

Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981

Public Right of Way User Evidence Form



Applicant's contact details *[applicant please insert]*:

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This form should be completed and **returned to the applicant** so that it can be submitted with an application seeking a change to the Definitive Map of Public Rights of Way.

This form is only intended to provide preliminary evidence about the claim. When the County Council commence detailed research into the application, an officer from the County Council may contact you to seek further information.

NB: The object of this enquiry is to reach the truth of the matter, whatever it may be. You are therefore asked to answer the questions as fully as possible and not keep back any information, whether for or against the public claim. This is important if this information is to be of real value in establishing the status of the way. The information given may be examined at a Public Inquiry.

Data Protection Act and evidence collection: *This evidence form and the details contained therein will be considered by Oxfordshire County Council to establish whether a right of way exists and will be disseminated widely for these purposes and made available to the public.*

Your name and address

Surname: (Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms/Dr/Prof/Rev)

Forenames:

Address:

Postcode:

Email:

Phone No.



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Please answer all questions. If necessary, continue your answers on a separate sheet.

PATH DETAILS:

Description of path:

From:.....

To:.....

[please indicate route **clearly** and **precisely** on the attached map. If this is missing please ask the applicant for it]

1. Have you used the above way?

- No
- Yes

a. During which years? From: To:.....

b. How did you use it? Please tick any that apply:

- On foot
- On horseback
- By bicycle
- By car
- Other (please specify:)

c. How often did you use it?

This may have varied over the years – tick any that apply and **give approximate dates**. If usage is different for different types (for instance, more often on foot than on horse) please give some indication of this

Dates From / To

- Every day
- 2-3 times a week
- Once a week
- 2-3 times a month
- Once a month
- Every few months
- Once a year
- Every 2-3 years
- Other (please specify:)

d. Where were you going to and from?.....

e. For what purpose? [e.g. pleasure, business, work]
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f. Have you seen other people using it on foot, bicycle, or horse or with vehicles? Please give details.....

2. Has the way always followed the same course?

- No
- Yes

If no – how and when was the way altered?

3. Approximately how wide is the way (please note this may differ from the visible worn track)?

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4. Have there to your knowledge ever been on the way any:

- Stiles? [state location]
- Gates? [state location and whether locked]
- Other obstructions? [state nature and location]:.....

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[Please also mark the location of the above features on your map]

5. Have you ever seen notices on the way?

- No
- Yes

If yes – state when and give details, and mark their location on the map provided

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6. Do you know who owns the land crossed by the way?.....

7. Were you working for any owner or occupier of land crossed by the way at the time when you used it, or were you then a tenant of any such owner?

- No
- Yes

If yes – a. Give particulars and date:

b. Say whether the owner or occupier ever gave you instructions as to the use of the way by the public and, if so, what the instructions were

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8. Have you ever been given permission to use the way?

- No
- Yes

If yes – From whom?:

When?

9. Have you ever been stopped or turned back when using the way, or do you know of anyone else having been prevented from using it?

- No
- Yes

b. Were you ever told by an owner or tenant of the land crossed by the way, or by anyone in their employment, that it was not public?

- No
- Yes

c. Do you believe the owner or occupier was aware the public was using the way?

- No
- Yes

If yes to any of the above questions, please give dates and details.....
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10. Have you ever had a private right of way along the route in question?

- No
- Yes

11. Please give any further information which you consider would be helpful in reaching a decision as to whether or not a modification order should be made. [Continue on a separate sheet if necessary]

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12. Would you be willing to talk to a County Council officer about your knowledge of the route?

- No
- Yes

13. Would you be willing to attend a hearing, or public inquiry to give evidence if necessary?

- No
- Yes

DECLARATION

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I hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the facts that I have stated are true.

I confirm that my evidence relates to the path which I have shown on the attached map.

Signed: **Date:**

If you have any queries please contact: Definitive Map and Commons, Oxfordshire County Council, Signal Court, Old Station Way, Eynsham, OX29 4TL 01865 810808

