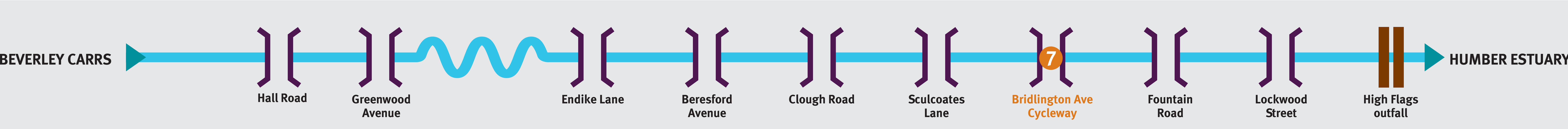


# Beverley & Barmston Drain: Bridlington Avenue Cycleway

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**Bridlington Avenue Cycleway**

Stepney Lane ends at a narrow rural-style arched brick bridge with low parapets. It is not a through route and only gives access to a private house and land originally used for agriculture, then allotments. It has never been widened, and probably shows the original design of the early bridges elsewhere along the drain that have since been upgraded for highway use.

The raised ground alongside the drain here used to carry the tracks of the Hull, Barnsley & Railway. Because it was built after the other railways, the line had to be elevated onto a high level to avoid the need for level crossings where roads and other rail tracks were already in existence.



It was one of the last large scale railway companies to be created in 19th century England. It was built at a cost of almost £6 million and was designed to break the monopoly of the North-Eastern Railway (NER) which connected the rival towns of Goole and Grimsby.

The line included a branch that delivered coal directly to Sculcoates power station and delivered passengers to a station on Cannon Street. The old Stepney Lane station building can still be seen next to Beverley Road.

In 1924 Cannon Street closed to passengers and in 1968 it closed completely, and the tracks were removed. The embankments are now overgrown and have become important green spaces and wildlife areas, while the station itself has been replaced by part of the Hull College campus.



I LOVE EATING WATER PLANTS BUT THERE ARE LOTS OF LOVELY FLOWERS ON THE BANKS AROUND HERE THAT I CAN'T REACH. I WONDER IF THEY ARE TASTY AND IF ANY OTHER CREATURES EAT THEM?

THEY DO, LOTS OF CATERPILLARS MUNCH ON LEAVES, WHILE BUTTERFLIES, BEES, MOTHS AND OTHER POLLINATORS DRINK THE NECTAR AND EAT THE POLLEN FROM THE FLOWERS.

**FACT** POLLINATING INSECTS NEED OUR HELP. PLANTING LOTS OF DIFFERENT FLOWERS, NOT CUTTING GRASS TOO OFTEN AND LEAVING A FEW WEEDS, CAN PROVIDE THE EXTRA FOOD THEY NEED.

**LOOK OUT FOR...**  
**Meadow grasshopper**  
In late spring and through summer this green/brown insect can be seen hopping through meadows, and heard calling – actually a noise made by rubbing its legs against its wings