



APPLICATION FOR GRANT FROM THE OPEN SPACES SOCIETY'S LEGAL FUND

- 1 The society's legal committee, comprising up to three members of the board of trustees and the chairman *ex officio*, determines applications for grants from the legal fund. For grants of more than £3,000, or which exceed the money remaining in the legal fund, the legal committee makes a recommendation to the board of trustees.
- 2 Individual or organisational members of the society requesting financial support must complete an [application form](#).
- 3 The application will be judged against the following criteria.
 - 1 It furthers the society's charitable objects, vision, mission and strategy.
 - 2 Professional advice shows that a legal case has a more than 50 per cent chance of success.
 - 3 The case has national or wider relevance than the immediate issue being addressed.
 - 4 The case has the potential either (a) to set a good precedent or (b) to prevent a bad precedent from being set.
 - 5 The land or path affected has public value or potential public value.
 - 6 There is strong community support and/or a resolution to proceed by a local committee or group.
 - 7 The case will not have adverse reputational implications for the society.