



# Right of Way Investigation Evidence of Use Questionnaire

## Long-Distance Routes West of Dalwhinnie

Ben Alder level crossing, immediately south of Dalwhinnie station, is recorded as part of a public right of way, but its status is disputed by Network Rail. We are gathering additional evidence of public use of long-distance through routes in this area. If you have used the level crossing in this way, please help by completing this questionnaire and map.

*If you have used more than one long-distance through route to or from Dalwhinnie, please complete a separate questionnaire for each different route.*

### Completion Instructions

Either:

- Print out this questionnaire, complete with a pen.
- Download and print the map, mark your route with a pen.
- Send both the questionnaire and map to ScotWays.

Or:

- Download the questionnaire and complete with PDF software.
- Download the map and mark your route with PDF software.
- Email both questionnaire and map to ScotWays.
  - You can use route planning software to create a file of your route rather than using PDF software to draw a line on the map you downloaded.

### About You (required)

Name:								
Address:								
How long have you lived here?								
Email Address:								
Your age (optional):	under 18		18-30		31-60		over 60	
Date of completing this form:								
<b><i>The Highland Council has powers and duties in relation to public rights of way, so we may share the questionnaire results with them. Please tick this box if we can share your name and contact details.</i></b>								

Your personal data will be stored and used in accordance with our Privacy Policy solely for the purposes of our work with rights of way associated with the Ben Alder Level Crossing.

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## About The Route You Have Used

**A) On the map**, mark the line you normally use from start to finish. If you print the map, please mark the line in coloured pen. You can digitally draw onto the map, depending upon what software you have, or you can provide a GPX or KML file produced from your route planning software e.g. OS Maps.

**B) Answer** the following questions as fully as possible about the route you have mapped.

1) Year you first used it:  Year you last used it:

2) Is the route clearly defined and easy to follow? Yes  No

3) Have you used the route from end to end? Yes  No

4) Use of the route

(a) How have you used the route?	Tick all that apply	(b) How frequently have you used the route for each of these kinds of use? <i>Daily [D]; Weekly [W]; Monthly [M]; Less frequent [O]</i>	Insert D, W, M or O	(c) How have you seen other people* using the route?	Tick all that apply
Pedestrian	<input type="checkbox"/>	Pedestrian	<input type="checkbox"/>	Pedestrian	<input type="checkbox"/>
Horse	<input type="checkbox"/>	Horse	<input type="checkbox"/>	Horse	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bicycle	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bicycle	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bicycle	<input type="checkbox"/>
Motorised vehicle	<input type="checkbox"/>	Motorised vehicle	<input type="checkbox"/>	Motorised vehicle	<input type="checkbox"/>

*\*If you know of others who have used the route and may be willing to complete a questionnaire, please ask them to contact ScotWays.*

5) Other use (e.g. wheel-chair)

6) Why do you use the route (exercise, exploration, dog walking, access to a particular place etc.)?

7) Have you ever asked permission to use the route?

Yes

No

If so, who did you ask and what was the response?

8) Has the route ever been obstructed?

Yes

No

If so, in what way, when, for how long, and did you continue to use the route? Please provide the grid reference of the obstruction.

9) Has anybody ever stopped you using the route? Yes  No

If so, who stopped you and how? Did you continue to use the route after this?

10) Have you ever been required by your employment to use the route? Yes  No

(e.g. because you were a doctor, meter reader, or for delivering milk, post etc)?

11) Have you ever been employed by, or been a tenant of, the owner of the land over which the route passes? Tenant  Employee

If so, state the dates of any tenancy or employment:

12) Are you aware of any periods of disuse of this route? Yes  No

If so, please give details. How long was the route disused?

13) If the original route appears to have been diverted at any point(s), please provide details and mark the alternative route in a different colour on the map or provide a different GPX or KML file produced from your route planning software.

Please note any other information that you consider may be useful including other sources of information e.g. title deeds, maps, guide books, other old records.

Return your completed questionnaire and map to ScotWays by email: [dalwhinnie@scotways.com](mailto:dalwhinnie@scotways.com) or post:  
The Scottish Rights of Way and Access Society, 24 Annandale Street, Edinburgh EH7 4AN.

**Remember to be valid you MUST include a marked map or a digital route file.**

If the map and questionnaire is too large for your email system you can use [WeTransfer.com](https://www.wetransfer.com). If you use WeTransfer, please send your map and questionnaire together and send the link to:  
[dalwhinnie@scotways.com](mailto:dalwhinnie@scotways.com).

You can find out how to use [WeTransfer here](#).