

**User Evidence Form**

Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981

**Investigation into the status of the way:**

The City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council is the 'Highway Authority' and 'Surveying Authority' for the district and is concerned with all public rights of way within the area.

The Council is investigating a claim that public rights exist along the above way. People who may have some knowledge of this route are being asked complete this form in order to provide some information about its use and history. This evidence will be used by the Council to help determine if public rights exist or not.

If you have some knowledge of the way and are willing to give evidence as a witness please complete this form as fully and accurately as possible.

**IMPORTANT:** Please note that if the Council finds in favour of the claim, and an order is made to modify the definitive map, your personal details and the information you provide may be passed to affected landowners and other interested parties. Please be aware that any false information or evidence of collusion will invalidate your evidence and cause it to be discounted from our investigation.

**1. Witness's Details (1 person per form)**

Name

Date of Birth

Address

Occupation (or former occupation if retired)

Postcode

Telephone

Email

How long have you lived at the above address? \_\_\_ years.

How long have you lived in this area? \_\_\_ years.

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**PERSONAL DETAILS TO BE FILED SEPERATELY. MAY BE MADE PUBLIC IF A  
DEFINITIVE MAP MODIFICATION ORDER IS MADE.**

## 2. Description of the way

2 (a) Please draw the route of the way as accurately as possible with a dashed line on the map provided.



2 (b) Where does the way start?  
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2 (c) Where does the way end?  
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2 (d) Has the way followed a different route in the past? Please note even small differences in the route may be relevant.

Yes , No

If yes, please draw any past routes on the map with a dotted line.



2 (e) Does the way have a local name?

Yes , No

If yes, what is it?  
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## 3. Use of the way

3 (a) Have you used the way?

Yes , No

3 (b) For what purpose have you used the way? For example, pleasure, to get to school or work.  
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3 (c) By what means have you used the way?

on foot , on horseback , riding a pedal cycle , driving a motorised vehicle .

If you have used the way by different means, please give details.  
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3 (d) It is important to establish exactly how many years you have used the way. Please note statements like 'always' or 'since I was a child' cannot be taken into account when looking at the evidence.

What year did you first use the way? \_\_\_\_\_

What year did you last use the way? \_\_\_\_\_

Still using the way .

3 (e) Please give details of any period of years during which you did not use the way.  
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### 3. Use of the way continued...

3 (f) How often do you use the way, or how often did you use it when it was available?

Daily , \_\_\_ times a week, \_\_\_ times a month, \_\_\_ times a year.

3 (g) Have you **seen** other people use the way when you were using it?

Yes , No

If yes, by what means were they using it?

on foot , on horseback , riding a pedal cycle , driving a motorised vehicle .

If they were using the way by different means, please give details.

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3 (h) Has anyone ever told you the way was not public?

Yes , No

If yes, please give details; for example by whom and when.

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3 (i) Have you ever been stopped or turned back by anyone when you were using the way?

Yes , No

If yes, please give details; for example who stopped you and when?

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3 (j) Do you know of anyone who has been stopped or turned back when using the way?

Yes , No

If yes, please give details; for example who was stopped, who stopped them and when?

### 4. Furniture, Signs and Obstructions

4 (a) Have there ever been any stiles or gates on the way?

Stiles , gates , neither

If there have ever been any stiles or gates, please mark their position on the map. 

4 (b) If applicable, were gates ever locked?

Yes , No

If yes, when were they locked? Please say at what times the gates were locked, example at night or on certain days of the year, and between which dates.

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4 (c) Have there ever been any signs or notices on the way?

Yes , No

If yes, please mark their position on the map. 

What did the signs or notices say? (write on the line below)

**4. Furniture, etc continued...**

4 (d) Has there ever been any obstruction across the way, such as a fence?

Yes , No

If yes, how was it obstructed, between what dates and where along the way?

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4 (e) Has the way ever been maintained? For example has vegetation been cut back or the surface repaired.

Yes , No

If yes, by whom? What maintenance was undertaken?

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**5. Landowners, Tenants, Employees and Permissions**

5 (a) Were you ever the **landowner, tenant or occupier** of the land when you used the way?

Yes , No

If yes, please give details and dates.

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5 (b) Were you ever an **employee** of the landowner or tenant when you used the way?

Yes , No

If yes, between which dates were you an employee?

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5 (c) Have you ever been related to the landowner, tenant or any of anyone in their employment?

Yes , No

If yes, please state the nature of the relationship and any other details.

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5 (d) Do you know who the landowner is?

Yes , No

If yes, please give details.

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5 (e) Have you ever asked for permission to use the way?

Yes , No

If yes, who did you ask and when?

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5 (f) Have you been granted permission to use the way, even if you have not asked for it?

Yes , No

If yes, who gave you permission and when?

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