Applications for
Definitive Map Modification Orders
made under Section 53 of the
Wildlife & Countryside Act, 1981

WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE (DEFINITIVE MAPS AND STATEMENTS)
REGULATIONS 1993 S.I 1993, No 12

INFORMATION PACK
Completion of User Evidence Forms – Form E

1. The User Evidence Form (Form E) must be completed by the person who has used the route and one user evidence form should be completed for each person wishing to give evidence.

2. A plan showing the route used must be attached to each user evidence form (Form E) on a scale of not less than 1:25000. An inner plan on a larger scale of 1:2500 or 1:10,000 may also be attached to show the route used in more detail.

3. Each person must show on the plan the route they have described in the form and sign and date the plan, ensuring it is securely attached to the user evidence form (Form E).

4. The description of the route being claimed and or used must be clearly, and as far as possible, accurately described. If possible details of the property boundaries, stiles, gates, bridges etc need to be included.

5. Witnesses may be personally interviewed in connection with the information given in their user evidence form (Form E).

6. The evidence given in the user evidence forms (Form E) may be used at a public inquiry and you should be prepared to give verbal evidence at a local inquiry and or provide a statutory declaration if it is deemed necessary to do so.

7. Witnesses should indicate on the user evidence form (Form E) whether they are prepared to attend a public inquiry to give their evidence. It would be helpful if people could indicate on the form if they are unable to attend due to ill health.

8. The user evidence forms (Form E) submitted to the Surveying Authority (the Council) maybe photocopied and could be made available for public inspection by the public including objectors and supporters. It is therefore important that you indicate on the user evidence form (Form E), whether you are happy for that information to be released to third parties.

   Please attach a separate sheet with any other information that you consider would be helpful in reaching a decision as to whether or not a modification order should made.

What does a Definitive Map Modification Order Application do?
An application for a definitive map modification order should be used when one of the following is being applied for:

i) To register a route that is not legally recorded on the definitive map.
ii) To change the status of a legally recorded route from one status to another. e.g.: a footpath to a bridleway.
iii) To delete or remove a legally recorded right of way from the definitive map as it has never been a public right of way.

What is the process involved in applying for a definitive map modification order?

When an application is received for a definitive map modification order the Surveying Authority will check to see it is compliant with the Wildlife and Countryside Regulations 1993 and all the required information is included before it validates the application.

An investigation of the application is then carried out, which involves research of historical evidence, interviewing witnesses and consultation with interested parties.

Landowners will be contacted to see if they wish to submit any evidence regarding the claim.

Once the investigation has been completed and all the evidence obtained, a report containing the findings of the investigation will be presented to the Rights of Way Committee. The committee will hear the findings and the applicant(s) and objector(s) will be given an opportunity to speak. Upon the hearing of all the evidence, the committee will determine whether to make a definitive map modification order or not.

If the application is approved a definitive map modification order will be made. A notice will be published in the press and interested parties will be sent a copy of it. An objection period will be provided and if no objections are made then the order will be confirmed. If objections are made and not withdrawn then the Order will be referred to the Secretary of State to determine and a public inquiry might result.

If the application is refused, the applicant will have 28 days from receipt of the decision notice to appeal that decision to the Secretary of State.

If the application is not determined within 12 months from the date the application is valid, then the applicant can appeal to the Secretary of State to have the matter determined.

What needs to be shown to prove a public right of way exists?

The evidence gathered will be assessed under the statutory test in section 31 of the Highways Act 1980 and the common law test, and the following are some of things that will be used to assess whether a public right of way is in existence.
- The route has been used by the public
- The route has been used by the public for a long time
- The route has been used by the public (not individually) for 20 years or more or for a very long time
- The route has been used by the public as of right and without permission from the landowner
- That no signs are erected near or along the route to say ‘Private’ or ‘No Public Access’ etc

A landowner can successfully rebut a claim for the addition of a way if he/she can prove that either the way was used with his/her express permission only, or that he/she has prevented access to the way, or that he/she has erected notices to counter any suggestion that there had been intention to dedicate the way as a public right of way.

**What evidence shall I include with my application?**

1. Witness statements, affidavits and user evidence forms (at least 6) that support the route that is being claimed.

2. Letters from local people who use the route.

3. Extracts from historical accounts and local guide books.


5. Title deeds of the land to which the route runs across.

6. Enclosure and Tithe apportionments and maps.

7. Old maps and photographs.

8. Any legal document relating to the claimed route or providing evidence towards the route being claimed.

The above is not an exhaustive list but provides an example of the evidence required.

**If I am not happy with the way in which my application has been determined or the decision made what can I do?**

**Appeals against the Surveying Authority’s decision not to make an Order**

Where the authority has decided not to make an order, the applicant may, within 28 days after service on them of the notice of decision, appeal to the Secretary of State.

The applicant should give grounds for appeal, accompanied by copies of the application, a map showing the way, supporting documentation and the authority’s decision. A copy of the notice of appeal should be served on the surveying authority.
When the appeal is received, the Planning Inspectorate will ask the authority for a statement explaining their decision not to make the order. This statement will be sent to the applicant for comments. In light of the authority’s statement and the appellant's comments, the Secretary of State will re-examine the evidence. If they consider that an order should be made, they will give such directions as appear to them to be necessary. This could include a direction as to time in which the order should be made. The Secretary of State will also ask that the surveying authority to notify all landowners and occupiers to which the route crosses of the appeal.

**Appeals against the procedure used to make the decision**

If you are unhappy about the procedure used to determine the definitive map modification order application, then you can challenge the way in which that decision was arrived at through judicially reviewing the decision in the High Court.

The Planning Inspectorate  
Registry/Scanning  
3/05 Kite Wing  
Temple Quay House  
2 The Square  
Temple Quay  
Bristol  
BS1 6PN  
0117 372 6372  
enquiries@planning-inspectorate.gsi.gov.uk  
www.planning-inspectorate.gov.uk
NOTES FOR GUIDANCE
FORM A B C AND D

TO THE APPLICANT

1. FORMS B C AND D

1.1 These notes are for your guidance and help in applying to the Council for an Order modifying the Definitive Map of Public Rights of Way.

1.2 In order to comply with Paragraph 2 of Schedule 14 to the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 it is necessary for you, the applicant, to send a separate notice in FORM B (see Example 2) to every owner and occupier to which the application relates. This will require completing the location details of where the way you are applying for in your application to be given in full by crossing out the parts that do not relate to your application and completing the parts that do in the format shown below in FORM A at point 2.2. If you do not know the names and addresses of all the landowners and occupiers affected by the application you will need to make reasonable enquiries to try and find this information out and serve notice on them in FORM B. If after reasonable enquiry you still cannot identify the details of the owners and occupiers, you may inform the Strategic Director of Legal & Corporate Services, Gateshead Council, Civic Centre, Regent Street, Gateshead, NE8 1HH who if satisfied all reasonable enquiries have been made, direct you to post a notice FORM D (see Example 4) by affixing it to some conspicuous object or objects on the land and addressed to the ‘owner’ or ‘occupier’.

2.1 Once notice has been served on all the owners and occupiers you should complete the Certificate of Service of Notice of Application, FORM C (see example 3) by completing the list of names and addresses, sign and date the form, and return it to the address given at the bottom of FORM A.

2. FORM A

2.1.1 The date on FORM A (see Example 1) of your modification application form must be put on the form, together with your name and address and list of documents and evidence that you seek to rely on to prove your application.

2.2 On FORM A you will need to complete the section that relates to what your application is applying for, for example adding a footpath or bridleway and giving the location details of it and if possible the grid references. An example of a completed FORM A application is provided at Example 1. You will need to cross through the options you are not applying for and complete the application you are applying for in full. For example:-

Adding the footpath / bridleway / restricted byway / byway open to all traffic which runs from: Clarty Lane [SS 2345 6789]
  to: Cherry Tree Farm [SS 2376 6745]

2.1.2 The completed form should be signed and dated by the applicant and returned to the Council at the address stated at the bottom of Form A.

3. TO THE RECIPIENT/LANDOWNER OR OCCUPIER

3.1 If you should receive a Notice of Application for a Modification Order FORM B it means that someone is proposing a change to the public rights of way on land in which you may have an interest. The Council will contact you to discuss the proposal, but not immediately. If you have any queries relating to the application, please contact the Strategic Director of Legal & Corporate Services, Gateshead Council, Civic Centre, Regent Street, Gateshead, NE8 1HH.
FORM A

GATESHEAD COUNCIL
Application form for a modification to
the Definitive Map and Statement of Rights of Way
Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981

Gateshead Definitive Map of Public Rights of Way and Statement

We 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:-

(a) Deleting the footpath / bridleway / byway open to all traffic* which runs
from: ____________________________
to: ____________________________

(b) Adding the footpath / bridleway / byway open to all traffic* which runs
from: Long Bank, Gateshead (Grid reference: NZ 23493)
to: Wally Lane, Gateshead (Grid reference: NZ 28123)

(c) Upgrading/downgrading to a footpath / bridleway / byway open to all traffic* the footpath / bridleway / byway open to all traffic which runs
from: ____________________________
to: ____________________________

(d) Altering / adding to the particulars relating to the footpath / bridleway / byway open to all traffic*
from: ____________________________
to: ____________________________

by providing that ____________________________

and shown on the map annexed hereto.

We attach copies of the following documentary evidence [including statements of witnesses] in support of this application:-

(ii) 6 user evidence forms; 05 Map from 1935, check for local guide books

Signed: Mr. A. Jones
Date: 20/1/2001

(i) Insert name of applicant(s)  (iii) Insert list of documents
(ii) Insert address of applicant(s)  * Delete as appropriate

Return to: Head of Legal & Corporate Services, Gateshead Council, Civic Centre, Regent Street, Gateshead, NE8 1HH
FORM B

GATESHEAD COUNCIL

Notice of application for a modification to
the Definitive Map and Statement of Rights of Way
Section 53(5) of, and schedule 14 to, the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981

Section A

Gateshead Rights of Way Definitive Map and Statement

To (i): Mr. J. Smith
Of (ii): Winders Cottage, Long Bank, Gateshead

Section B

Notice is hereby given that on the 20/6/2009
I/We (iii): Mr. A. Jones
Of (iv): Summer Cottage, Gateshead, NE3 3TF

have made an application to Gateshead Council that the Definitive Map and Statement for the
area be modified by *:

Section C

(a) Deleting the footpath / bridleway / byway open to all traffic which runs

from: ____________________________
to: ____________________________

(b) Adding the footpath / bridleway / byway open to all traffic which runs

Point A from: Long Bank, Gateshead (grid reference: NZ 23451)
to: Welleys Lane, Gateshead (grid reference: NZ 28123)

(c) Upgrading/downgrading to a footpath / bridleway / byway open to all traffic the

footpath / bridleway / byway open to all traffic which runs

from: ____________________________
to: ____________________________

(d) Varying the particulars relating to the footpath / bridleway / byway open to all traffic which runs

from: ____________________________
to: ____________________________
by providing that: ____________________________

Signed: ____________________________ Dated: 20/6/2009

(i) Insert name of landowner(s)  (ii) Insert address of landowner(s)  (iii) Insert your name(s)  (iv) Insert your address

* Delete as appropriate
FORM C

GATESHEAD COUNCIL
Certificate of service of notice of application for modification order
The Gateshead Definitive Map and Statement of Rights of Way
Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981

We (i) Mr A. Jones
of (ii) Summer Cottage, Gateshead, NE8 1TT

hereby certify that the requirements of paragraph 2 of Schedule 14 to the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 have been complied with in relation to the attached application.

Signed: A. Jones
Date: 20/6/2001

Return to: Head of Legal & Corporate Services, Gateshead Council, Civic Centre, Regent Street, Gateshead, NE8 1HH

NOTES FOR GUIDANCE

Please indicate all the owners that have been notified. If you have been unable to identify all owners and occupiers of any land to which the application relates.

Notice of Application Sent To:

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<td>Winter Cottage, Long Bank, Gateshead</td>
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(i) Insert name of applicant(s) (ii) Insert address of applicant(s)
NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A MODIFICATION  
TO THE GATESHEAD DEFINITIVE MAP AND  
STATEMENT OF RIGHTS OF WAY  

Section 53(5) of, and Schedule 14 to, the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981

To: THE OWNER OR OCCUPIER  
Of: LAND AT LONG BANK, GATESHEAD

HEREBY GIVE NOTICE THAT on the 20/6/07 Mr A. Jones made an application to the Head of Legal & Corporate Services, Gateshead Council, Civic Centre, Regent Street, Gateshead, NE8 1HH that the Definitive Map and Statement of Rights of Way for the area be modified by [deleting/upgrading/adding the [footpath] / [bridleway] / [byway open to all traffic] known as "Huddy Path" from Long Bank to Longley Lane.

Date: 20/7/2007

Signed: A. Jones

Please see attached plan.
GATESHEAD COUNCIL

PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE CHECKLIST
Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981

To: Head of Legal & Corporate Services, Gateshead Council, Civic Centre, Regent Street, Gateshead, NE8 1HH

CLAIMED ROUTE DETAILS

LOCATION (e.g. name of district, street, farm, etc): PICKERING, GATESHEAD

DESCRIPTION OF PATH [please indicate route on a map - 1:25000 and inner map to scale 1:2500 scale if possible]

FROM: LONG BANKS, GATESHEAD Grid ref. NZ 234 51

TO: WOLLEY LANE, GATESHEAD Grid ref. NZ 281 23

Ww(i) Mr. A. Jones

of (ii) SUMMER COTTAGE, GATESHEAD, NE8 1TT

have carried out research at the County Records Office (‘CRO’) and/or Public Records Office (‘PRO’) and wish the following documents to be considered in support of my application:

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Signed: A. Jones Date: 20/6/2009

(i) Insert name of applicant(s) (ii) Insert address of applicant(s) * Delete as appropriate
Gateshead Council

Claimed route — A - B
LONG BANK TO WOLLEY LANE

SCALE 1:25,000

Example for illustration only.
Not an actual claimed route.
FORM A

GATESHEAD COUNCIL
Application for a modification Order
Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981

Gateshead Definitive Map and Statement

Schedule 7 (Regulation 8(1))

To:
Of:

I/We (i) ____________________________________________________________
of (ii) ____________________________________________________________

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:-

(a) Deleting the footpath / bridleway / restricted byway / byway open to all traffic *
which runs
from: ____________________________________________________________
to: ____________________________________________________________

(b) Adding the footpath / bridleway / restricted byway / byway open to all traffic *
which runs
from: ____________________________________________________________
to: ____________________________________________________________

(c) Upgrading/downgrading to a footpath / bridleway / restricted byway / byway open to all traffic *
the footpath / bridleway / restricted byway / byway open to all traffic which runs
from: ____________________________________________________________
to: ____________________________________________________________

(d) Varying/adding to the particulars relating to the footpath / bridleway / restricted
byway / byway open to all traffic *
from: ____________________________________________________________
to: ____________________________________________________________
by providing that __________________________________________________

and shown on the map annexed hereto.

I/We attach copies of the following documentary evidence [including statements of witnesses] in
support of this application:-

(iii) _______________________________________________________________________

Signed: _____________________________________________________________

Date: ___________________________
(i) Insert name of applicant(s)  (iii) Insert list of documents
(ii) Insert address of applicant(s)  * Delete as appropriate

Return to: Strategic Director of Legal & Corporate Services, Gateshead Council, Civic Centre, Regent Street, Gateshead, NE8 1HH
FORM B

GATESHEAD COUNCIL

Notice of application for a modification Order
Section 53(5) of, and schedule 14 to, the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981
Schedule 8 Regulation 8(3)

Gateshead Rights of Way Definitive Map and Statement

Section A
To (i): ______________________________________________________________

Of (ii): ______________________________________________________________

Section B
Notice is hereby given that on the ____________________________ 20_____

I/We (iii): ____________________________________________________________

Of (iv): ______________________________________________________________

have made an application to Gateshead Council that the Definitive Map and Statement for the
area be modified by *:

Section C
(a) Deleting the footpath / bridleway / restricted byway / byway open to all traffic* which runs

from: ______________________________________________________________

to: ______________________________________________________________

(b) Adding the footpath / bridleway / restricted byway / byway open to all traffic* which runs

from: ______________________________________________________________

to: ______________________________________________________________

(c) Upgrading/downgrading to a footpath / bridleway / restricted byway / byway open to all traffic* the
footpath / bridleway / restricted byway / byway open to all traffic* which runs

from: ______________________________________________________________

to: ______________________________________________________________

(d) Varying/adding to the particulars relating to the footpath / bridleway / restricted
byway / byway open to all traffic* which runs

from: ______________________________________________________________

to: ______________________________________________________________

by providing that: _________________________________________________

Signed: ________________________________________________ Dated: _____________

(i) Insert name of landowner(s)       (iii) Insert your name(s)       * Delete as appropriate
(ii) Insert address of landowner(s)      (iv) Insert your address
GATESHEAD COUNCIL

Certificate of service of notice of application for modification order
Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981
The Gateshead Definitive Map and Statement of Rights of Way
Schedule 9 Regulation 8(4)

Certificate of Service of Notice of Application for Modification Order

To:

Of:

I/We (i) ____________________________________________

of (ii) ____________________________________________

hereby certify that the requirements of paragraph 2 of Schedule 14 to the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 have been complied with in relation to the attached application.

Signed: __________________________________________ Date: __________

Return to: Strategic Director of Legal & Corporate Services, Gateshead Council, Civic Centre, Regent Street, Gateshead, NE8 1HH

NOTES FOR GUIDANCE

Please indicate all the owners that have been notified. If you have been unable to identify all owners and occupiers of any land to which the application relates.

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(i) Insert name of applicant(s)  (ii) Insert address of applicant(s)
NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A MODIFICATION TO THE GATESHEAD DEFINITIVE MAP AND STATEMENT OF RIGHTS OF WAY

Section 53(5) of, and Schedule 14 to, the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981

To: THE OWNER OR OCCUPIER
Of:

HEREBY GIVE NOTICE THAT on the made an application to the Strategic Director of Legal & Corporate Services, Gateshead Council, Civic Centre, Regent Street, Gateshead, NE8 1HH that the Definitive Map and Statement of Rights of Way for the area be modified by [deleting/upgrading/adding the [footpath] / [bridleway] / [restricted byway] / [byway open to all traffic]
known as from to

Date: ______________________________

Signed: __________________________

Please see attached plan.
FORM E
GATESHEAD COUNCIL
PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY EVIDENCE FORM

IMPORTANT NOTE: The object of this enquiry is to reach the truth of the matter, whatever it may be. You are therefore asked to answer the questions as fully as possible and not keep back any information, whether for or against the public claim. This is important if the information given is to be of real value in establishing the status of the claimed path.

The Information you give on this form may become available for public inspection so please indicate at the end of the form whether you are happy for this information to be released if it is deemed necessary to do so.

FULL NAME: (Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms/Dr) __________________________________________________

AGE: ______

ADDRESS: __________________________________________________________________

_________________ POSTCODE: ________________ TEL No. (day): _____________

OCCUPATION: ___________________________________ TEL No. (eve): _____________

EMAIL ADDRESS: ____________________________________________________________

Route of Way

LOCATION (e.g. name of district, street, farm, etc): ________________________________

____________________________________________________________________________

DESCRIPTION OF PATH
please indicate route clearly and precisely on a map - 1:25000 and inner map of 1:2500 or 1:10000 scale if possible]

FROM: ___________________________________ Grid ref (if known): ______________

TO: _______________________________________________________________________

Grid ref (if known): ______________

1. Have you used the above way? Yes / No [delete as appropriate]

If so:

a. During which years? [e.g.: 1990-2000] ________________________________

b. How frequently have you used the route? ________________________________

Daily [ ] Weekly [ ] Monthly [ ] Less than monthly [ ]

c. Where were you going to and from? ________________________________

d. By what means? [e.g. on foot, on horseback, cycle, with a vehicle (please state type)]

_____________________________________________________________________

e. Have you used the route as part of an organized group event? Yes / No*

If so please give details.
2. Has the way always run over the same route?  Yes / No *
   If not, give details and dates of changes: _____________________________

3. Have there, to the best of your knowledge ever been on the way any:
   a. Stiles? [state location] _____________________________
   b. Gates [state whether locked] _____________________________
   c. Other obstructions? [state nature and location and how you passed the obstruction]:

4. Who owns the land crossed by this route? [Please attach copy title deeds where appropriate] _____________________________

5. Were you working for any owner or occupier of land crossed by the way at the
time you used it, or were you then a tenant of any such owner?  Yes / No *
   If so:
   a. Give particulars and dates _____________________________
   b. Did the owner or occupier ever give you instructions as to the use of the way by the
class public and, if so, what the instructions were.

6. Have you ever obtained permission to use the route?  Yes / No *
   If so, from whom? _____________________________ When? _____________________

7. Have you ever been stopped or turned back when using the way?  Yes / No *
   a. If yes, give dates and particulars: _____________________________
   b. Has anyone ever told you the route was not public?  Yes / No *
      If yes, give dates and particulars: _____________________________
   c. Were you ever told by an owner or tenant of the land crossed by the way, or by
      anyone in their employment, that it was not public?  Yes / No *
      If yes, give dates and particulars: _____________________________
d. Have you ever seen notices discouraging access on the way, such as "Private", "No road", "No thoroughfare", "Trespassers will be prosecuted" or "This is not a Right of Way". Yes / No *

If yes, state when and give particulars: __________________________________________
__________________________________________________________________________

8. Have you ever enjoyed a private right of access along the route? Yes / No *

If yes, give details: __________________________________________________________

9. Please give any further details or information which you feel might be relevant
[continue on separate sheet if necessary and attach it securely to this Form]:

__________________________________________________________________________
__________________________________________________________________________
__________________________________________________________________________
__________________________________________________________________________

DECLARATION

I hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the facts that I have stated are true.

I am / am not * willing to attend a hearing, public inquiry or court to give evidence of this
matter, should this prove to be necessary.

I consent / do not consent* to the parts of this form containing personal information
being made publicly available for public inspection.

Signature: __________________________________________________________________Date: __________________

Print name: __________________________________________________________________

Return completed form to:

Strategic Director of Legal & Corporate Services, Gateshead Council, Civic Centre,
Regent Street, Gateshead, NE8 1HH

* Delete as appropriate
GATESHEAD COUNCIL

LANDOWNER EVIDENCE FORM

IMPORTANT NOTE: The object of this enquiry is to establish whether a Public Right of Way exists. It is important that you answer all the questions accurately and as fully as possible. This is of special importance as the information given may be examined at a Public Inquiry.

PERSONAL INFORMATION YOU PROVIDE IN THIS FORM MAY BECOME AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION.

FULL NAME: (Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms/Dr)________________________________________________________

AGE: --------------------------------------------------------------

ADDRESS: ________________________________________________________________

__________________________________________________POSTCODE:____________________

EMAIL ADDRESS: ----------------------------------------------------------------------------------

OCCUPATION:  ------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------

TEL No. (day): ______________________________TEL No. (eve): ___________________

Location of Route

LOCATION (e.g. name of district, street, farm, etc): _______________________________

__________________________________________________________________________

DESCRIPTION OF ROUTE

FROM: _____________________________________________Grid Ref: _______________

TO: ________________________________________________Grid Ref: ______________

1. The route of the way is shown on the accompanying plan.

   Does this route cross or adjoin your land.
   YES/NO *
   [If not, no further question need be answered].

   If yes, please indicate on the plan the position of your land, and state the number of years it has been in your Ownership: ___________ or Tenancy: ___________

   Title Number:

2. Is this route a public right of way? YES/NO *

   a. If so, with what status: Footpath / bridleway / restricted byway / byway open to all traffic [delete as appropriate]

   b. For how long has it been a public right of way?
3. Have you seen, or been aware of, members of the public using this route?  

YES/NO *  

If so, please state the period, regularity and nature of such use ________________  
_____________________________________________________________________

4. Have you ever required people to ask permission before using the route?  

YES/NO *  

If so, please give details: _______________________________________________________________________________

5. Have you deposited a Section 31(6) Highways Act 1980 plan and statement?  

YES/NO *  

6. Have you, or has someone on your behalf, ever turned back or stopped anyone from using the route?  

YES/NO *  

If yes, please give details and appropriate dates: ______________________________  
_____________________________________________________________________

7. Have you, or someone on your behalf, ever told anyone using the route that it was not public?  

YES/NO *  

If yes, please give details and appropriate dates: ______________________________  
_____________________________________________________________________

8. Have you ever erected notices or signs stating that the route was not public?  

YES/NO *  

a. If yes, please give details and approximate dates: ______________________________  

_____________________________________________________________________

[Show the location of the notices on the accompanying plan]  
b. Were those notices or signs ever defaced or destroyed? Give details: ___________  
_____________________________________________________________________

c. What did the signs/notices say? ______________________________________________________________________
_____________________________________________________________________

9. To your knowledge, have there ever been any stiles or gates on the route?  

YES/NO *  

a. If yes, state whether the gate or gates were ever locked: ________________________  
_____________________________________________________________________

[Show their position on the accompanying plan]
10. Have you ever positioned or constructed any obstruction on the route?
   YES/NO *
   
   a. If yes, state where, how and when: ______________________________________
   ____________________________
   ____________________________

11. Please give any further details or information which you feel might be relevant
   [continue on separate sheet if necessary]: ______________________________________
   ____________________________
   ____________________________
   ____________________________

DECLARATION

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

I am / I am not* willing to attend a public inquiry to provide this evidence if required.

I consent / I do not consent* to the information in this form being available for public inspection.

Signed: ____________________________ Date: ____________________________

Print name: ____________________________

Return completed form to:

Strategic Director of Legal & Corporate Services, Gateshead Council, Civic Centre,
Regent Street, Gateshead, NE8 1HH
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GATESHEAD COUNCIL

PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE CHECKLIST
Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981

To: Strategic Director of Legal & Corporate Services, Gateshead Council, Civic Centre, Regent Street, Gateshead, NE8 1HH

CLAIMED ROUTE DETAILS

LOCATION (e.g. name of district, street, farm, etc): ________________________________

DESCRIPTION OF PATH [please indicate route on a map - 1:25000 and inner map to scale 1:2500 scale if possible]

FROM: ___________________________________________________ Grid ref. ___________

TO: ___________________________________________________________________________
     Grid ref. ___________

I/We (i) _______________________________________________________________________
     of (ii) _______________________________________________________________________
     ___________________________________________________________________________

have carried out research at the County Records Office (‘CRO’) and/or Public Records Office (‘PRO’) and wish the following documents to be considered in support of my/our application:

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Signed: ___________________________________________ Date: __________________

(i) Insert name of applicant(s)  (ii) Insert address of applicant(s)  * Delete as appropriate