

Staffordshire

County Council

PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY EVIDENCE FORM

Important Note

The object of this enquiry is simply to reach the truth of the matter, whatever it may be. Witnesses are therefore asked to answer the questions as fully as possible and not to keep back any information, whether for or against the public status claim. This is of particular importance if the information is to be of real value in establishing the status of the way.

Name of witness (*Mr/Mrs

(Block Capitals please)

Address

(Block Capitals please)

Telephone No

Date of Birth

(If retired, what was your previous occupation)

Please attach a map showing the claimed way marked in red, signed by yourself.

Guidance Notes on the completion of Public Rights of Way Evidence Forms

1. As far as possible **ONLY** the witness should complete the form, preferably in black ink. If another individual completes the form on their behalf they should indicate this at the end of the form.
2. Each witness should answer all questions fully with as much detail as possible.
3. Each witness should complete a separate form in respect of each claimed right of way about which she/he can give evidence.
4. A plan must be attached and **ONLY** the witness should clearly draw the route of the claimed right of way on the plan, and initial the plan at each end of the drawn route.
5. The route of the claimed right of way should be described as accurately as possible, giving details of such things as property and field boundaries, stiles, gates, bridges and stepping stones, etc.
6. Witnesses should indicate whether they are prepared to give evidence either in a court or at a public inquiry. (The evidential value of a statement is reduced if it cannot be subject to cross examination).
7. If a witness would be unable to give evidence at a hearing because of ill health, age, etc the person obtaining the statement should endorse the form accordingly, and be able to give evidence of the circumstances.
8. **Please note** The Freedom of Information Act 2000 provides a general right of access to all information held by Staffordshire County Council. The Environmental Information Regulations 2004 provide a similar right of access to environmental information held by the Council. This means that the information that you supply may be disclosed to any individual making the appropriate request

*Please delete as appropriate

This is an untermaced lane on Dulces Lane

Description of claimed way:- (include grid references if known)

From 'Blue Circle' bend to junction of Huddle

To corner of Dulces Lane (termaced to Dulces Lane)

Please mark clearly on the attached plan the route of the way you have used.

If you have only used part of the way please mark or indicate the part used.

Water houses FP 66

Please take time to answer the questions carefully and in full

Please do not use vague terms such as "often". Please provide dates

1. (a) Have you personally used the above way?

*YES/NO

(b) During which years have you used the way?

From 1993 To 2020

(c) Does the way have a popular name? Dulces Lane

(d) Did you only use part of the way?

*YES/NO

(e) Where were you going from/to?

home to main road and back

(f) For what purpose? (eg work, pleasure)

pleasure

(g) How many times a year? (eg daily, weekly, seasonal)

weekly

(h) By what means? (eg on foot, horseback, motor vehicle etc)

horse foot bicycle

(i) Is, or was, the way a short cut for you? No

(j) If so why?

(k) Do you still use the way? No

(l) If not why not? moved house

(n) How many years have you known of the existence of the way? 30 yrs

2. When using the path where did you live?

[Redacted]

If at different places please provide details and years.

3. (a) How wide is the way?

at least 15

*Feet/Metres

(b) Is it the same width throughout its length?

*YES/NO

If NO please state width

From To

*Feet/Metres wide

4. If you have ridden a horse on the way

(a) Where did you keep the horse?

at home

(b) Where did you start and finish your ride?

(c) Were you ever riding with a hunt when you used the way?

no

5. (a) When using the way did you ever see any other person driving motor or horse-drawn vehicles on the way?

*YES/NO

(b) If YES, how often and what type of vehicle were they using?

Car 4x4

(c) Have you ever driven, or been a passenger in, a motor or horse drawn vehicle on the way?

*YES/NO

(d) If YES to (c),

(i) How often was this?

(ii) What type of vehicle were you in?

(iii) For what purpose was it being used?

6. (a) Has the way always been on the same route?

*YES/NO

(b) If NO when was the way diverted?

(c) Why was the way diverted?

Please show details of the original route and the diversion on the plan.

(d) Is the way a clearly defined track or path which a stranger to the vicinity could follow?

(e) Have you always kept to the route of the way between the start and finish, or have you wandered from the route?

7. (a) Have there, to your knowledge, ever been any stiles on the way?

*YES/NO

(b) Have there, to your knowledge, ever been any gates on the way?

*YES/NO

(c) If YES, please mark on the attached plan the location of the stiles or gates.

(d) When were the gates or stiles erected or removed?

(d) If any gates on the way were ever locked please state, how often, and if known, by whom?

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8. (a) Excluding locked gates, have you ever known of any other obstructions to the way? *YES/NO
(b) If YES, state (i) what type of obstruction was this?
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(ii) When they were erected or removed? *NA*
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(c) Please state, if known, who erected the obstructions and show the approximate position of the obstructions on the attached plan.
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9. (a) Has your usage ever been hindered or prevented in any way? *YES/NO
(b) If so by whom or what?
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(c) Have you continued to use the way despite hindrances or obstructions
*YES/NO
(d) How did you do this? (ie diversion) *NA*
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(e) Is the hindrance or obstruction still in existence *YES/NO

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10. (a) Were you ever an owner or tenant of the land crossed by the way? *YES/NO
If YES, please give dates.
(b) If you were an owner or tenant did you acknowledge the route as a Public Right of Way? *YES/NO
If YES, please give dates.

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11. Was the land ever owned or tenanted by a relative of yours? *YES/NO
If so, what was their relationship to you?
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13. When you used the way were you working for any owner or tenant of the land adjoining or crossed by the way? *YES/NO
If YES (i) What was your employment?
(ii) Between what years were you employed?....From.....To.....
If you were employed by the owner/tenant
(i) Did you receive any instructions from the owner/tenant as to the use of the way by the public? *YES/NO
(ii) If so, what were your instructions?
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14 Did any relatives of yours ever work for an owner or tenant of land adjoining or crossed by the way? *YES/NO
If so, what was their relationship to you?

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15. (a) Have you ever been stopped or turned back when using the way? *YES/NO
(b) Do you know, or have you heard of, anyone else having been prevented from using the way? *YES/NO
(c) If YES to (a) or (b), please give details including dates.

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16. (a) Were you ever told by any owner or tenant of the land crossed by the way, or by anyone in their employment, that the way was not public? *YES/NO
(b) If YES, please state:
(i) Who told you?
(ii) When were you told?
(iii) What were you told?

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17. (a) Have you ever seen any deterrent notices such as "Private", "No Road", "No Thoroughfare" or "Trespassers will be Prosecuted", on or near the way? *YES/NO
(b) If YES please state what the notices said

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Please show their approximate position on the attached plan.

18. (a) Have you ever seen any notices such as "Public Path", or "footpath", or any other similar notice on or near the way? *YES/NO
(b) Have you ever seen any direction signs, finger posts or other indicators on or near the way? *YES/NO
(c) If YES to (a) or (b) please state what the notices said

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Please show their approximate position on the attached plan.

*Please delete as appropriate

(b) Have you ever asked permission to use the way? *YES/NO

(c) If YES, who gave you permission?

(d) When were you given permission?

(e) For what purpose were you given permission to use the way?

20. (a) Have you seen other people using the way? *YES/NO

(b) How were they using the way (ie foot, horse)? ..foot... horse...

..... bicycle car

(c) Were they accompanying you? If so, please give details. (ie companions, rambling club, family, etc)? ..Sometimes... Companions.....

(d) If they were not accompanying you, were these people known to you? ..yes

(e) How frequently did you see other people using the way? (ie daily, weekly, seasonal etc) weekly

(f) How many other people, approximately, did you see on these occasions?

..... One or two

(g) Please give any further details of other people's use of the way which you feel may be important

21. Have you ever been charged a monetary sum for using the path? *YES/NO

If so, by whom?

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22. (a) Do you have any documentary evidence about the way? *YES/NO

(b) If so, in what form is this? (ie maps, photos, etc please attach a copy if possible)

*Please delete as appropriate I Submitted application

(c) Would you be willing to make the original document available if necessary?

available in your archive

*YES/NO

23. (a) Do you consider the route to be historical?

*YES/NO

(b) If Yes what type of route is or was it? (eg bridleway, footpath etc)

road used as public path

(c) Are you aware of any evidence/documents to support this? (excluding OS Maps)

*YES/NO

(d) If Yes please give details of this evidence or documents

24. Do you know who owns the land?

*YES/NO

If YES please can you provide names and contact details

25. Do you know of any previous landowners?

*YES/NO

If YES please can you provide names and contact details

26. Are you prepared to be interviewed?

*YES/NO

If No please state reasons

If YES would you be prepared to be interviewed over the phone?

*YES/NO

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27. Would you be prepared to give evidence of your use of the way at a public inquiry or in a court of law, if necessary?

*YES/NO

*Please delete as appropriate

If No please state reasons.....
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28. Can you give any further information about the way (continue on a separate sheet of paper if necessary).

This lane is in the middle of Dulces lane,
both ends are terminated but this bit is not,
re. the bit in the middle

Please note that this form may be available to members of the public including affected owners or occupiers of the land crossed by the way.

I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the information I have given in this statement is

Signed:  Date: 10 / 9 / 2022

Person taking this statement (if applicable).....

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Click on a path marker to view path details (including Old Maps and Historic Research Record.) Marker Symbols: Basic Marker DMMO Applications submitted. Paths with good evidence .

Paths where a DMMO has been Confirmed , paths for which applications are not being proceeded with X

Hold Left Mouse Button to Grab and Move Map together with popups.

You may also zoom in and out using controls on map. Be patient when loading pages or zooming – wait for page data to be loaded.

