



**EVIDENCE QUESTIONNAIRE
IN SUPPORT OF CLAIM FOR
REGISTRATION AS A NEW GREEN**

COMMONS ACT 2006

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NAME		
ADDRESS		
POSTCODE		TELEPHONE NO

THE CLAIMED LAND

1,	Address when you used the land (if different from above) (The land in this form means 'the claimed land'.)	
2.	Did you sign the reverse side of 'Map A' confirming it shows the land being claimed as a green? (Map A is the map showing the claimed land)	Yes/No
3.	By what, if any, name is the land shown on 'Map A' known?	
4.	Has it ever to your knowledge been known by any other name? If so, what name?	
5.	For how many years have you known the land?	From to

LOCALITY/NEIGHBOURHOOD WITHIN A LOCALITY

6.	Is there a map attached showing the area where people who use the land come from? (neighbourhood within a locality or locality)	Yes/No
7.	Mark the location of your house with an X on the map	

8.	Does the locality or neighbourhood have a name, if so please include	Yes/No
9.	Do you live within this defined area	Yes/No
10.	Where do the people who use the land come from?	
11.	What recognisable facilities are available to the inhabitants of your locality? <i>Please tick all boxes that apply and add any OTHER additional matters not covered.</i>	

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| <input type="checkbox"/> School catchment area | <input type="checkbox"/> Area policeman |
| <input type="checkbox"/> local school | <input type="checkbox"/> Doctor's surgery |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Residents' association | <input type="checkbox"/> Community activities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community centre | <input type="checkbox"/> Neighbourhood watch |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Local church or place of worship | <input type="checkbox"/> A central feature |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sports facility | <input type="checkbox"/> Scout hut |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Local shops | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please state) |

'AS OF RIGHT' HAS USE BEEN WITHOUT PERMISSION, SECRECY OR FORCE?

12.	To your knowledge are there any public paths crossing the land?	Yes/No
13.	How do/did you gain access to the land?	
14.	Do you know who the owner/occupier is? Supply details	Yes/No
15.	Has the owner/occupier seen you on the land?	Yes/No

16.	What did he/she say? and when was this?	
17.	Was permission ever sought by you for specific activities on the land?	
18.	If so, from whom and when, and what for?	
19.	Did anyone ever give you permission to go onto the land?	
20.	If yes, when and the reason	
21.	Have you ever been prevented from using the land?	
22.	If yes, when and the reason.	
23.	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 people? Please provide dates and the wording of any notices and mark their position on Map A.	

LAWFUL SPORTS AND PASTIMES

24.	Why do you go onto this piece of land?	
25.	How often do/did you use the land?	

26.	What activities do you use the land for now?	
27.	Does your family use the land or have they done so in the past? If so list the activities.	
28.	Did you see other people using the land? Were they from the locality or neighbourhood?	
29.	Do you know of any community activities that take place or have taken place on the land?	
30.	Please list them and state when and for how long they have taken place.	
31.	Do you participate in any of them?	
32.	Do any organisations use the land for sports or pastimes? If so please specify.	
33.	Do any seasonal activities take place on the land?	

34.	Please tick all the activities that you have seen taking place on the land.	
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Children playing | <input type="checkbox"/> Football |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rounders | <input type="checkbox"/> Cricket |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fishing | <input type="checkbox"/> Bird watching |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drawing and painting | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dog walking | <input type="checkbox"/> Kite flying |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Team games | <input type="checkbox"/> People walking |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Picking blackberries | <input type="checkbox"/> Bonfire parties |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community celebrations | <input type="checkbox"/> Bicycle riding |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fetes | <input type="checkbox"/> Carol singing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please state) | |

20 YEARS USE

35.	Which years have you used the land	From To
36.	How often did you use the land?	
37.	If you still use the land now, how often do you use it?	
38.	During the time you have used the land has the pattern of use remained the same? If not please supply details	Yes/No

IS USE CONTINUING AT THE DATE OF APPLICATION

39.	How have you accessed the land? (mark on Map A)	
40.	Is the land enclosed?	Yes/No
41.	<p>Have there ever been any stiles or gates? Please mark them on the map.</p> <p>Has the gate ever been locked? Please supply details</p> <p>Are the gates/stiles still in place?</p>	Yes/No

OTHER EVIDENCE

42.	Do you have any photographs or any other evidence of use of the land by local inhabitants?	Yes/No
43.	Are you willing to lend them to us?	Yes/No
44.	If you have additional information please attach a separate statement.	Yes/No
45.	If you have knowledge of others 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
46.	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	

47.	<i>I understand that the evidence form I completed may be used in relation to this application may become public knowledge and I authorise the applicant to disclose this form to anyone reasonably requiring access to this application.</i>	
48.	<i>I also understand that this evidence may be presented at a non-statutory inquiry and I authorise the applicant to use this form for that purpose.</i>	
49.	<i>Would you be prepared to give oral evidence of your use of the land at a public inquiry?</i>	Yes/No
<p>I certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief, the information I have given in this statement is true.</p>		

Signed Date

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