



Calderdale Metropolitan Borough Council
Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 – Section 53 (3)
PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY USER EVIDENCE FORM

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 route. The information you give will eventually become public and may be used as evidence at a public inquiry.

This form should be completed by one person only and should relate to one route only. Please complete in black ink if possible.

Full Name: (Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms)

Address:

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Telephone: **Email:**

Age: **Occupation:**

Description of Claimed Route. Please include OS Grid References if known:

From:

To:

Please mark the route you have used on a map or sketch plan.

1. **Does the route have a name?** Yes No
 If Yes, please give the name:
2. **When did you first use the route?**
3. **Do you still use it?** Yes No
 If No, when did you stop using the route?

Why did you stop using the route?

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4. **Did you live at another address in the period during which you used the route?** Yes No
 If Yes, please give details and dates:

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5. By what means and between which years did you use the route?

- On foot between and
- On horseback between and
- By bicycle between and
- With a vehicle between and
- Other between and

(please specify):

6. How frequently did / do you use the route?

- | | Daily | Weekly | Monthly | Less than once a month
(please state how often) |
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| On foot | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| On horseback | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| By bicycle | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| With a vehicle | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

7. For what purpose did / do you use it?

- Recreation Going to work
- Shopping Going to school
- Visiting people who live on the route

(please give details):

Other (please give details):

8. How would you describe the route?

- Footpath (i.e. for pedestrians only)
- Bridleway (i.e. for pedestrians, horse riders and cyclists only)
- Byway open to all traffic (i.e. open to vehicles but *mainly* used by pedestrians and/or horse riders)
- Road (i.e. open to vehicles)
- Other (please specify):

9. How wide is the route in feet or metres?

10. Has the route always followed the same line? Yes No

If No, please give details & dates of any diversions or changes:

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11. On the claimed route have there ever been to your knowledge:

(a) Any stiles, gates or other obstructions? Yes No

If Yes, please give details of these. If gates, were they locked or unlocked?

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(b) Any signs or notices? Yes No

If Yes, please give details, for example; 'Public Footpath', 'Private', 'No Through Road', 'Trespassers will be prosecuted':

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Please mark the locations of any stiles, gates, or signs on a map or plan.

12. Has anyone ever challenged you when using the route?

Yes No

If yes, who was it? When did it happen and how often? What did you do?

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13. Have you ever asked for or been given permission to use the route?

Yes No

If Yes, who gave you permission?

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14. (a) Have you, or your family or friends, ever owned or rented any of the land or property crossed by or adjacent to the route?

Yes No

(b) Have you, or a member of your family ever kept a horse on any of the land or property crossed by or adjacent to the route?

Yes No

If you answered Yes to either question, please give details and dates:

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15. **Have you or a member of your family ever been employed by the owner or occupier of any land or property on the route?** Yes No

If Yes, please state who and give details and dates of employment:

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If Yes, did the owner or occupier ever give instructions as to the use of the route by the public? If so what were they?

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16. **To your knowledge has a local authority ever maintained or repaired the claimed route?** Yes No

If Yes, please give details:

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17. **Did you see other people using the route?** Yes No

If Yes, please give details, such as numbers of users, dates or time periods and whether these users were on foot, horseback, bicycle etc.

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18. **Please use the space below to provide any additional information that you think is relevant to the claim:**

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Please continue on an additional sheet if necessary.

DECLARATION

If necessary I am prepared to attend a hearing / public inquiry as a witness to the particulars I have detailed in this form.

Yes No

I certify that to the best of my knowledge the information I have given is true.

Signed Date

Please also sign and date the attached map or sketch plan.