

**Route Summary Report
Moscar Cross Road
March 2018**



Description

Byway commencing at road at Rod Side at Moscar Heights, heading generally west then south west, then heading generally north and west to Sugworth Road. Regular maintenance scheduled by Sheffield City Council.

Legal Status: Byway Open to All Traffic
County: Sheffield
Grid Reference: SK 2416 8840 to 2252 8857
Length: 1850 metres

Nearest Other Byways / Non-classified Highways / Claimed Byways

Links to Stake Hill Road (BOAT)

Sustainability Analysis

Undertaken in 2013

Physical - Does the route show serious signs of physical damage resulting from usage?

Score: 3 (4 or more user groups would find the route hard to use)

Conservation - Is the route subject to any protective designation (for heritage or wildlife)?

Score: 2 (the route abuts a SSSI, SAC, SPA and Natural Zone)

Complaints - Have there been any complaints about vehicular use conflicting with other uses?

Comment: Concerns raised by various bodies but in particular local people and the parish council

Score: 2(yes from localised sources or individuals)

Character - Is the character of the route being damaged by vehicular use?

Score: 2 (the highway is affected)

Conflict - Is the free passage of non-motorised users being prejudiced?

Score: 1 (minor/no issues regarding the width, visibility, slope and speed of use by vehicles)

Total Score = 10/15

Levels of Vehicular Use

Friday 7 October 2016 – Thursday 10 November 2016 (35 days)

Daily totals	Large Vehicles	Motorcycles only
Mondays	1	0
Tuesdays	3	0
Wednesdays	0	3
Thursdays	0	2
Fridays	2	3
Saturdays	1	3
Sundays	6	12
Mon-Fri total	6	8
Sat-Sunday total	7	15
Overall total	13	23
Average per day	0.37	0.65

Conservation interest

Ecology – Part of the route abuts a Site of Special Scientific Interest, a Special Area of Conservation, a Special Protection Area and Natural Zone.

Landscape – Moscar Cross Road lies within the Eastern Moors landscape character area – a sparsely settled area of gritstone uplands...a continuation of the Dark Peak uplands but...with a narrower moorland top...and a greater proportion of enclosed moorland. This is an elevated landscape which drops away to the Derwent Valley to the west. Edges are a characteristic of the area. There were many (traditional routes) and they were used for cross-Pennine trade.

Peak District Local Access Forum Comments

The Green Lanes Sub-group surveyed the route and met on 9 February 2017. The sub-group unanimously recommended that:

- Use of the lane by recreational vehicles should be logged annually
- A bi-annual inspection should be carried out by officers
- That it was very important that resources for managing the lane were maintained at their present levels.

Issues

People

- Disturbance to farm
- User conflict – recreational value for all users of the route and area

The Route

- Route nature – wide route in part
- Route condition – rutted; repaired annually

The Area

- SSSI, SAC, SPA, Natural Zone
- Impact on adjacent land and verges – deviation