

PLEASE NOTE:

- This form is designed to help establish whether or not the claimed route is a public right of way. It also provides evidence of how it is used e.g. on foot, on horseback, by vehicles etc.
- The evidence contained in your completed form will be used to assess whether a legal order should be made and confirmed and it is possible that your evidence will be scrutinised as part of a quasi-judicial process such as a public inquiry. It is therefore important that the form is completed to the highest level of accuracy possible.
- The information you give in this form will be processed in accordance with the Data Protection Act 2018 and the General Data Protection Regulation. It is held by the Public Rights of Way Team of Bath and North East Somerset Council for the purpose of processing your user evidence.
- The Authority has a statutory duty to process Definitive Map Modification Order applications and this is a public process. Consequently, the contents of your completed User Evidence Form will be available for public inspection.
- Objections to the disclosure of your personal data contained in your completed form should be sent in writing to Public Rights of Way Team, Bath and North East Somerset Council, Lewis House, Manvers Street, Bath, BA1 1JG.
- This form should be completed by one person only and should relate to only one route. If you need more space please continue on a separate sheet. Please use black ink.
- Forms should be accompanied by a map and the person completing the form should draw the route they have used on the map themselves.

Please return this form to the person who asked you to complete it, or send it to:

Public Rights of Way Team, Bath and North East Somerset Council,
Lewis House, Manvers Street, Bath, BA1 1JG.

If you need any help to complete this form please contact us on 01225 477650.

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1. **Name (Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms)**.....
 2. **Address:**
 -**Postcode:**
 - Telephone:** (work) (home)
 - Email:**

3. Please give a full description of the route you use (e.g. where you start from, where you go and where you finish), **mark it on a map and attach the map to this form**

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4. How have you used the route, and during which years?

(a) on foot	<input type="checkbox"/>	between _____ and _____
(b) on horseback	<input type="checkbox"/>	between _____ and _____
(c) on bicycle	<input type="checkbox"/>	between _____ and _____
(d) on horse-drawn vehicle	<input type="checkbox"/>	between _____ and _____
(e) with motorised vehicle	<input type="checkbox"/>	between _____ and _____

5. Were there any years during which you did not use the route at all? YES NO

If YES, which years and why? between _____ and _____

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

	daily	once a week	once a month
(a) on foot	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(b) on horseback	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(c) on bicycle	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(d) on horse-drawn vehicle	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(e) with motorised vehicle	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

If less than once a month, please specify how many times a year you use the route.

7. Did your frequency of use vary over time? YES NO

If YES, please describe how:

8. For what purpose do/did you use the route? e.g. for pleasure, going to work etc.

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9. Has the route always followed the line described above? YES NO

If NO, please describe how, when and why it changed.

10. How wide is the route? [feet][metres]

11. Has the route always been the same width? YES NO

If not, how wide did it used to be? [feet][metres]

12. When you have used the route were you:-
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|---|-----|--------------------------|----|--------------------------|
| (a) the owner | YES | <input type="checkbox"/> | NO | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (b) the tenant | YES | <input type="checkbox"/> | NO | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (c) an employee of the owner/tenant | YES | <input type="checkbox"/> | NO | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (d) a family member of any of the above | YES | <input type="checkbox"/> | NO | <input type="checkbox"/> |
- of the land over which the route runs?

13. Did you ever meet the landowner, their employees or family while you were using the route? YES NO
- If YES, what did they say?
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14. Have you ever been given permission to use the route? YES NO
- If YES, who gave you permission and when?
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15. Has anyone ever attempted to turn you back or said that you had no right to be on the route? YES NO
- If YES, please give details including when this happened.
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16. Have you ever seen any notices on or near the route either encouraging or discouraging your use of it? YES NO
- If YES (a) where were they?
- (b) what did they say?
- (c) when were they present? between _____ and _____

17. Have there ever been stiles, gates or bridges on the route? YES NO
- If YES (a) what were they?
- (b) when were they erected?
- (c) how long were they in place?
- (d) did they prevent or deter you from using the route? YES NO
- (e) if gates were present, were they ever locked? YES NO
- If YES, when and for how long?

Please mark the location of any notices, stiles, gates or bridges etc. on the attached map.

18. Has there ever been an obstruction to your use of the route? YES NO
- If YES (a) what was the obstruction?
- (b) when was it put there?
- (c) how long was it in place?
- (d) did it prevent or deter you from using the route? YES NO

Please mark the location of any obstructions on the attached map.

19. Do you have any other information about the route which might be useful?

20. If you wish to add any further details about the route which you cannot show on the attached map, please sketch them here.
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21. If necessary, would you be prepared to give evidence at a Public Inquiry in respect of the evidence you have given? YES NO
- If not, please briefly explain your reasons.

I confirm that to the best of my knowledge and belief the information I have given is true.

I also understand that the contents of this User Evidence Form will become publicly accessible if the matter is referred to the Planning Inspectorate and I consent to Bath and North East Somerset Council disclosing my evidence at that time.

Signature: Date:

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Recorded public footpath



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