather a lot covering almost the entire surface of middle pond sometimes? Thanks
- 10. Needs major de-silting work
- 11. Silt removal is very important for a healthy water body
- 12. Silt needs to be removed from ponds to allow free flow
- 13. No because I do not like the management of the ponds
- 14. Ponds remove a lot of the vegetation in the ponds and introduce some ducks
- 15. But removing trees may impact ducks
- 16. If removal of silt and trees limited.
- 17. Needs clearing
- 18. Pond stagnant at times
- 19. Too much rotting trees
- 20. Plant life I also think a good amount of the rushes need to go as they multiply so fast and there is not much water surface area for wildlife
- 21. Yes Pond Management is good
- 22. Ponds need extra care
- 23. Would love to loose the stagnant smell without changing the ecology too much
- 24. The ponds need cleaning up. Please remove silt, debris, and branches in the pond, also waterlilies are getting out of hand.
- 25. Please manage the ponds soonest or they will become silted up and die hence no frogs, toads or newts!!
- 26. Pond edges are becoming dangerous for small children
- 27. But keep trees
- 28. But more could be done subject to funding.
- 29. But upstream ends need vegetation removal.
- 30. Pond pollution
- 31. The sooner the better.
- 32. Would like to see the pond less silted.

Comments are recorded as written

- 1. Please act to reduce damaging development and associated traffic nearby e.g. cement works etc.
- 2. But I'm anxious about landfill, building and other issues in the area. E.g. trucks back and forth to BB golf club for practice ground.
- 3. More effort to control local traffic/aircraft needed.
- 4. Display educational material on notice boards re. what people can do in their own gardens to protect the natural environment
- 5. Restrict new development around Burnham Beeches. Restrict car movements around the perimeter and parking
- 6. Does Bucks County Council manage road verges to aid the spread of wildlife along green corridors? I spoke to a rep from an organisation that supports local councils in setting up such schemes Plantlife.org.uk saw them at Newbury show
- 7. Love the walking over boggy land. Great fun with the grand children
- 8. I think it is good Nightingale Park is part of the regular consultation meetings
- 9. Work closely with local garden centres to promote planting to encourage wildlife.
- 10. Take care of the animals

Comments are recorded as written

- 1. Please provide more dog waste bins throughout the Beeches
- 2. Better path navigation would help i.e. signage and marked paths
- 3. But paths are becoming very wide.
- 4. Need to do more to stop erosion caused by horse riding and off road cyclists
- 5. More opportunities to cycle around the Beeches as a family
- 6. I would not agree with fencing areas off from public access
- 7. The beauty of the Beeches is the opportunity to walk 'off road' I would be bitterly disappointed to lose this through more stringent measures to contain visitors to main paths
- 8. Do not want to be barred from walking in certain areas
- 9. Soil compaction and protecting around tree bases is very important
- 10. Having visited the Beeches for 50 years, I did prefer it when it was left to mother nature however with increasing population I recognise that management is necessary. I do not agree with the destruction of so many trees and would like to see much more new planting Thank you
- 11. Maintain the paths but do not stop people going 'off piste' through this wonderful facility
- 12. What makes this area unique is the different paths that can be taken in any direction. Please do not put too many restrictions in place
- 13. Reduce cycling etc. off road. More pro-active result required
- 14. Greater policing of dogwalkers To clear poo and include fines.
- 15. Partly but I value being able to walk off the paths in the woods.
- 16. Reduce paths by blocking desired lines as planned.
- 17. But the land is here for the people and people have always enjoyed
- 18. I've walked here for 60 years. I still prefer to walk where I always have. To find a path blocked off is annoying.
- 19. Create rough paths away from main paths so people can have a wilder walk without causing damage
- 20. More dog bins (with bags) would encourage people even more to pick up
- 21. Try to ensure the main paths do not have muddy puddles people will walk around them and widen the path
- 22. Yes protect the soils
- 23. More bins will encourage dog owners
- 24. Agree with removing dog mess but need more bins in the off lead area and away from the car park.
- 25. Do not believe in blocking desire line walks as they are often the only ways to see other things and avoid mess, people and dogs. The paths are there because people want to use them but I would not support upgrading them to gravel type paths.
- 26. Viewing wildlife especially flora and fungi may require leaving main paths
- 27. More publicity should be given to demonstrate the plants and animals that are being preserved. Ps. Include insects
- 28. But more poo bins needed around the park
- 29. But not blocking paths.
- 30. Purpose built cycle path

Comments are recorded as written

- 1. Make the info point feel friendly and relevant and link to wider nature/climate issues
- 2. Hope to see café continue to improve
- 3. Coins for car-parking are annoying (I rarely have £6 in coins every week) Could you introduce a machine that accepts credit cards
- 4. Could go back to a cheap and mobile coffee van. Its good enough
- 5. Important to maintain the rustic style of café in a confined area to keep harmful waste to the minimum
- 6. I would like the café to be more environmentally friendly with a bigger emphasis on organic/home cooked food and snacks, with a ban on single use plastic
- 7. Allow café seating in information point area
- 8. Box other Work
- 9. So pleased cafe reopened hope its successful.
- 10. Nice to expand,,
- 11. But is there really no possibility of providing indoor seating?.
- 12. Please create a horse riding section for kids that want to ride but don't do it often (i.e. me)
- 13. I think it is important that the focus remains on the environmental elements rather than visitors services, despite this sometimes being unpopular/controversial
- 14. Could you utilise volunteers more to engage visitors at the info point? Carry out different walks and talks using the knowledge the team and volunteers have and charge a small amount?
- 15. Can the existing building next to the café be changed to accommodate seating for the café in bad weather? As its very limited on rainy days
- 16. Should provide shelter for dog walkers umbrellas or pagoda type of thing doesn't need to be a building as such, see café outside at Black Park
- 17. Can there be more signposts on the Beeches walkways to give clearer directions on points of interest (including the Blackwood Arms)
- 18. Need of more public toilets further into the park
- 19. I would like small car parks at the far ends of the area to allow different walks to be done by people who don't want a long walk from the visitor centre before their new walk starts
- 20. I think it is great as you can get a hot chocolate when it is cold and sit and look at the trees whilst drinking it
- 21. I would like somewhere covered to sit under
- 22. Can the information point be used for indoor seating for the café prior to refurbishment
- 23. Café is very important. Consider how to better support it e.g. summer evenings should seek to build a playground and to support on-track cycling
- 24. More benches and tables all about so families can picnic all over
- 25. No requirement for a playground children should learn to appreciate the environment around them
- 26. Do not expand
- 27. Great photography
- 28. More facilities would turn it into a town park.
- 29. Use mobility scooter.
- 30. Very popular venue and greatly missed when closed for season.

Question 7 continued

- 31. Support the café and encourage dog walkers
- 32. I disagree with the statement that the Beeches does not have a playground. The Beeches IS a playground. It's amazing!
- 33. SIGNS need more clearer larger notices eg. No dogs here, No cyclists
- 34. It is good to have a dog/no dog area, makes the café accessible to everyone
- 35. I would like to see a kind of rolling display in the information centre. Nothing fancy, just items that are brought out and switched to reflect the changing seasons
- 36. As stated previously indoor seating for the café would be a benefit.
- 37. Could the coffee stop at the stag entrance be restored.
- 38. Poor café

Comments are recorded as written

- 1. Need to ensure poo bins or tolerate poo bags or poo left lying around
- 2. I support the idea of removal of bins so long as it doesn't result in littering
- 3. Please do not remove dog poo bins
- 4. Sadly I think people are too lazy to remove their rubbish, and if bins were removed there would be more littering
- 5. I am appalled that you have to spend so much money on removing litter. It's a sad reflection on the value people put on this amazing free resource
- 6. If you fail to provide bins litter could be a problem as many people don't take it home
- 7. Bins are important e.g. for the disposal of picnic waste
- 8. Leave the bins most litter is then in a few locations and can be dealt with, this is too park-like for the no bins in a reserve feel to work at the moment but could use the bins as info points re. waste/recycling options to help educate people who are already disposed to clear up
- 9. Need bins.
- 10. Bins only at cafe.
- 11. But dog waste bins kept
- 12. But not poo bins.
- 13. If so be prepared for poo bags around.
- 14. Without bins move people would drop litter.
- 15. But concerned people will just drop rubbish.
- 16. In principle, but it would need careful monitoring.
- 17. Not until visitors can remove their litter or dog poo bags.
- 18. Too much rubbish would be dropped.
- 19. Definitely NOT would increase litter bugs
- 20. More dog poo bins!
- 21. This will just encourage the dropping of litter and will be self defeating
- 22. Sorry people will drop litter anywhere especially if no bins
- 23. Could you somehow put info about rubbish recycling and compostables around to encourage people to take litter home and how to dispose of it
- 24. Crazy idea! You need to help people to be responsible dog owners by providing bins (not necessarily bags)
- 25. No bins will make it a lot worse. People will drop not remove litter/dog poo etc. find the money for the bins
- 26. I would go but the evidence base what has proved to work in other reserves?
- 27. Visitors will not take their rubbish home. Neither will dog walkers take their bags of 'rubbish' home. This is an area sadly which requires ongoing management
- 28. Not in favour as littering especially cigarette butts are one of our biggest environmental problems
- 29. Most of the visitors are urbanites used to having bins or other means of disposal. Removing bins would lead to excessive litter. A bag of crisps is precious until they are eaten, after that the bag cant be tolerated so out of the window it goes
- 30. If the bins are removed this may encourage people to drop litter rather than take it home or put in a bin

Question 8 continued

- 31. Yes to removing normal bins BUT what about bins for dog owners mess?
- 32. If you took bins away more rubbish will be left at the Beeches
- 33. Yes and no because some people just chuck it around anyway
- 34. No because people will put litter on the floor and then you would have to spend money on picking litter up
- 35. Do not remove bins please
- 36. I agree with the plan and would hope that most visitors would be responsible enough to clear up after themselves
- 37. Litter would be dropped more. Bins encourage people to pick up after their dogs
- 38. I would suggest any 'no bins' policy should be piloted first. I suspect rubbish may still be left if no bins at all. More dog bins would be helpful as these are often over flowing and un-hygienic. I would support a TEST RUN of no bins before final decision made
- 39. Need to police litter disposal at what cost?
- 40. Removal of bins will lead to littering. Recycling bins are a must to prevent this happening
- 41. I would support the removal of bins as long as by doing so the remaining bin/s are frequently emptied
- 42. No, people would drop even more rubbish then it would cost more in long run as you would need to employ someone to collect on a permanent basis
- 43. Because it encourages littering.
- 44. Because litter will be left.
- 45. But think there would be more rubbish dumped that staff would need to collect
- 46. General public have rubbish
- 47. Get more volunteers.
- 48. I fear it might lead to littering
- 49. I think there will be more litter dropped
- 50. Need corporate ones poo bags
- 51. No because people are litterbugs
- 52. Only if pilot scheme is run first,
- 53. People cannot be trusted to remove litter.
- 54. People drop more litter
- 55. People won't take their ; litter home with them. They will dump it.
- 56. Perhaps but wouldn't it lead to people littering.
- 57. Rubbish would end up on floor.
- 58. Will increase rubbish
- 59. I would like to see information on any remaining bins explaining how much it costs to manage rubbish reminding people they are welcome to take it home and dispose of instead (especially if they brought the rubbish with them in the first place). I think most people have no idea
- 60. No I think it will lead to more litter, definitely no removal of dog waste bins
- 61. Dog bins and waste bins should be kept, you will end up using more money to maintain the after effect of removing it.
- 62. If you remove bins especially dog poo bins more rubbish will be left on site

Question 8 continued

- 63. A lack of bins will mean far more litter, the Jubilee River is a prime example
- 64. I think there will be a risk of litter at the café if no bin is provided. The café is recycling all there waste? Maybe just have the bins for the café
- 65. Mixed feelings as some people are lazy and dirty and would leave their rubbish behind!
- 66. Keep the bins cos people will throw away their rubbish anywhere.
- 67. Unfortunately no. I think it will cuase more rubbish needing picking up over a larger area. People might pick up dog waste but not be willing to take it home. As much as I dislike it I think the bins need to be kept.
- 68. Removal of bins: When walking in Burnham Beeches I often pick up litter. It is difficult though to carry it around with me as I have a young child. Lack of bins must cause more litter?
- 69. In an unusual place so you can sit down in a secluded area.
- 70. Unfortunately you will find people just leaving their litter rather than take it home. You need to keep bins you may find you spend more time cleaning up so money and productivity is moved here on busy days with bins you still see evidence of lazy people. Fact of life.
- 71. As a controlled experiment with option to revert to bins.
- 72. Because people do unfortunately drop litter, no bins would make the situation worse.
- 73. But would more money be spent on litter picking than bin box.
- 74. Debatable as long as the area was kept litter free.
- 75. Unfortunately would just dump their litter, not take it home with them
- 76. With 12 month review.

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- 1. Move on the south side of the common (morning sun)
- 2. Memorial benches plaques could be a way of raising funds, so not sure why not considered?
- 3. Random simple benches enhance the enjoyment of a visit nowhere in particular!
- 4. More seating in dog walking area North East quadrant from Victory Cross
- 5. Simple bench at the moat at second lower pond
- 6. A few more benches in the café area and surrounding common
- 7. Along paths
- 8. Along Sir Henry Peeks Drive
- 9. Enough benches on site.
- 10. More seats.
- 11. Benches at 150m and 300m radius from the café along the walks for elderly people who still venrue 'off piste'
- 12. Every 500 metres
- 13. Extra benches by water
- 14. I don't know it well enough to specify, but certainly where you have removed the far car park, and preferably at each path junction so you can wait for the rest of your party in comfort. Also some shelters would be good?
- 15. More benches on the open grass area
- 16. A simple bench, you could make natural seating out of fallen trees
- 17. More on the lesser used north and west
- 18. By the monuments
- 19. Benches put additional benches wherever you feel appropriate. We're strollers, not walkers and a chance to stop and just enjoy the Beeches is always welcome
- 20. More guided walks including far aspects of Beeches
- 21. Bench on the steep hills
- 22. Simple seat by the moat. More seats by the ponds
- 23. More benches at the far end of the Beeches
- 24. Near the playground so grown ups can watch their kids
- 25. Near the playground so grown ups can watch their kids
- 26. Please put benches in the shelters around the site we miss them!
- 27. On the perimeters so elderly can sit and watch without walking to far for a sit down
- 28. A few more benches would be good especially on the green areas
- 29. More seats by the water
- 30. More benches are needed to be able to sit down for a rest when out for a long walk
- 31. Orchard thing
- 32. Charged for remembrance benches would be great at picturesque spots

Question 9 continued

- 33. More benches just scattered around
- 34. Half way up Halse Drive hill, lower than the existing bench
- 35. On path between Stag CP and Pigloo Plaza
- 36. At the moat, near the sign board
- 37. Benches encourage littering
- 38. The Nile stream by Ingleglen
- 39. Junction of McAuliffe Drive and Dukes Drive
- 40. Happy but no suggestions
- 41. Perhaps near the ponds and on the common.
- 42. More benches along the main paths
- 43. By the ponds
- 44. Mendelssohn's Walk
- 45. Why stop memorial benches as they are a 'no cost' addition provided you control locations.
- 46. A few benches I feel around the McAuliff Drive, Dukes Drive, Halse Drive
- 47. Up near the moat
- 48. Shelter near Halse and Victoria Drive
- 49. By the pond
- 50. Victoria Drive Junction with sledge run
- 51. Hawthorn Lane between SHP Bedford Drive, near Crossways entrance see map
- 52. If possible more please.

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- 1. Dog controls are good idea. Still people walking 'packs' at one time, would like a more visible warden presence
- 2. Self-guided 1000 pace trail in dogs on lead area forest bathing walk/trail linked to mental health support at local GPs
- 3. I think you do not make enough noise about what you do for people here. The National Trust sing their own praises very loudly and often without cause.
- 4. As a dog walker I appreciate the proposals. It is difficult to quantify the dog poo statistics as there are more dogs in the off lead areas. I do agree with removing dog poo and bins
- 5. Park for children
- 6. Excellent for promoting fitness and enabling people to enjoy the environment.
- 7. Within reason
- 8. It would be nicer if you had two cafes altogether !!
- 9. People still do not clear up dog mess in main common
- 10. I walk a lot in the Beeches and notice that many people seem disengaged with nature/surroundings. Please no café expansion, no playground. Help people and in particular children to engage with the Beeches using their imaginations not relying on pre-prescribed activities
- 11. I would love some more activities and trails and playground
- 12. Shame the site doesn't/can't include some sort of childrens activity playground near the car park could be timber based and sympathetic to the surroundings (compare with Speke Hall in Liverpool)
- 13. Events running middle distance orienteering treasure hunts
- 14. Craft fayres, holiday camps
- 15. Well publicised (posters around Burnham Beeches) regular PAID-FOR by PARTICIPANTS events such as Fungi Forays or other e.g. wildflower ID walks etc. would raise funds and increase peoples understanding of the place (and enjoyment)
- 16. The more you restrict dogs the better it will be
- 17. Bring back Burnham Beeches at war event
- 18. Dogs should be allowed on more events
- 19. Organised timed walks around the Beeches by a ranger
- 20. I think they should do craft activities at Christmas and Halloween and have days with forest-themed craft throughout the year
- 21. Have more events here (advertise them more)
- 22. Your maps and trails are very useful!
- 23. Please publicise activities e.g. on Facebook so that we who are not local know about them and can sign up. Half term holiday activities that can be booked as we have quite a journey to get here and don't want to be disappointed
- 24. Maps need updating as not easy you follow in certain areas.
- 25. Still dog fouling in main common
- 26. I would love to see a repeat of the pre-history day, or something like it. I would also love to see The Beeches host craft workshops using materials naturally occurring on site (willow weaving, for example). These could be charged for (with a small number of free spaces for which volunteers could apply please)!
- 27. Why not consider doing children's birthday parties. A nature walk followed by the café for cake, not all the time but set times.
- 28. Huge bias against dog walkers. Do not agree with proposals to continue to limit where dogs can walk off lead.
- 29. Family/Kid friendly forestry activities
- 30. To encourage education and awareness.
- 31. Virtual reality.

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- 1. I love the dogs on lead areas please extend it. There is more wildlife, less poo and noise and more opportunity to have a peaceful, positive woodland experience.
- 2. Yes people do not show respect with their dogs off lead
- 3. Yes on the main green in summertime only, for people to enjoy picnics etc.
- 4. Dogs need freedom
- 5. More dogs on leads areas, if you do I'll be very annoyed and so will my dogs!
- 6. If it aids wildlife put dogs on leads.
- 7. No already restrictive and dog walkers are important exempt.
- 8. Some dog owners are not in control of their dogs.
- 9. Very much so.
- 10. Lord Mayors Drive an open area.
- 11. As a dog owner NO
- 12. An opportunity to raise additional funds from professional dog walkers by introducing small parking charge for weekday parking or permit scheme
- 13. No because a dog should be on a lead
- 14. There should only be one area where dogs should be allowed off leads
- 15. If dogs weren't allowed on leads then they wouldn't enjoy themselves as much
- 16. No, my dogs well behaved and trained (not like a lot encountered here)
- 17. As long as people clean the dog mess up and responsible.
- 18. Figures speak for themselves re pick up of dog poo
- 19. It is already quite limiting but good
- 20. Owners have enough choice
- 21. There is more than enough.
- 22. Too many dogs.
- 23. Dogs should be well behaved everywhere
- 24. No already illogical and restrictive
- 25. There should be no more reduction in areas, the area is now a popular route so reducing further will compact what routes are left.
- 26. I know this is extremely unlikely but would you please consider deregulating the on-lead areas in the winter, when there's nobody around say after 6.00 pm when its cold and dark and dogs can explore new and different areas? Please?
- 27. Yes
- 28. We feel that dogs should be on leads on the common. As children play more on this area. Also we feel dogs should be allowed off lead top area around Wood Drive especially during winter period when fewer walkers around.
- 29. Limit number of dogs per person. No person can effectively control a dozen dogs a pack mentality can cause problems.
- 30. I walk with my dog once or twice a day and I am well past retirement age and I feel these walks are an important part of my health and well being. I walk a different route each day and act as a pair of rangers and would report anything untoward. I also train my dogs which means I increase control and obedience but this is not possible with my dogs on lead my dogs are trained to be around stock and wildlife.
- 31. As they poo and people don't always pick it up.

Comments are recorded as written

- 1. Depends where they are e.g. temporary areas in nesting season on the Mire/Moat but decent signage if you do re. timing and reason
- 2. Green field in summer to allow for picnics.
- 3. Dogs can be a pain to horses.
- 4. Absolutely,
- 5. Pond areas,
- 6. Most dogs well trained here
- 7. Kept on lead.
- 8. As a dog owner NO
- 9. I think there should be wildlife only areas, no dogs or people. A completely protected area
- 10. Yes because dogs should be protected
- 11. Allow dogs but still stipulate that they should be on leads
- 12. Yes, because they might scare away the wildlife
- 13. Dogs on leads on main roadways
- 14. Yes to no dogs. Their faeces can lead to illnesses which children may pick up. It is also 'high concentration' poo not suitable to sustaining wildlife.

 Many owners are also selfish with no regard for others
- 15. Yes, because there are certain areas where I don't think there should be dogs. Maybe there could be a specific place only for dogs and their owners
- 16. But people forget
- 17. I have been coming now for 55 years feel like a dog park now.
- 18. If really necessary or maybe on a rotational basis
- 19. Rather restrict to lead rather than not allowed.
- 20. Absolutely NO The Beeches should be for everyone
- 21. NO already restrictive, why not in main guestionnaire
- 22. I think wildlife safety is paramount dog walking secondary. Therefore if there is any risk to wildlife, nesting, cattle etc. Dogs have to be banned from that area.
- 23. Dogs I feel should be leaded on common and water meadows
- 24. This is a great place for my dog to run free
- 25. On rotation.
- 26. Only near ponds as scare the ducks.
- 27. Unless obvious damage.

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- 1. In the same way we should all be happy to take all of our rubbish home. It's not your responsibility to clear up after anyone shame on them!
- 2. Poo bags, we bring our own.
- 3. Absolutely and take your poo home with you.
- 4. Of course they should.
- 5. But some people wouldn't.
- 6. But hard to enforce.
- 7. I think it is better to provide bags to make it easy for dog walkers.
- 8. But that don't more bins might help.
- 9. Yes to owners bringing own bags and taking it home
- 10. People should remove their dog litter, but bags provided would encourage more to pick it up!
- 11. Yes, because it would cost more money to buy poo bags
- 12. Dog poo bags should be decorated even have a competition for best bag so they look better hanging in the Trees!
- 13. More dog mess bins around the site. Some places they are doubled up or too close together
- 14. Yes, because poo is not very nice
- 15. Yes, because a poo bag should go in the bin after it's full of poo
- 16. I feel many will leave bags lying in places regardless of signs asking them to remove it. Better to provide bins
- 17. I think there should be kids places without dogs so children can have fun on rides
- 18. Although v useful to have a dispenser may be charge only used with own bags have been forgotten,
- 19. But you cannot guarantee they will
- 20. However to provide bags on site leaves no excuse.
- 21. It helps keep it clean.
- 22. People should provide own bags
- 23. The majority would pick up as usual a lot wouldn't or leave on branches.
- 24. I feel being a dog owner you are personally responsible for clearing up after your pet and disposing of their waste at home as we do with our children.
- 25. Poo bags should be available in case people get caught out. Ordinary plastic bags usually have air holes making them unsuitable
- 26. Unfortunately if you do not provide poo bags or bins dog owners will just throw the filled bag (if they pick it up in the first place) into the woods evidence go to Virginia Waters
- 27. Maybe move notices needed to educate the dog owners to 1) provide their own bags, 2) To take home poo bags.
- 28. Thinks it reasonable but people will not and then end up with more dog mess. Responsible dog owners will (especially local regulars)
- 29. But people don't always bring their own or run out.
- 30. Emergency bags could be made available with an honesty box for payment
- 31. Yes but only the regular local walkers will do this. It will return to the status quo with the strangers

Comments are recorded as written

- 1. Dog walkers should take home their dog poo
- 2. I would pick up poo, provide my own bags and dispose of it, but many wouldn't and I feel it would increase the amount of soiling
- 3. Dog owners "should" be expected to pick up/use bags but sadly they wont all do so unfortunately I feel it has to be the Beeches responsibility, otherwise the alternative is more dog poo on areas where families play
- 4. Yes I think people should bring dog poo home because if you put it in a bin outside it could blow away
- 5. No nor should they hang the bags from trees !!
- 6. Poo bins should be available.
- 7. Poo bags take home. That will not happen. Safe disposal important.
- 8. Absolutely its your dog!
- 9. They do elsewhere,
- 10. I would but many people would not
- 11. Only if no bins nearby.
- 12. But I wouldn't mind if I had to take it home.
- 13. I would but lots wouldn't.
- 14. Provide bin.
- 15. If bins are removed then yes.
- 16. Yes and no because some people chuck it or hang it up in the trees when nobody is looking!
- 17. I agree that dog walkers should take their dog poo home, however in practice many owners won't. Dog poo bags will litter the site and present a risk to wildlife
- 18. Yes to taking dog poo home and not leaving it hanging in the trees etc.
- 19. Absolutely
- 20. No, there should be plenty of disposal bins
- 21. No, people will then just leave their poo bags indiscriminately on the fields
- 22. No, because if a dog walker lives far away and have to drive here they wouldn't want a stinky poo in their car
- 23. Notice of "where dog poo bins are" would help locate them
- 24. Yes definitely as they will only either leave it on benches or hanging from trees otherwise
- 25. It would make the people stink and people would stop coming to Burnham Beeches as there are other woods that provide bins
- 26. Most responsible dog owners carry these bags
- 27. There should be a dog poo bin in areas where dogs are aloud
- 28. This won't happen. There have to be bins for poo! They won't take it home they will just dump it
- 29. Many would end up hanging from the trees
- 30. Dog owners should take their dog poo home with them. But the question is will they? Or will they just dump it somewhere or tie to a tree!
- 31. No, because dog poo should not go home but in the bin
- 32. Yes, because I don't like dog poo
- 33. If bins are not provided visitors will just leave poo bags on trees. They do it now so it would only get worse

Question 14 continued

- 34. Whilst this would be great I don't believe dog walkers will do this and I would be worried they either wouldn't use bags or leave them in the car park etc. So I think they should continue to be provided
- 35. Again without the bins unpicked or even worse, bags left around.
- 36. Better for bins otherwise people won't they will just leave it.
- 37. But only because I suspect mine would be dumped.
- 38. But to have bins for disposal leaves no excuse.
- 39. I think it would lead to littering.
- 40. Ideally yes but some owners will either leave or throw bags in woods
- 41. Keeping it in one area it can be disposed of properly they will just leave it anywhere if no bins.
- 42. Please provide bins
- 43. Some will but many won't
- 44. There should be a bin.
- 45. They may visit less if you require this. Tricky if with children or wanting to visit cafe.
- 46. I would like to see information on the dog poo bins regarding the management costs, especially in comparison to the ancient trees as I think most people have no idea and might want to help/be encouraged to help if they knew.
- 47. Poo bins should be available weekend visitors come by car and rather than take home in a hot car you could find increase of left bags. I agree we pick up and bag, but carrying this around for over an hour is not pleasant.
- 48. Think this is unreasonable and people won't then pick up.
- 49. More practical for you to provide bins, rather than take home.
- 50. More bins in areas where dogs are allowed off the lead.
- 51. But they don't. We have to be realistic.
- 52. Compostable bins available,
- 53. Dog bins essential.
- 54. It will be left behind.
- 55. It would be better, but I'm sure that a lot of people will abandon bags.

Comments are recorded as written

- 1. Thank you all for the work you do
- 2. Yes more of them
- 3. How about creating the "Friends of Burnham Beeches"? Annual donation, gift aided, maybe a newsletter a couple of times a year and free parking?
- 4. No waste of money
- 5. Not necessarily a waste of money
- 6. Very important
- 7. I think if possible a higher ranger presence should be here
- 8. Make it easy to register/keep enforced. Facebook? Email?
- 9. Ranger also provides 1st line defense anti social behaviour and undesirable temporary residents
- 10. If the Ranger is available usually at the cafe.
- 11. Rangers should be present and seen. It also gives a sense of security and many occasions you need guidance and assistance.
- 12. Yes but need training in interpersonal communications
- 13. But yes if budget allows

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- 1. Fabulous volunteers very positive.
- 2. Yes but with other committed volunteers, not time wasters.
- 3. No time live too far away
- 4. No because moving.
- 5. Local schools should help.
- 6. We live too far away for this to be possible, we volunteer locally
- 7. No time at present but possibly in future.
- 8. Thinking about it.
- 9. No but 18 year old daughter is a conservation student, has waited several weeks for reply to request for work placement
- 10. Used Community Service People, Duke of Edinburgh Volunteers, Scouts etc. Advertise the need more

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- 1. Car park charges every day the current charge is nominal when compared with surrounding towns and villages
- 2. Encourage controlled filming fund raising
- 3. You could host events and charge for them
- 4. More film work with funds added to the budget
- 5. Funding If you charged a daily parking fee or season ticket (annual charge) I think many would pay but a reasonable charge e.g. like Black Park
- 6. Local schools fund raising events or scouts
- 7. I wouldn't mind paying a smaller amount per day to park say £1 happy to pay this
- 8. Small fee for guided walks have charity functions or Halloween trails etc.
- 9. Need to reduce car park to encourage people to get out side
- 10. Local fundraising schools businesses events all would be supported by the local community
- 11. Memorial boxes and plaques and tree planting
- 12. Sponsored benches. More flexible parking payment (monthly rather than annual permit)
- 13. Perhaps leave a money box in café or surrounding area for donations for upkeep of Burnham Beeches
- 14. Continue to encourage running races in the Beeches i.e. Burnham 1/2 marathon
- 15. Bigger café and child soft play, this will generate income to support Burnham Beeches and create jobs in the area
- 16. Charge for parking daily but not just one fee for all e.g. up 2hrs 2-4hrs over 4hrs
- 17. Sponsored walks with contributions for Burnham Beeches. Sell firewood
- 18. Fundraising events. School stuff and runs in Burnham Beeches. Bake sales
- 19. Charge daily for parking on a sliding scale for length of time parked
- 20. Run fundraising events on the common area near the café
- 21. Have large fundraising events involving the local community
- 22. More trails and benches
- 23. Suggestions for funding works on Burnham Beeches Do some runs to raise money, make it family friendly Eco-environmental fair
- 24. We already pay a lot for parking!
- 25. Direct debit monthly option advertised via local schools/in café?
- 26. Agree with implementing weekday parking charge perhaps a season ticket/permit for professional dog walkers
- 27. I think car park charges are very reasonable and you should charge daily, not just on weekends. Perhaps a small charge up to 2 hours, then slightly higher charge say £4 or £5 for all day
- 28. I don't object to paying to park but requiring £3 in cash is irritating I regularly don't have it. Why not have a 'friends' scheme which allows you to pay, say £30 a year for a permit
- 29. Sell firewood/kindling?
- 30. A donation box with a suggested charge for visiting (per churches and cathedrals)
- 31. Sponsored walk/cycle ride for families
- 32. Have 'voluntary contribution' boxes for people to financially support the work being undertaken 'every little helps even a £1 per visit?'
- 33. Events Filming Dog show continued...

Question 17 continued

- 34. Quite a confusing notice re. when you pay or don't pay. Needs clarity I wouldn't object to a small charge every time I come
- 35. Charge for weekday parking and dog walking business
- 36. Funding is easy. Tax the bosses of City of London Corporation a small percentage of their wage should go a long way!
- 37. Village events. More walks. Rides. Runs. Monitoring dog poo culprits (fine them). Parking on side roads around area should not be permitted
- 38. Fun run Santa dash fun day. Fetes. Coffee mornings. Hog roast
- 39. School funding raised by competitions. Village show donation
- 40. With reluctance I would support car parking fees
- 41. Local shops and employers to sponsor programmes
- 42. Ask the City for more money or the Livery companies
- 43. Please do not consider much extra filming. Its good revenue but is very expensive to manage putting huge pressure on staff to resist increasing and demanding film crews. Damage caused can be long term and unseen often until its too late
- 44. Corporate volunteers
- 45. More small events presented by knowledgeable speakers about wildlife charge small fees. Create 'packs' for kids, charge (things like bird boxes, bug hotels)
- 46. Yes because we think you should add more animals to look at
- 47. Yes because we think you should add more animals to look at
- 48. Put up parking charges
- 49. Crowd source funding e.g. gofundme.com
- 50. Organised events which encourage to join regular Fungi forays tree id etc.
- 51. Sponsorship
- 52. Summer events (fete BBQ -) etc.
- 53. I feel the Corporation of London have a social responsibility to increase their own funding for the upkeep of Burnham Beeches
- 54. Friends of Burnham Beeches
- 55. Expand the area of the Beeches so that you could charge users of the local roads
- 56. Think there are lot of young mums and people who cannot easily afford daily parking charges so not in favour
- 57. Increase car parkin charges?
- 58. More events for children
- 59. I would be happy to join a think group to work on this.
- 60. More organized running event.
- 61. Pays £150 wayleave.
- 62. Voluntary walks voluntary donation.
- 63. Craft workshops using natural materials, pick your own events where people can attend and collect materials that are surplus and sale to remove from the site e.g. Gardening poles, flower arranging foliage.
- 64. Make a small donation every time a car visits e.g. during the week.
- 65. If you charge for parking we will come much less often we already avoid weekends.

Question 17 continued

- 66. I do not support all week car park charges
- 67. We would support car parking charges but please do not make the motorist a cash cow, how about a £1.00 for morning or afternoon and an annual pass costing say £25.00
- 68. Sponsorship for projects etc.
- 69. Make a small charge for using the car park on weekends
- 70. Voluntary contributions
- 71. Talks with paying audience
- 72. Do not agree with daily parking charges hits regular locals mainly
- 73. Maybe a sponsored walk by school children, maybe cake sale and teas on lawn in front lawn
- 74. Suggest daily car parking charges
- 75. Use non violent labour to the work on a voluntary basis, give them something to occupy their time.
- 76. Maybe have, local crafts, stalls raise a percentage for the Beeches
- 77. Funding from City based corporations which have made commitments for zero sustainable development goals
- 78. If funding is decreasing this sounds like corporate greed by the City of London who should be well able to afford some extra funding.
- 79. Charge for car parking during the week but keeping the cost to a minimum (card payment be made by Ringo or Apps)?
- 80. Petition for residents only parking on adjacent roads to force cars to use car parks.
- 81. Charge professional dog walkers for using the park and also exercise groups
- 82. Charging for schools (Forest school trip)

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- 1. Children like to explore so forcing them to use paths is not good and it doesn't promote well being or exploration. You might as well place Burnham Beeches under a plastic roof if you force people to walk on paths
- 2. Already do/don't do those that apply and are more feasible. Walking cycling not an option will not keep to main paths as that would defeat object of coming to see particular wildlife.

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- 1. The Beeches has changed to become more formal and managed over the last 70 years. I'm not sure I like it.
- 2. I would like to see a future where visitors and/or local people could gain from The Beeches in a material way (in addition to all the wonderful things it dearly offers). I mean things like organised foraging, harvesting and kindling, collection of craft materials (as long as this could be done in keeping with the protection of the reserve). I don't say this so people can get free stuff, I hope it would help people have a closer connections to the site and feel some sort of ownership of it and responsibility for it. A kind of modern day equivalent to the right to turn your pigs out on the common!
- 3. Keep up the extremely good work.

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- 1. Car park charges are high for an hour walk, should be cheaper especially in the winter
- 2. Need to plant/dig trenches to prevent travellers consider height restrictions on main access gates plant more around boundary (travellers) target drivers, speed camera/solar speed cameras more visible warden presence address issues of parking in local roads
- 3. Make a better path for people to walk or cycle on. Do a couple of cycling routes around the woods. Have a greenhouse to put in all of the models of pictures and memories to put in it. Try to have a tour every once in a while
- 4. Borders (fences) from Egypt Wood to Burnham Beeches, please have a access point instead of people breaking fencing
- 5. Reduce the access to Egypt Lane/Stewarts Drive. No lorries
- 6. Could you have given a range of different options with the objectives or proposals so that people could choose their preferred option
- 7. There should be more information on the role of the Beeches in WW2
- 8. Ban professional dog walkers unless they pay an annual licence
- 9. We understand restrictions but do have a look at making cycling a bit easier and more Joined up. Path at Burnham Walk to Dukes Drive needs fixing
- 10. Please can we have cycle paths for younger children
- 11. You could produce your own 2-? book for children
- 12. It would be great to have a water fountain/tap for people to refill water bottles. It would help prevent single use plastic water bottles. Thanks
- 13. Ban all plastic bottles. Provide water points for visitors to fill their own bottles
- 14. Please can we create a small wood playground for toddlers, and children under 7 years old
- 15. It may make sense to put the disclosure tick box at the front of the form to avoid people spending time to get to it without actually ticking it
- 16. Ban portable BBQ's and enforce this. Make parking charges more flexible
- 17. Children shouldn't be playing football or cycling in the café area. They can do that outside the fence!
- 18. Planting or sowing seeds wildflowers and bulbs (native)
- 19. More areas people free
- 20. More events for children
- 21. I don't know if this is appropriate or feasible but I would like to see natural predators such as pine martens, introduced to control the squirrels.
- 22. Need more parking spaces for less able to access more of the site.
- 23. Park run or running group, off road cycling area.
- 24. The survey should have started earlier in the week weekend visitors may not visit frequently as local residence who walk with dogs every day.
- 25. Lottery for Burnham Beeches
- 26. Provision of play area for children in the wood. Natural one in the trees.
- 27. Café open earlier so dog walkers can get a coffee
- 28. "Notices" should be couched in "requests" more than present "dictate" language used. The newsletter should never use a state ??? Manner. This along with the manner of some of the seniors rangers could be improved and would produce a more supportive atmosphere amongst the regular walker
- 29. "Daily car parking charge" If this is introduced a great many of elderly people will not be able to afford £3.00 daily for hours walk. Machine similar to council car parking stipulates the number of hours and charge accordingly.
- 30. "Parents responsibilities" parents should be reminded to pick up after their children, cartons, sweet papers plastic bottles etc. and use the bins provided.
- 31. Well researched