

Station Road to D94

A question was raised about the route from Station Road, Great Dalby (SK7266 1409) NE to meet D94 after crossing the road by March House. This used to run all the way across to Dalby Road before the airfield was built.

There is a yellow post under the railway bridge but no other markings. Its official status was unclear as it is not apparently a footpath nor a County Road. Either way it is restricted by a few locked gates.

The route was diverted rather than stopped up by the construction of the airfield although this was only discovered relatively recently when looking amongst the old airfield orders. Consequently the route was "lost" for many years and has only recently been recognised again, it cropped up when various planning applications were put in for development on the airfield.

The waymark post by the railway bridge was probably put in by a rights of way contract a number of years ago when we did start to mark "other highways" that seemed to be well used especially by horse riders and were in need of some attention.

Unfortunately this route comes into the group that it is difficult to know what to do with - it is unfortunate that it is not already a byway on the Definitive Map. If it is claimed now it would be difficult if not impossible (because of the NERC Act) to show that it has vehicular rights and therefore would most likely be classified as a restricted byway or worse case scenario open up a can of worms that could not be closed amicably. In the meantime it is a legitimate public highway of unspecified classification.

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