

**APPLICATION FORM
FOR A MODIFICATION TO THE DEFINITIVE MAP AND STATEMENT
Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981**

To: Countryside Records, Oxfordshire County Council, County Hall, Oxford OX1 1ND

I Hugh Smith

of (ii) [REDACTED]

hereby apply for an Order under Section 53(2) of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 modifying the Definitive Map and Statement for the area by (iii):-

(b) **Adding** the footpath open to all pedestrians that runs

from: Foot of Lincombe Lane Spur (SP490009)

to: Edge of concrete path running from Dark Lane to Blagrove Farm (SP448900)

and shown on the map annexed hereto

The approximate width of the route 1-3 metres

I attach copies of the following documentary evidence (including statements of witnesses) in support of this application: - (Please list documents and continue on a separate sheet if necessary)

(iv) A Sample Witness Statement, A Map of where the unofficial footpath runs.

Full details of all maps and witness statements are available using

the following Dropbox link: [REDACTED]

DISCLOSURE OF PERSONAL INFORMATION: Personal data is held in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998 and the General Data Protection Regulation and as described in the Council's Privacy Notice for Public Rights of Way, Commons and Town & Village Greens which is available on the Council's website. This application form and the details contained therein will be considered by Oxfordshire County Council as part of its statutory duty to establish whether a right of way exists and will be disseminated widely for these purposes and made available to the public.

Signed: [REDACTED]

Date: 28/12/2020

*Delete as appropriate

NOTES FOR GUIDANCE

1. TO THE APPLICANT

Schedule 14 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 sets out the procedure whereby applications may be made to the surveying authority (Oxfordshire County Council) for a modification to the Definitive Map and Statement of rights of way. A number of forms are involved, and it is important that you comply with the guidelines included to avoid invalidating the application.

2. APPLICATION FORM - FORM A

This form describes the modification that is being sought. You should read through the options and choose the most appropriate. Definitions of the types of right of way are given below. If (b) describes your proposed modification for example, you should cross through the other options and then complete (b) in full. An example is given below: -

- b) **Adding** the ~~footpath~~ / ~~bridleway~~ / ~~restricted byway~~ / ~~byway open to all traffic~~ that runs
from: Mill Lane (SP 2345 6789)
to: Church Lane (SP 2376 6745)

Definitions

Footpath A highway over which the public have a right on foot only, other than such a highway at the side of a public road.

Bridleway A highway over which the public have a right of way on foot and a right of way on horseback or leading a horse, with or without a right to drive animals of any description along the highway.

Restricted Byway A highway over which the public have a right of way on foot, on horseback or leading a horse and for vehicles other than mechanically propelled vehicles.

Byway Open to all Traffic A highway over which the public have a right of way for vehicular and all other kinds of traffic, but which is used mainly for the purpose for which footpaths and bridleways are so used.

Map

One of the most important requirements of this form is for a map with the route of the application marked **clearly** and **precisely**. The scale of the map should be not less than 1:25,000, although you are strongly advised to use a larger scale such as 1:10,000 or, ideally, 1:2,500. If you are submitting more than one application a separate map is required for each route.

Documentary Evidence

An application should be accompanied by **copies** of any documentary evidence (including statements of witnesses) that the applicant wishes to adduce in support of the application. Copies of documents should include certified photocopies (colour photocopies where the originals are coloured or the detail is unclear) or photographs. Exemption will be made where photocopying or photography is prohibited by the document custodian, but this should be confirmed in writing. The documents submitted in evidence should be listed, together with their sources and reference, on **FORM F**.

3. DETERMINATION OF APPLICATION

If the Council has not determined the application within 12 months of receipt of **FORM A** the applicant may refer the matter to the Secretary of State who, after consulting the Council, may direct the Council to determine the application within a specified period. Appeal may also be made to the Secretary of State and the Council within 28 days if the latter determines not to make an Order.