



Friends of Lucy's Mill Bridge.

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Our online and paper surveys

- In addition to doing physical surveys (counting people) we also have online and paper surveys where people can say how and why they use the bridge – or are unable to
- These surveys took 2 minutes to fill in
- The online survey will close on 8th December
- There is a separate surveys for Visitors

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Over 250 people have taken part so far



The following are some personal responses about what people think about the bridge and how they use it



- They are from individuals and families
- Some are stories about an individual who has problems going up and down the steps
- Others are about giving other people help

Although I have no difficulty accessing the bridge on my walks I do encounter many people with mobility issues and those with pushchairs that struggle so I wholeheartedly give my support to have a bridge that can be used by all that want to.

We have used this bridge for years as a family, no longer have pushchairs but remember carrying them up and down. Anything that can be done to the bridge that encourages people to get out walking (or rolling!) can only be good.

I can manage the steps going up, but find them increasingly difficult to descend in the winter as they are often slippery. Also, one of our dogs doesn't like going up or down them.

I would use the bridge regularly for walking along the river, as I live in Old Town, but I can't because I usually have my baby with me and I can't manage the buggy on my own.

My husband is disabled and has a mobility scooter and it would be lovely if we could both walk around the river and back to the theatre!

I would use it much more if I could get my bike across, also I would like to be able to take my friend across in her wheelchair

I feel it may be difficult to adapt the bridge for easy access for cyclists/disabled users without changing it out of recognition.

The bridge provides a very nice 'loop' walk for visitors as well and gives a good impression of SOA.

It would be really great if the bridge could be fully accessible. It makes a great loop from town. Also I see so many people struggle with pushchairs or children's bikes

No issues with bridge for me

In this day and age of equal opportunities surely the bridge at Lucy's Mill does not currently fit the demands of our community. It's very difficult and impossible for disabled people, mothers with prams and pushchairs, recreational and commuter cyclists to use. At busy holiday times and weekends a user friendly alternative bridge at Lucy's Mill to the main Tramway/Clopton bridges would help relieve excessive pedestrian congestion that regularly occurs.

I don't take my family on the bridge as they have mobility issues and can't manage the steps. I have fallen on the steps trying to manoeuvre my bike over the bridge.

It would be better if it had better steps and a ram. But keep it where it is.

Carrying my bike up the narrow steps can be rather painful and feels quite dangerous on occasion.

Stunning location, needs to be more accessible for everyone to use. some lighting and gentle ramped access would be amazing. This bridge needs to service the whole community with its varied needs, whether wheelchair users, less physically able and young families with children. Currently the steps make this amazing location totally inaccessible to these groups.

I struggle to carry my bike up and down the steps.

Would love to use it more but it is impossible for me to get myself, my toddler and our buggy over it without help. It has stopped my friend that lives in Old Town Mews from meeting in the rec or places like Waitrose. We always have to meet in town. .

A segregated cycle path running over Severn Meadows bridge and reducing the speed limit down to 30mph would also be a good option for cyclists. The path leading down to the bridge is very narrow and sometimes too busy to cycle safely.

This campaign is a waste of time - there are much more important issues than this which should be sorted first.

I use the bridge almost daily and very regularly have to help people with bicycles, pushchairs or wheelchairs. It is essential this important crossing is made accessible to all.

I also wish my grandchildren could get across there with their bikes

It's astonishing that the bridge has not been upgraded/replaced already. It has long been clear that it is totally inappropriate and means that a whole group of people have their access to the Rec restricted. It serves no historic importance, it's not remotely attractive and is simply not suitable. It should be taken down and replaced with a bridge that allows everyone to access the Rec from that end.

These are just some of the responses from the 250+ completed surveys

We will publish the positive and the negative comments and thoughts

Please do have your say – either today at our Open Afternoon or by using the survey – or you can e-mail us, use our social media - or why not talk to your Town Councillor

Thank you to everyone who has contributed!