

EVIDENCE QUESTIONNAIRE IN SUPPORT OF REGISTRATION AS A NEW GREEN

(This Evidence Form based on that produced by the Open Spaces Society)

PLEASE NOTE:

- *The purpose of this form is to help establish whether or not there is a village green on the land claimed.. You are asked to complete the questions as fully and as accurately as possible, because the County Council will be able to make a more accurate decision if more information is available.*
- *The information you give in this form will **not** normally be treated as confidential. The form may be shown to any person who asks to see it, unless you state that you wish your identity to be kept confidential. User evidence is of much less value, however, if the identity of the user is kept confidential.*
- *If the County Council proceeds with the claim, but it is contested (e.g. by a landowner), there may be a Public Inquiry. Public Inquiries are usually held locally (i.e. in the Village Hall). If you are unable to attend a Public Inquiry your evidence may be given in writing, but user evidence is of much greater value if the witness attends in person and is prepared to answer questions on his or her evidence. It is for this reason that you are asked if you are prepared to attend such an Inquiry (see Question 39).*

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

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NAME			
ADDRESS			
POSTCODE		TEL NO.	

1.	Address when you used the land (The land in this form means 'the claimed land')		
2.	Address when you knew the land was used by the local inhabitants		
3a	Did you sign the reverse side of 'Map A' confirming it relates to this evidence provided by you? ('Map A' is the map showing the claimed land, and the claimed locality which use the land, which should accompany the form and which will subsequently accompany the application: see Form 30 part 3 and note 6.)		Yes / No
3b	Please confirm that you agree with the boundaries of the locality (or neighbourhood within a locality) on 'Map A' edged in (colour)		
4.	Please mark the location of you house of 'Map A' with an 'X'		
5.	By what name is the land shown on 'Map A' known?		
6.	Has it ever to your knowledge been known by any other name? If so, what name?		
7.	How many years have you known the land?	From..... To.....	
8.	Between which years did you use it?	From..... To..... Then from..... To.....	
9.	Do you consider yourself to be a local inhabitant in respect of the land?		
10.	During the time you have used the land, has the general pattern of use remained basically the same?		

11.	What recognisable facilities are available to the local inhabitants of you locality? <i>Please tick all boxes and add any OTHER additional matters not covered</i>	
	<input type="checkbox"/> SCHOOL CATCHMENT AREA <input type="checkbox"/> AREA POLICEMAN <input type="checkbox"/> LOCAL SCHOOL <input type="checkbox"/> RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION <input type="checkbox"/> DOCTOR'S SURGERY <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY CENTRE <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES	<input type="checkbox"/> LOCAL CHURCH OR PLACE OF WORSHIP <input type="checkbox"/> NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH <input type="checkbox"/> SPORTS FACILITY <input type="checkbox"/> SCOUT HUT <input type="checkbox"/> LOCAL SHOPS <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (Please state)
12.	To you knowledge are there any public paths (e.g. public footpaths or bridleways) crossing the land?	
13.	How do/did you gain access to the land?	
14.	Why did you go on to this piece of land?	
15.	How often did you use the land (apart from the public paths?)	
16.	How often do you use the land?	
17.	What activities did you take part in?	
18.	What activities do you take part in?	
19.	Does your immediate family use the land?	
19a	If so, what for?	
20.	Do you know of any community activities that take place or have taken place on the land?	
21.	Please list them and state when and for how long they have taken place	
22.	Do you participate in any of them?	YES / NO

23.	Do any organisations use the land for sports or pastimes? If so please specify																											
24.	Do any seasonal activities take place on the land?																											
25.	Please tick all the activities that you have seen taking place on the land.																											
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26.	Do you know who the owner of the land is?																											
27.	Do you know who the occupier of the land is?																											
28.	Are you his or her employee?																											
29.	Are you his or her tenant?																											
30.	Has the owner or occupier seen you on the land?																											
30a	What did he or she say?																											
31.	Was permission ever sought by you for activities on the land?																											
31a	If so, from whom?																											
32.	Did anyone ever give you permission to go onto the land?																											

32a	If yes, when and the reason?	
33.	Have you ever been prevented from using the land?	
33a	If yes, when and the reason?	
34.	Has any attempt ever been made by notice or fencing or by any other means to prevent or discourage the use being made of the land by the local inhabitants?	
34a	If yes, give examples	
35.	Do you have any photographs or any other evidence of use of the land by local inhabitants?	YES / NO
36.	Are you willing to lend them to us?	YES / NO
37.	Have you made a separate written statement? (If yes please attach it to this questionnaire)	YES / NO
38.	If you have knowledge of other who may be in a position to complete an evidence form, would you please write their names and addresses upon the reverse of this form.	YES / NO
39.	If necessary, would you be prepared to give evidence at a Public Inquiry in respect of the evidence you have given in this form? If not, please explain your reasons briefly.	YES / NO
40.	I have carried on the activities referred to in this questionnaire for years without anybody trying to stop me and I believe the activity should be treated by the law as having a lawful origin.	

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

I understand that the evidence form I have completed in relation to this application may become public knowledge and I authorise Northamptonshire County Council to disclose this form to anyone reasonably requiring access to this application.

I also understand that this evidence may be presented at Public Inquiry and I authorise Northamptonshire County Council to use this form for that purpose.

Signed

Dated.....