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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: FOI/25/014340/F

I write in connection with your request for information dated 03/03/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I am seeking confirmation of whether a theft was reported to your force in November 2019 regarding a missing milepost that was previously located on the railway bridge in the Boars Head area of Standish in Wigan.

This object is currently on Historic England's National Heritage List for England (NHLE). It's listing page on their website is available here:

<https://historicengland.org.uk/listing/the-list/list-entry/1287165?section=comments-and-photos>

This request is being made to verify historical reporting of the theft for heritage record purposes. I do not require any personal details-only confirmation that a report exists and, if possible, a general reference (such as a crime number).

Result of Searches

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Greater Manchester Police (GMP) to locate the requested.

A search of our recording system for theft offences that occurred within the Standish and Langtree beat created in November 2019 where 'milepost' appears somewhere in the description field returned no records.