

**ECONOMY AND INFRASTRUCTURE DEPARTMENT**

**PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY EVIDENCE FORM [M.O.4]**

The purpose of this form is to help establish whether or not there is a public right of way over the route claimed and, if so, what kind of right of way it is. You are asked to answer the questions as fully as possible, holding back no information. This will enable the County Council to make an accurate decision. The information you give cannot be treated as confidential and may be shown to any person who asks to see it.

If the County Council proceeds with this claim, there may be a Public Inquiry, which would be held locally, e.g. in a Village Hall. Your evidence will be more valuable if you are prepared to attend an Inquiry and give evidence in person. The County Council will help you to give your evidence.

1. Full Name [Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms].....

2. Address.....

Date of Birth..... Tel No..... Alt Tel No.....

Email address.....

3. Description of Route [a full description is essential and where possible a sketch map of the path should be attached]

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4. Do you consider the above route to be a public right of way? YES/NO

If YES, for how many years .....Years

5. Do you regard it as:

- A public footpath [i.e. for walkers only]
- A public bridleway [i.e. for walkers, horse riders and cyclists]
- A public restricted byway [i.e. for walkers, horse riders, cyclists and Horse-drawn vehicles but NOT mechanically propelled vehicles]
- A byway open to all traffic [i.e. open to vehicles but mainly used by walkers and/or horse riders].

6. Have you used the above way? YES/NO

If YES,

(a) When did you first use it? Year.....

(b) When did you last use it? Year.....

(c) During this period have there been any years when you have not used it? YES/NO

If YES

(d) Which years were they and why? Years.....

Reason.....

(e) Do you still use the way YES/NO

7. How have you used that path?

On foot Year..... to .....

On horseback Year..... to .....

By bicycle Year..... to .....

With vehicles Year..... to .....

8. Where were you going to.....

and from .....

9. (a) Has the way always used the same route? YES/NO

(b) If it has been diverted, please give details and dates.....

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10. How often have you used the way throughout the period stated in question 6?

|               | Daily | Once Weekly | Once Monthly | Less than once Monthly |
|---------------|-------|-------------|--------------|------------------------|
| On foot       |       |             |              |                        |
| On horseback  |       |             |              |                        |
| By bicycle    |       |             |              |                        |
| With vehicles |       |             |              |                        |

If less than once monthly; how many times per year did you use the way?

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11. For what purpose did you use the way [e.g. for pleasure, to visit friends, to go shopping, etc.]

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12. Did you have permission to use the way? YES/NO

If YES, who gave you the permission and when? .....

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13. To your knowledge, have there ever been any stiles, gates, bridges or culverts, or any other structures which helped you to use the way?

YES/NO

If YES, please give details.....  
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14. Have you ever seen any signs or notices on the way?

YES/NO

If YES, where were they and what did they say?.....  
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Between which dates were they present? .....to.....

15. (a) During the period you used the way were you an owner or occupier of any land adjoining or crossed by the way, or were you an employee or relative of any such owner or occupier.

YES/NO

If YES, please give details.....  
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Did you consider the way to be PUBLIC / PRIVATE

(b) If you were an employee, did your employer ever give you instructions about the public's use of the way?

YES/NO

If YES, what were they?.....  
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16. Did anyone ever attempt to turn you back or say that you had no right to use the way?

YES/NO

If YES

(a) Please give details:.....  
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(b) Did this challenge stop you using the way?

YES/NO

17. Was there ever an obstruction to your use of the path (fence or locked gate)? YES/NO

If YES

(a) What was the obstruction, where was it and when was it there?

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(b) Did this challenge stop you using the way?

If YES, for how long.....

18. Do you know anyone else who has used the path? YES/NO

If YES, please give details.....

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19. Would you be willing to give evidence at a Public Local Enquiry? YES/NO

20. Do you have any other information about the Way which you think might be useful?

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I hereby confirm that to the best of my knowledge and belief the information stated in this form is true.

Signed..... Date.....

Thank you for your assistance.

When completed, please return to:

Mapping Manager  
Public Rights of Way Team  
Worcestershire County Council  
Countryside Centre  
Wildwood Drive  
Worcester  
WR5 2LG