



Public Right of Way Evidence Form

This form is part of the process in establishing whether a public right of way exists. Please answer all questions as fully as possible, whether you believe it to be either for or against the claim, so that the correct status of the route may be determined. The information given in this form along with any accompanying documents or drawings will be made publicly available and may be used at a public inquiry. Please refer to the East Riding of Yorkshire Guidance Notes when completing this form.

Full Name: ..... (Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms)
Address: .....
Occupation: ..... Year of Birth: .....

\* Delete as appropriate

Path Details: -
Parish: .....
Claimed Status of Way: \* footpath / bridleway / restricted byway / byway open to all traffic
Description of Way [show the route in colour clearly and precisely on a map at 1:2500 scale if possible]
from: .....
to: .....
Please submit the map with application

- 1 Do you believe the above way to be public? \* Yes/No
a If Yes, please give details as to why? .....
b What year do you believe the way has been public from? .....
2 Do you use the route? \* Yes/No
a If No, when did you stop using the route? .....
b Why did you stop using the route? .....

**3 By what means and between which years did you use the route?**

	Year	Year	How often did you use it eg weekly
a <b>On foot</b>	from .....	to .....	.....
<b>On horseback</b>	from .....	to .....	.....
<b>On a bicycle</b>	from .....	to .....	.....
<b>With a vehicle</b>	from .....	to .....	.....
<b>Other</b>	from .....	to .....	.....

- b For what purpose did you use the route? .....
- .....
- c Approximately, how wide was the way? .....
- d Describe the way eg surface .....
- .....

**4 Have you seen other people using the way? \* Yes/No**

If yes, please give further details (including which years, how often, what they were doing e.g. on a bicycle)

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**5 Has the way always been on the same route? \* Yes/No**

If no, when did it change? .....

Can you state why and where it was before it was moved? (please show the route on the map)

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**6 To your knowledge has there been any of the following on the way:**

- a Any stiles, gates or other obstructions? \* Yes/No

If Yes, please give details of these. If gates, were they locked or unlocked?

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- b Any signs or notices? \* Yes/No

If Yes, please give details e.g. 'Private Road', 'Trespassers will be prosecuted' etc

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**7 Have you ever owned/tenanted/rented the land crossed by this way? \* Yes/No**

If yes, please give further details (*including dates*). You may prefer to use a **Form F**

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Who now owns the land crossed by this way?

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**8 When you used the way, were you working for the \* Yes/No  
\*owner/occupier of the land crossed by the way?**

If yes:

a Give particulars and dates: .....

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b Say whether the owner or occupier ever gave you instructions as to the use of the way by the public and, if so, what the instructions were:

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**9 Have you ever obtained permission to use the route? \* Yes/No**

If so, from whom? ..... When? .....

**10 Have you ever enjoyed a private right along the route in question? \* Yes/No**

If yes, give particulars and dates: .....

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**11 Have you ever been stopped or turned back when using the way, or \* Yes/No  
do you know of anyone else having been prevented from using it?**

a If yes, give particulars and dates: .....

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b Has anyone ever told you the route was not public? \* Yes/No

If yes, give particulars and dates: .....

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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 particulars and dates: .....

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d Do you believe the owner/occupier was aware the public was using the way? \* Yes/No

If yes, why? .....

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### Contact Details

The following information will be kept separate by the Council to avoid it entering the public domain:

Name: .....

Tel No:  
(day) .....

Tel No:  
(eve) .....

Email: .....

Occupation: .....

Date of  
birth: .....



## Guidance Notes for Form E, E (Stat) and F

This form has been given to you to record your use of a route that is not recorded on the Definitive Map of Public Rights of Way. Your evidence may help in the recording of this route as a public right of way can be proven to exist by regular uninterrupted use without being challenged.

Form E is for those who use the route. Form F is for landowners or occupiers of land over which the route passes. A form should only be completed by one person.

You should complete this form **personally** in your own words but if you find this difficult you can ask a friend to assist you.

Please answer all questions as fully as possible. Part 3 is important as it establishes the number of years, how regularly and for what purpose you have used the route. Additional sheets may be attached if required.

A map will be attached to the form, please mark clearly on the map the route that you have used. It is important that the route follows a specific line as a route can not be claimed based on evidence of wandering over open land.

A name and address is required on the evidence form to validate the information, any forms submitted without a name and address (on page 1) will be disregarded. However you should be aware that if the evidence is used to support the making of an order these forms will enter the public domain.

Please note that you may be contacted by a Council Officer in connection with the information given on your form. A separate contact sheet for telephone numbers and e-mail addresses is required for the use of the East Riding of Yorkshire Council. This is not part of the form that will enter the public domain.

You need to indicate on the evidence form whether, if required, you are prepared to attend a local Public Inquiry to support your evidence. If you are likely to be unable to attend a public inquiry you may wish to consider using a **Form E (Stat)** which includes Statutory Declaration. The Statutory Declaration will need to be witnessed by either a Commissioner for Oaths, Solicitor or Magistrate and needs to be arranged by the witness or applicant. Inspectors at Public Inquiries will generally place greater weight on Evidence Forms with Statutory Declarations.

Further information on this process can be found in the Natural England booklet 'A guide to definitive maps and changes to public rights of way' which can be downloaded free of charge from [www.naturalengland.org.uk](http://www.naturalengland.org.uk)

**Your form should be returned to the person co-ordinating this application process**