



## Bengo Trails 5: Public Footpath 93 to North Road Meadow

Public Footpath 93, en route to Waterford Marsh, Goldings Estate, and beyond, will be familiar to residents who descend the steep steps from Church Road, or walk up from Wellington Street or Molewood Road. Some residents may join it from Footpath 74, the steep path off The Avenue.

This short trail, produced by the [Love Bengo Community Group](#), highlights what's being done, through the [Bengo Neighbourhood Area Plan](#), to help protect natural habitats, and prevent overdevelopment, along Public Footpath 93.

**Starts (and ends):** Bottom of the steps, Molewood Road, SG14 3AJ

**Distance:** 0.8m/1.2km

**Conditions:** Some unmade paths. Can be muddy in wet weather.

The steep steps down from Church Road have benefitted from seasonal leaf clearance by the Molewood Residents' Association (MRA), other residents, and local Councillors. The welcome installation of a handrail in late 2025 (courtesy of the Hertfordshire County Council Countryside and Rights of Way team and MRA) has made the descent safer.



With the steps on your right and the River Beane (a rare chalk stream) on your left, walk along Footpath 95. Passing the wooded area on your right, you'll reach the [Molewood Pumping Station](#), built in 1888 on the site of a former corn mill to supply water to the local area.

The Grade II Listed [Molewood House and Molewood Lodge](#) are on your left. Just after the pumping station, the bridge leading to Woodville Place is on the right and, to the left, Public Footpath 95 ends and Public Footpath 93, part of the [Hertfordshire Way](#), begins.



In 2025, the government's Planning Inspectorate determined that an area of Green Belt land (on the right, at the beginning of Footpath 93) met the National Planning Policy Framework criterion to be classed as [grey belt](#)<sup>i</sup>, reducing its protection from development.

In early 2026, the Love Bengoe Community Group objected to a [planning application](#)<sup>ii</sup> for development on the land because of the harms that construction could cause to natural habitats, and because development on that land would represent further encroachment on the natural areas along Footpath 93.



Passing under the railway bridge on Footpath 93, North Road Meadow<sup>iii</sup> is on your left. This lovely Green Belt meadow has [Local Green Space](#) designation through the [Bengoe Neighbourhood Area Plan](#). Residents chose it for additional protection to help prevent further Green Belt encroachment along Public Footpath 93. In the Plan, the area is described as 'a wildlife haven'.



The North Road Meadow photograph, above left, and the Local Green Space designation map, above right, are both from the Bengoe Neighbourhood Area Plan.

Retrace the route back to the steps in Molewood Road, where this trail ends.

<sup>i</sup> Paragraph 155 of the National Planning Policy Framework

<sup>ii</sup> Planning decision pending in early 2026

<sup>iii</sup> Map indicating location of North Road Meadow and other locations produced using [openstreetmap.org](#)