

**Definitive Map of Rights of Way for Leicestershire  
Register of Definitive Map Modification Order Applications**

Short Description: Proposed addition of a public footpath along a section of village track connecting Footpath A74 with Footpath A75 (Part of the Leicestershire Round)			
Application No.:	<b>M1051</b>	Legal Services Ref. No.:	<b>COMHS/NA</b>
Application Status:	<b>Application received</b>		

Geographical Location			
Path No:	<b>A112</b>	Route name (if known):	<b>Top House Lane</b>
Settlement:	<b>Thorpe Langton</b>		
Parish:	<b>Thorpe Langton</b>		
District/Borough:	<b>Harborough</b>		
Nearest Town/City:	<b>Market Harborough</b>		
Nearest Postcode:	<b>LE16 7TS</b>		
Start Location:			
Start Grid Refs:	Landranger:	<b>SP 739 924</b>	Eastings,Northings: <b>47390 29247</b>
End Location:			
End Grid Refs:	Landranger:	<b>SP 738 923</b>	Eastings,Northings: <b>47387 29232</b>

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Application Stage(s): • Application received			

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\* Note the **Determination Date** is the occasion on which Leicestershire County Council formally decided whether or not to make an order in response to this application.



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## **PROTECTING FOOTPATHS SINCE 1887**

**Travel Choice & Access Team,  
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**26<sup>th</sup> November, 2015.**

Dear Sir,

### **Section 53 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act, 1981**

**I submit a claim for a for an alleged footpath to be made a definitive Right of way at Thorpe Langton under the above Act. This is in respect of part of a small lane at Thorpe Langton, marked in red on the attached map. The claimed path is part of the Leicestershire Round, a recreational footpath Around the County of Leicestershire.**

**The Leicestershire Round was devised by members of the Leicestershire Footpath Association to celebrate the Association's centenary in 1987. It was originally described in three booklets and the path being claimed is described in the original guide for section 1. (See copy of guide attached to statement made by Ken Brockway) On page 18 of the guide a map shows the route using a track to point "A". The text states "From Thorpe Langton church the path goes beside the north wall of the churchyard. A small hand gate leads into a field and a second gate straight ahead leads you into a green lane (by a farmhouse with the date 1823 marked into the brick patterning). Turn left here and follow the green lane to a gate which leads into an open field(A)". On page 24 the guide states copyright Leicestershire Footpath Association 1981.**

The current single book guide was published in 1996 and re-printed 2013. It sells at a rate of in excess of 250 copies each year. This describes the route as "From Thorpe Langton church follow the walled green path which leads into an open field and continue to the red brick farm ahead, dated 1823 in brick patterning. Turn left here and follow the green lane into the open field ahead".

The route is also identified by red diamonds on Ordnance Survey maps 1:50,000 and by green diamonds on Ordnance Survey 1:25,000.

The route is maintained and waymarked by Leicestershire County Council.

A land registry search has indicated that the track does not form part of the land associated with North View (LT375019). Parcels in Title 287239 which abut the track, exclude the track. A planning application 15/00681/FUL for the building on the east of the track showed the applicant having ownership of the fields to the east but excluded the track. We have been unable to determine ownership of the track and therefore conclude that the track was not awarded to private ownership in the Thorpe Langton Enclosure.

The late Mr. James Mason completed a form before his death and from his effects an undated press clipping, reporting his completion of the whole route at the age of 53 which sets the date of the walk as 1982 plus or minus a year. This press cutting is attached to his statement.

The Association offers a badge to those who complete the whole route and while this is self-certificated it will not recall all who walk this section or the whole route. Our records go back to 2006 since when we have supplied on average 24 badges each year.

I now enclose the following in support of the application:-

- 1) Ten user statements, Mr. Ken Brockway, Mr. Clive Fennell, Mr. James Mason (now deceased), Mr. David Rogers, Mr. Brian Jenkinson, Mrs Heather MacDermid, Mr. Martin Wadd, Mr. Edward Spence, Mr. Charles Barker, Mr. David John Smith
- 2) Land Registry search including plans.
- 3) Withdrawn Planning Application.
- 4) Photo copy of The Leicester Mercury country walks – 26<sup>th</sup> May, 1997.

  
Brian Jenkinson (Honorary Secretary to Leicestershire Footpath Association)

# Extract From The Definitive Map of Public Rights of Way for Leicestershire

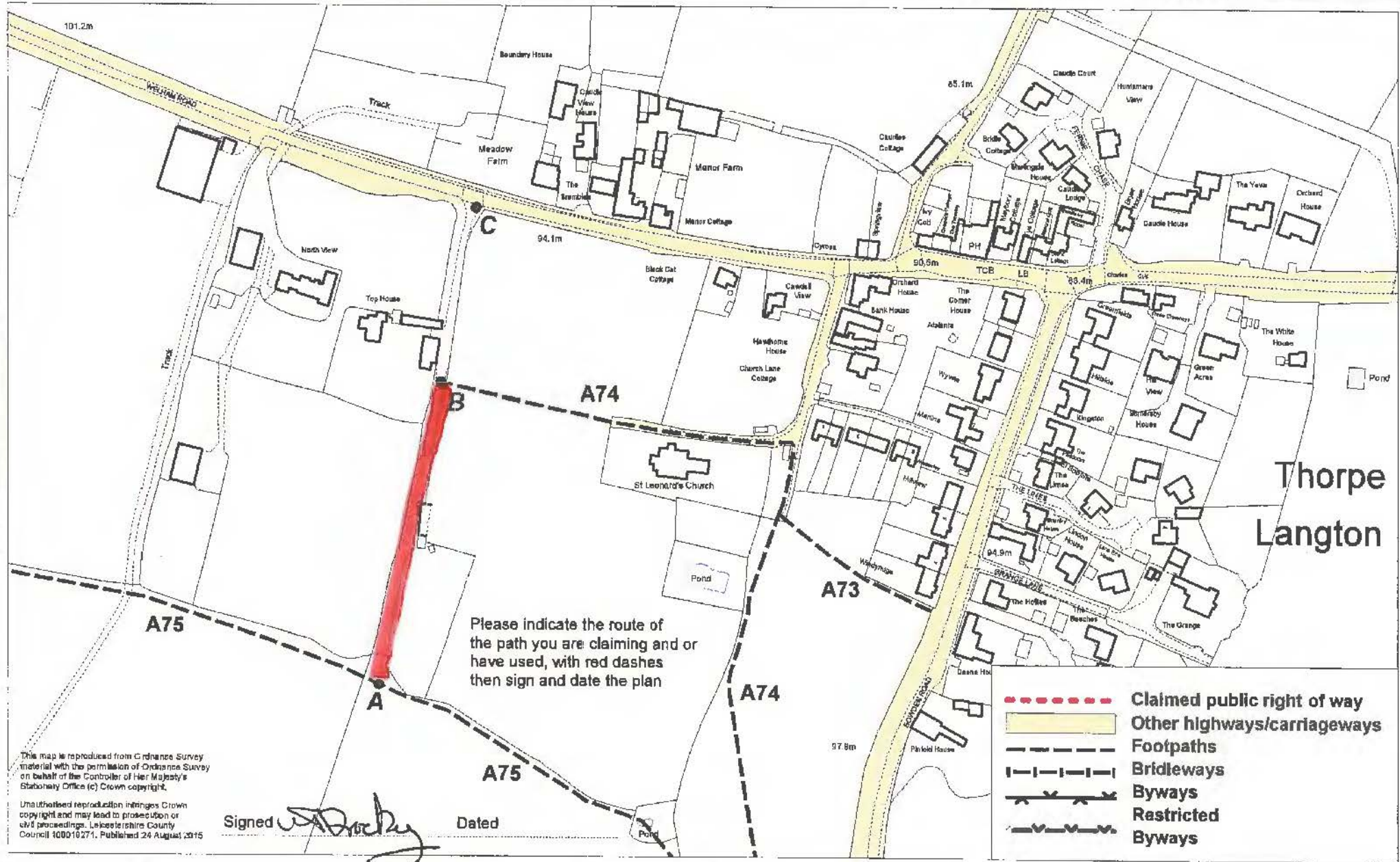
## Leicestershire Round at Thorpe Langton. Claimed Public Right of Way

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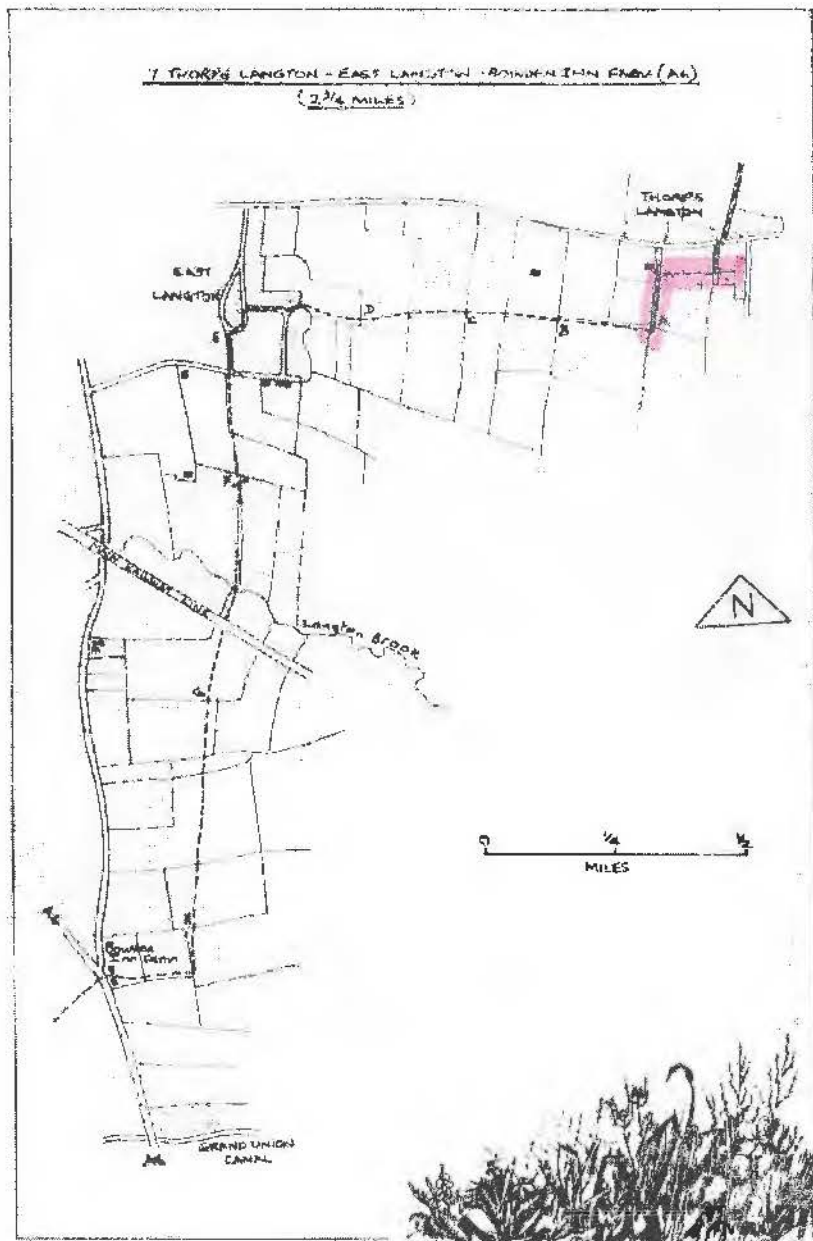
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Please indicate the route of the path you are claiming and or have used, with red dashes then sign and date the plan

Signed *[Signature]*  
Dated

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## 7. Thorpe Langton—East Langton—Bowden Inn Farm (A.6)

approx. 2 3/4 miles

From Thorpe Langton church the path goes beside the north wall of the churchyard. A small hand gate leads into a field and a second gate straight ahead leads you into a green lane (by a farmhouse with the date 1828 marked into the brick patterning). Turn left here and follow the green lane to a gate which leads into an open field (A).

After about 20 yards, go through a hand gate in the hedge on your right. You should now have a hedge in your right and open views to your left over the wide Welland Valley. The route to East Langton is now almost due west.

The next gate leads you into a field with a farm on your right and an old hedge on your left (B). The next field has no hedge to guide you but it is only a short distance across, moving slightly uphill to your right, to the fence which will bring you into the next field with a hedge on your left again (C). The path runs about 10 yards away from the hedge and over the fence into the next field. The left hand hedge is now some way from the path, so that you have to walk diagonally across the field towards the left to reach the corner of the field, where there is a gate (D). Still keeping the hedge on your left, follow a slight track which leads you away from the left hand corner of the field to a corner a little to the right of it. Cross the fence here into a lane which goes left into East Langton.

From this lane, turn right, slightly uphill, into the village. Turn left at the first T-junction and follow the road down to another T-junction (E). Here, if you look right, you can see the imposing building of East Langton Grange. Your route, however, does not pass it but turns left, downhill to another road junction.

Cross the stile in the hedge on the far side of the road. Your route now continues in a southerly direction for about a mile and a half. In the first field the hedge will be on your right. Cross the fence and ditch into a large L-shaped field and make for a point to the right of a small barn, where you need to cross another ditch and fence. Now keep close to the hedge on your left. Notice a strange monument on the line of the path, inscribed 'LOTTERY Feb 21st 1886.' (F).

At the end of this field is an impressive new bridge over Langton Brook. Cross into the next small field, follow the hedge on your right and make for the railway line (the main Leicester—St. Pancras route) and continue in the same direction as the hedge on your right. When this ends, continue across the field, making for a gap between two large, isolated ash trees (G).

In the next field, keep the hedge on your left. Ahead of you, on the skyline is the tall chimney of a factory on the Market Harborough canal bank. Walk towards it through the next four fields. The first gate takes you into a rough area, recently planted as a copse, with a cartbridge over the stream, leading into a big, open field with a gate at the other end. The next field has a gap which brings you into a field close to a hedge on your right (H).

Follow this hedge and then turn right to Bowden Inn Farm. Go straight across this field, and at the end join a farm track which leads to the main road.

You will now have to cross the A.6. Do be careful.

From the guide book

The Leicestershire Road <sup>18</sup>

Section 1

<sup>19</sup> Burrough Hill to Foxton Locks.



Maps by courtesy of Leics County Council

Our thanks go to the Leics. County Council's Department of Planning and Transportation for their support, advice and encouragement at every stage of the work.

## The Country Code

### Guard against all risk of fire

Plantations, woodlands and heaths are highly inflammable. every year, acres burn because of casually dropped matches, cigarette ends or pipe ash.

### Fasten all gates

Even if you find gates open, fasten them behind you. Animals can't be told to stay where they're put. A gate left open invites them to wander, a danger to themselves, to crops and to traffic.

### Keep dogs under proper control

Farmers have good reason to regard visiting dogs as pests; in the country a civilised town dog can become a savage. Keep your dog on a lead wherever there is livestock about, also on country roads.

### Keep to the paths across farm land

Crops can be ruined by people's feet. Remember that grass is a valuable crop; too, sometimes the only one on the farm. Flattened corn or hay is very difficult to harvest.

### Avoid damaging fences, hedges and walls

They are expensive items in the farm's economy; repairs are costly and use scarce labour. Keep to recognised routes, using gates and stiles.

### Leave no litter

All litter is unsightly and some is dangerous as well. Take litter home for disposal; in the country it costs a lot to collect it.

### Safeguard water supplies

Your chosen walk may well cross a catchment area for the water supply of millions. Avoid polluting it in any way. Never interfere with cattle troughs.

### Protect wild life, wild plants and trees

Wild life is best observed, not collected. To pick or uproot flowers, carve trees and rocks, or destroy wild animals and birds, destroys other people's pleasure as well.

### Go carefully on country roads

Country roads have special dangers; blind corners, high banks and hedges, slow-moving tractors and farm machinery or animals. Motorists should reduce their speed and take extra care; walkers should keep to the right, facing oncoming traffic.

### Respect the life of the countryside

Set a good example and try to fit in with the life and work of the countryside. This way good relations are preserved, and those who follow are not regarded as enemies.

## Obstructions

If you find your right of way obstructed (by barbed wire, by aggressive bulls in fields, by misleading notices, by landowners or their agents, by locked gates or broken bridges and stiles) please report details to the secretary of the LFA, who will take the necessary action. The name of the secretary is available from the Information Bureau, Bishop Street, Leicester. Tel. 656699.