

# THE GREATER WIGSTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

## THE RAILWAY HOTEL



With the coming of the railways, many hotels and public houses were built and named as such. Wigston Magna was no exception and this one on Station Road stood alongside the level crossing before 'Spion Kop' bridge was built and the road straightened, to some extent by-passing the hotel. Since the demise of the local station the name has changed to that of the 1812 Brewery Co.

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### **1852 BREWERY COMPANY STATION ROAD WIGSTON MAGNA**

**Date:-** 18<sup>th</sup> May 2013

**Currently Occupied:-** YES

**Current Use:-** Business

**Description:-**

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Old Railway Hotel is an outstanding example of the mid 1800's design and construction. The building has novel facets such as the chimney flue being on the outside of the front section and internal on the rear section. The upper and lower bays to the left and only a lower bay to the right. It is located adjacent to the old section of Station Road that was bypassed when the new Spion Kop Bridge was built at the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.



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## **Age:-**

Built to support the Midland Railway circa 1860.

## **Architectural:-**

Architecturally intact and an excellent example of the building design and structures of that era.

## **Part of Collective Group:-**

No

## **Historical:-**

This building and the original rusting gas lamp standard make this an important historical fixture in Wigston Magna.

## **Rarity:-**

This was one of the many Railway Hotels but sadly most have been pulled down. This example in Wigston Magna is one of the few left in good condition and should be retained.

## **Social or Communal Value:-**

An excellent example of commerce that was attached to the development of the railways and should be retained for education / social development.

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Other information:-

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