

**WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981
SECTION 53**

East Riding of Yorkshire Council

**(Goodmanham Restricted Byway No. 7 and Market
Weighton Restricted Byway No. 12)
Definitive Map and Statement Modification Order 2019**

Ref: Planning Inspectorate ROW/3232280

Comment by East Yorkshire and Derwent Area Ramblers

1. Path Status

- 1.1 Although not recorded on East Riding of Yorkshire's Definitive Map as a public right of way, the dismantled rail track essentially developed de facto, reflected by usage.
- 1.2 It is known the public walked the dismantled line and some continued to Enthorpe Cutting.
- 1.3 The first notice along the line that indicates land may be private is at grid reference SE 89092 43748, approximately 350 yards north east of Wateringdike Lane.



2. History of Use by Ramblers

- 2.1 Over many years, Ramblers have organised circular walks from Market Weighton, often using the dismantled rail track to reach Goodmanham and Londesborough. I have been part of and also led Ramblers walking groups making use of the disputed path. In all cases the track was exited at Goodmanham Public Footpath No 1.
- 2.4 I have not encountered landowners, physical features or notices that would indicate the track should not be walked.

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3 Use by Public

- 3.1 During the course of Ramblers organised walks and personal recreational walks, occasionally members of the public have been met walking in either direction, often with a dog. Cyclists were not often seen and horse riders never. At the Market Weighton end, because of encroaching shrubbery the track narrowed and would possibly prevent horses progressing to join The Yorkshire Wolds Way track.
- 3.2 A popular recreational route was to follow the dismantled rail track from Market Weighton to Goodmanham, go through the village and head south east, returning to Market Weighton on The Yorkshire Wolds/Hudson Way, another dismantled rail track, that is a right of way.
- 3.3 Anti - social behaviour has not been experienced or witnessed whilst using the track.

4. Conclusions

- 4.1 The path has been used by walking groups, plus the public of Goodmanham and Market Weighton over decades without interruption, until being closed off by erection of two large closed fences in August 2017.
- 4.2 There have been no expressed or implied indications along the route that would suggest the public should not walk it.
- 4.2 East Yorkshire and Derwent Ramblers Association supported the making of this order and would support the request for it to be confirmed.

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For East Yorkshire and Derwent Area Ramblers

28th May 2020