

**BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL  
PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY EVIDENCE FORM**

**SURNAME** ..... **TITLE** .....

**FIRST NAME** .....

**ADDRESS** .....

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**POST CODE** ..... **TELEPHONE NUMBER**.....

**DATE OF BIRTH** ..... **OCCUPATION** .....

**EMAIL ADDRESS** .....

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**DESCRIPTION OF PATH**

**FROM** ..... **GRID REFERENCE**.....

**TO** ..... **GRID REFERENCE**.....

**BELIEVED STATUS OF PATH** (eg Footpath).....

If necessary, continue your answers on an additional sheet of paper.

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**1 Have you used the above way?**

- If so:
- (a) During which years?
  - (b) Where were you going to and from?
  - (c) For what purpose?
  - (d) How many times per year?
  - (e) By what means? (e.g. on foot, on horseback?)

**2 Has the route always run over the same route? If not, give details and dates of any changes.**

**3 Have there to your knowledge ever been any stiles or gates on that way?**

**4 How wide is the way?**

**5 If you were working for any owner or occupier of land crossed by the way at the time when you used it, or were a tenant of any such owner, give particulars and dates.**

If not, write "No".

**6 If so, did you ever receive any instructions from him as to the use of the way by the public?**

If so what were they?

**7 Have you ever been stopped or turned back when using this way, or do you know or have heard of anyone else having been stopped or turned back?**

If so, state when the interruption took place and give particulars.

**8 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?**

If so, state when and give particulars and dates.

**9 Have you ever known any locked gates or other obstructions to the way?**

If so, state when and give particulars

**10 Have you ever seen notices such as "Private", "No Road", "No Thoroughfare" or "Trespassers will be Prosecuted" on or near the way?**

If so, what did the notices say?

**11 Are you a friend/acquaintance of the landowner and thus use the way with his/her implied consent?**

**12 Have you ever asked permission to use the way?**

**13 Please give any other information that you think is relevant.**

I am / am not *[delete as appropriate]* willing to attend a Hearing, Public Inquiry or Court to give evidence on this matter, if this should prove to be necessary.

I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief the facts that I have stated are true. I acknowledge this form may be copied to landowners or objectors.

**Signature..... Date.....**

**The Freedom of Information Act 2000 provides a general right of access to all information held by Buckinghamshire County Council and the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 give a similar right of access to environmental information held by this Council. This means that the information that you supply may be disclosed to any individual making the appropriate request.**

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**GUIDANCE NOTE ON THE COMPLETION OF PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY**  
**EVIDENCE FORMS**

1. Forms may be photocopied as necessary.
2. As far as possible the witness should complete the form.
3. Each witness should complete a separate form.
4. A plan clearly showing the route of the claimed right of way must be attached to each form. Each witness must initial the plan at each end of the claimed route to confirm that this is the route that she/he has used.
5. The route of the claimed right of way should be described as accurately as possible, if possible giving details of such things as property boundaries, stiles, gates, bridges and stepping stones, etc.
6. The witnesses may be personally interviewed in connection with the information given in the form.
7. The details contained in the forms may be used as evidence in future proceedings and the witnesses should be prepared to support the information by giving verbal evidence, or by providing a statutory declaration at a later date, or other written confirmation of the details supplied, at any local public inquiry that may be held.
8. Witnesses should indicate whether they are prepared to give evidence either in a court or at a public inquiry. If a witness is unable/unwilling to give evidence in person, his/her statement will be taken into account, although the evidential value of a statement is considerably reduced if it cannot be subject to cross-examination.
9. If a witness would be unable to give evidence at an inquiry because of ill health, age, etc she/he should indicate this on the form.
10. The information given on this form may be copied to landowners or objectors and become available for public inspection.