

PUBLIC WAY EVIDENCE FORM

IN SUPPORT OF AN APPLICATION TO ADD A ROUTE TO THE DEFINITIVE MAP OF PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY THIS FORM IS FOR USE BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO HAVE USED THE ROUTE

IMPORTANT NOTE

The object of this evidence form is to reach the truth of the matter, whatever it may be. It is therefore necessary for witnesses to **answer *all* the questions as fully as possible**, keeping back no information, whether for or against the **public** claim. This is of special importance if the information is to be of real value in forming an opinion upon the claim. Witnesses are asked to state, as freely and frankly as they can, everything they know, including the points that they think may be against the side they favour.

PLEASE NOTE: THIS FORM AS COMPLETED WILL BE ADDED TO A FILE WHICH WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION

NAME OF WITNESS.....

Address.....

.....Email.....

PARTICULARS OF CLAIMED ROUTE

Number of Route, if already shown on Definitive Map.....

Description of Claimed Route.....

(state where leading from and to).....

Please indicate type of route claimed by Footpath
crossing out the two descriptions which Bridleway
do not apply Restricted Byway

N.B. A PLAN MUST BE ATTACHED TO THIS FORM AND SIGNED AND DATED. PLEASE SHOW IN RED THE EXACT LINE OF THE ROUTE ON THIS PLAN WHICH SHOULD BE TO A SCALE NOT LESS THAN 1:25,000 (2 ½ inches to the mile)

1.(a)	During which years have you used the route; from _____ to _____
(b)	If your use of the route began as a child please state your age when you first started to use the route. years old
(c)	How have you used the route? *
	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"><div>On foot</div><div>From _____ to _____</div></div>
	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"><div>On horseback</div><div>From _____ to _____</div></div>
	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"><div>By pedal cycle</div><div>From _____ to _____</div></div>
	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"><div>With a vehicle (please specify)</div><div>From _____ to _____</div></div>
* <u>Delete those not applicable</u>	
2.	How many times each year on average?
	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"><div>(i) On foot _____</div><div>(ii) On horseback _____</div></div>
	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"><div>(iii) By pedal cycle _____</div><div>(iv) With a vehicle _____</div></div>
3.	<div style="display: flex;"><div style="flex: 1; border-right: 1px solid black; padding-right: 5px;">Where were you going to and from when you used the route?</div><div style="flex: 2; height: 100px;"></div></div>

<p>8.</p> <p>(a)</p> <p>(b)</p> <p>(c)</p>	<p>Have you ever <u>been given</u> permission to use the route from:</p> <p>an owner of the route</p> <p>an occupier of the route</p> <p>an employee of an owner/occupier of the route?</p>	<p>(a) Yes / No (Delete as appropriate) Give precise details</p> <p>(b) Yes / No (Delete as appropriate) Give precise details</p> <p>(c) Yes / No (Delete as appropriate) Give precise details</p>
<p>9.</p> <p>(a)</p> <p>(b)</p> <p>(c)</p>	<p>Have you ever <u>sought</u> permission to use the route from:</p> <p>an owner of the route</p> <p>an occupier of the route</p> <p>an employee of an owner/occupier of the route?</p>	<p>(a) Yes / No (Delete as appropriate) Give precise details</p> <p>(b) Yes / No (Delete as appropriate) Give precise details</p> <p>(c) Yes / No (Delete as appropriate) Give precise details</p>

10.	Has your use of the route ever been in the exercise of a <u>private right</u> , for instance:	
(a)	visiting someone who lived along the route	(a) Yes / No (Delete as appropriate) Give precise details
(b)	a right provided in the title information to your property e.g. to allow you to go to your own land or property	(b) Yes / No (Delete as appropriate) Give precise details
(c)	delivering goods	(c) Yes / No (Delete as appropriate) Give precise details
11.	<u>Obstructions</u> - Have you seen, or has there ever been to your knowledge	
(a)	any stiles or gates on the route?	(a) Yes / No (Delete as appropriate) Give details and position and mark on the Application Plan. If there were gates, state whether they were locked and how wide they were
(b)	any obstructions such as fences or hedges across the route?	(b) Yes / No (Delete as appropriate) Give details and position and mark on the Application Plan
(c)	any notices along the route such as 'Private', 'No Road', 'No thoroughfare' or 'Trespassers will be prosecuted'?	(c) Yes / No (Delete as appropriate) State where notices seen, what was said on them and mark them on the Application Plan

12.	Have you seen other people using the same route? <u>If yes, state whether they were on foot, horseback or with a non motorised vehicle.</u>	Yes / No (Delete as appropriate)
13.	Has the line of the route always been the same?	Yes / No (Delete as appropriate) Give precise details of changes, including dates
14.	To your knowledge, has any part of the route ever been ploughed or cultivated?	Yes / No (Delete as appropriate) Give precise details
15(a)	Is or was any part of the route enclosed between boundaries i.e. hedges, fences, ditches, walls?	a) Yes / No (Delete as appropriate) Give details, including maximum/minimum widths and dates
(b)	Is the whole of the width between these boundaries used by the public?	(b) Yes / No (Delete as appropriate)
(c)	Are there any bridges or other noteworthy features along the route? If yes, give details and position and mark them on the plan	(c) Yes / No (Delete as appropriate) Give details and mark position on the Application Plan
(d)	What type of surface does the route have in the main?	(d)
16.	Ownership - Do you know the name and address of the owner of the land over which the route runs? If so, give particulars	

17.	<u>Documentary Evidence</u> - Do you have any other information or documentary evidence e.g. Inclosure Awards, Tithe maps, Railway maps which you think will support the claim? If so, give precise details	
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"I believe that the facts stated in this witness statement are true".

Signature

Name of person who took this statement

if different from witness:

Date :

Please return forms to:

Georgia Hickland, Room 202, Legal Services, County Hall, Chichester, West Sussex PO19 1RQ

*****Please remember to sign the map this is very important**



