

PUBLIC PATH EVIDENCE FORM

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Name: JULIAN K COMRIE

Address: GREENWAY HOUSE, GREENWAY, NORTH CURRY, TAUNTON TA3 6NH

Telephone Number: [REDACTED]

Date of Birth: [REDACTED] 1935 Occupation: [REDACTED]

1. Description of Path: From: Public Road S. of Hillview Cottage, "A" To: Public footpath at Witcombe Reservoir, "B" Believed Status of Path (eg footpath): Footpath

2. Usage: Have you used the above path? YES If so, (a) During which years? 1968-1975, + occasionally later (b) Where were you going to and from? Cheltenham, by car, to visit Witcombe Reservoir. (c) For what purpose? As a birdwatcher, + Secretary of the Nature Reserve (d) How many times a year? 15-20 (e) By what means (eg on foot, on horseback)? On foot + in a car, sometimes. (f) What is the (approximate) width of the path you have used? single track

Route: Has the way always run over the same route? If not give details and dates of any changes Yes, as far as I am aware

4. Stiles: Have there to your knowledge ever been any Stiles on the path? No If so, give details including location

5. Gates: Have there to your knowledge ever been any gates on the path? No If so, give details including location

6. Notices: Have there to your knowledge ever been notices on the path? Yes If so, where were they and what did they say? Gloucestershire Trust for Nature Conservation Nature Reserve.

7. **Obstructions:**

Have you ever known any obstructions on the path?..... *No*

If so, please give details including location.....

8. **Verbal Notice:**

(a) Were you ever told by an owner or tenant of the land crossed by the path or anyone in their employment that the path was not public?..... *No*..... If so, give details:

(b) Have you ever been stopped or turned back when using the way? *No*  
If so, state when and give details:.....

(c) Were you working for any owner or occupier of land crossed by the path at the time you used it or were you a tenant of any such owner?..... *No*

If so, did you ever receive instructions from him regarding the use of the way by the public?

If so, what were they? .....

(d) Have you ever been given permission to use the path?..... *No; but we were given permission by the Water Board to access the reservoir, which entails using the path.*

9. **Other Information:**

Please give any other information that you think is relevant .....

*See attached note.*

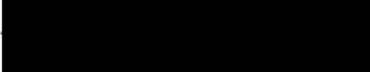
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10. **Declaration:**

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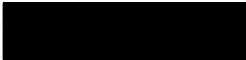
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Witness to Signature:.....

Julian Comrie

Greenway House, Greenway, North Curry, Taunton, Somerset, TA3 6NH

Telephone 

Gloucestershire County Council

7 June 2005

Dear Sirs,

Re: Public Path evidence Form, Item 9, Other Information.

During the period 1967 to 1975, I lived at 23 Libertus Road, Cheltenham, and was a member of the North Gloucestershire Naturalists Society, and the Gloucestershire Trust for Nature Conservation, now the Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust.

As a member (later, a Council Member) of the GTNC, I was instrumental in establishing a nature reserve at the Great Witcombe Reservoirs; the GTNC had a joint agreement with "the water board" – I can't remember what its exact title was in those days – that we could have access to the margin land surrounding the water of the upper reservoir, as far as the fence.

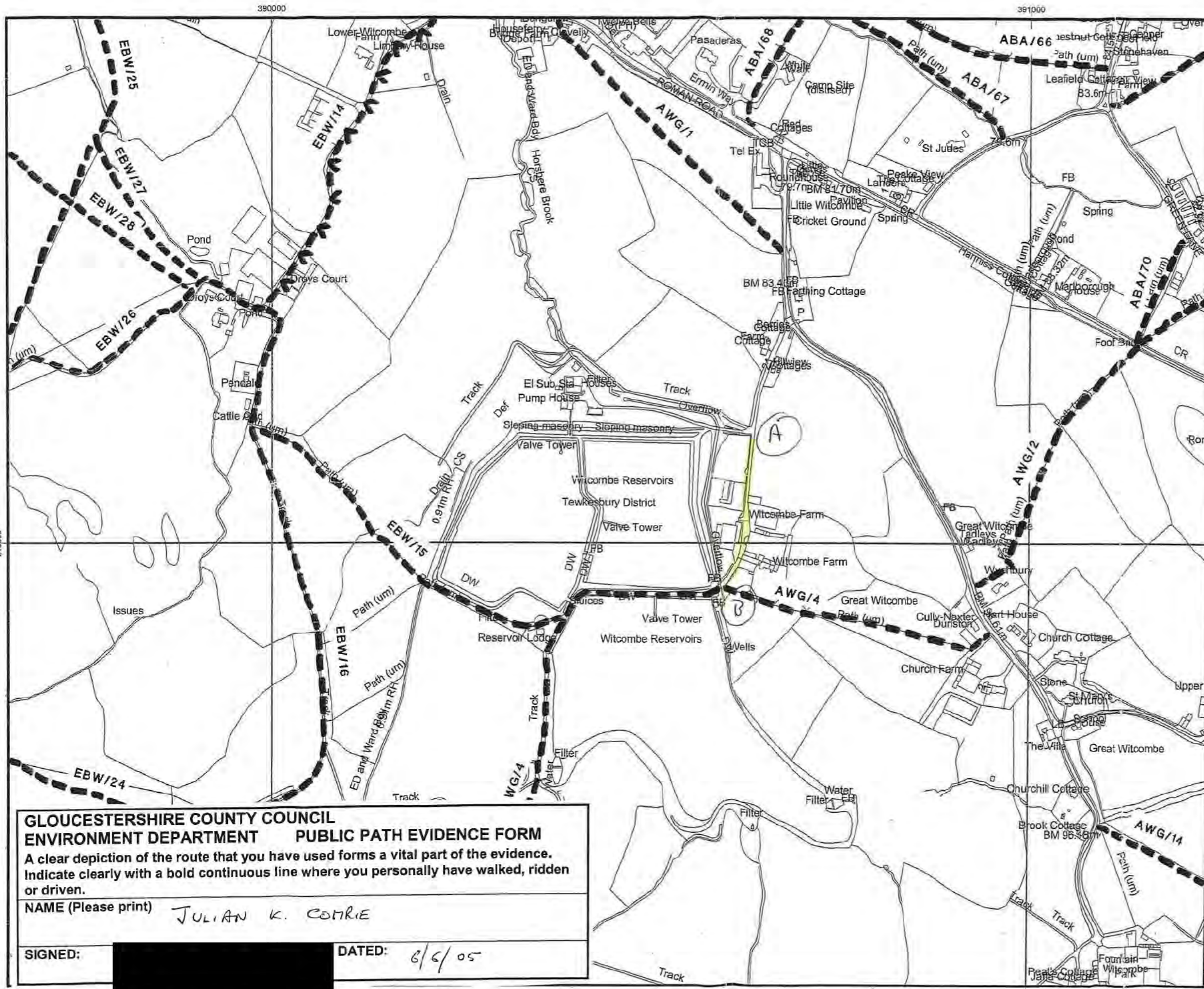
I became Secretary of the Management Committee "in charge of" the reserve at the reservoir, and our tasks – per the GTNC – were to record the flora and fauna of the area, and provide facilities for the Great Crested Grebes: we created a number of rafts for these birds to nest on, which proved very successful.

During this period, we had unimpeded access to the reservoirs, via the path in question (marked A to B on the map) both on foot, and by car. There was no suggestion made to me at the time that this was a private right of way. I estimate that I visited the reservoirs during those years, on average, at least once a month.

You may find reports of this activity in the records of the Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust.

Yours faithfully,





**PARISH OF  
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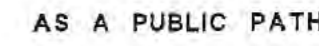
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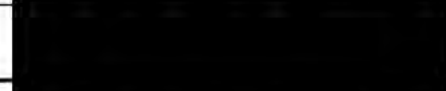
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Environment Department PUBLIC PATH EVIDENCE FORM**  
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NAME (Please print) JULIAN K. COMRIE

SIGNED:  DATED: 6/6/05

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Name: Rosemary Jean B. Hellerman
Address: The Haven Tea Garden, Cooper's Hill, Brockworth, Glos. GL3 4SB
Telephone Number: [Redacted]
Date of Birth: [Redacted] 1925 Occupation: [Redacted]

1. Description of Path:

From: Public footpath across Wilcombe Reservoirs To: Lane leading from Wilcombe church in a westerly direction
Believed Status of Path (eg footpath): It has always been a pedestrian footpath and I have used it for the past 70 years.

2. Usage:

Have you used the above path? Yes - many times
If so, (a) During which years? 1930s - 2003
(b) Where were you going to and from? Down fields from my home on Cooper's Hill on rights of way. Visiting people who lived at Wilcombe Farm (Pagets), the old rectory and to enjoy the fresh air & the walk.
(c) For what purpose? Leisure and visiting old friends.
(d) How many times a year? In summer several times a week. I used to cycle with two Cullis girls from Guide meetings to their home on the Reservoir.
(e) By what means (eg on foot, on horseback)? Foot, bicycle. Reservoir
(f) What is the (approximate) width of the path you have used? Wide enough for farm trackers - latterly cars, landrovers & horse boxes.

Route:

Has the way always run over the same route? If not give details and dates of any changes
Yes

4. Stiles:

Have there to your knowledge ever been any Stiles on the path? None
If so, give details including location.

5. Gates:

Have there to your knowledge ever been any gates on the path? No
If so, give details including location.

6. Notices:

Have there to your knowledge ever been notices on the path? None until recently in 2000's. Always a sign - private road used by Water Board staff to get to power station. We never went down there.

7. **Obstructions:**  
Have you ever known any obstructions on the path? None  
If so, please give details including location.....

8. **Verbal Notice:**  
(a) Were you ever told by an owner or tenant of the land crossed by the path or anyone in their employment that the path was not public?..... No..... If so, give details:

(b) Have you ever been stopped or turned back when using the way?  
If so, state when and give details:..... No

(c) Were you working for any owner or occupier of land crossed by the path at the time you used it or were you a tenant of any such owner?..... No  
If so, did you ever receive instructions from him regarding the use of the way by the public?  
If so, what were they? No

(d) Have you ever been given permission to use the path?..... Not required. We always used it as a right of way.

9. **Other Information:**  
Please give any other information that you think is relevant.....

To close this path has prevented local walkers using it. I used it fairly regularly leading walks for Girl Guides & the community. I was very surprised when (continue on a separate sheet if necessary) it was closed by the thick's Beach! Now that I am older I do not walk as well or as far as I used to, so

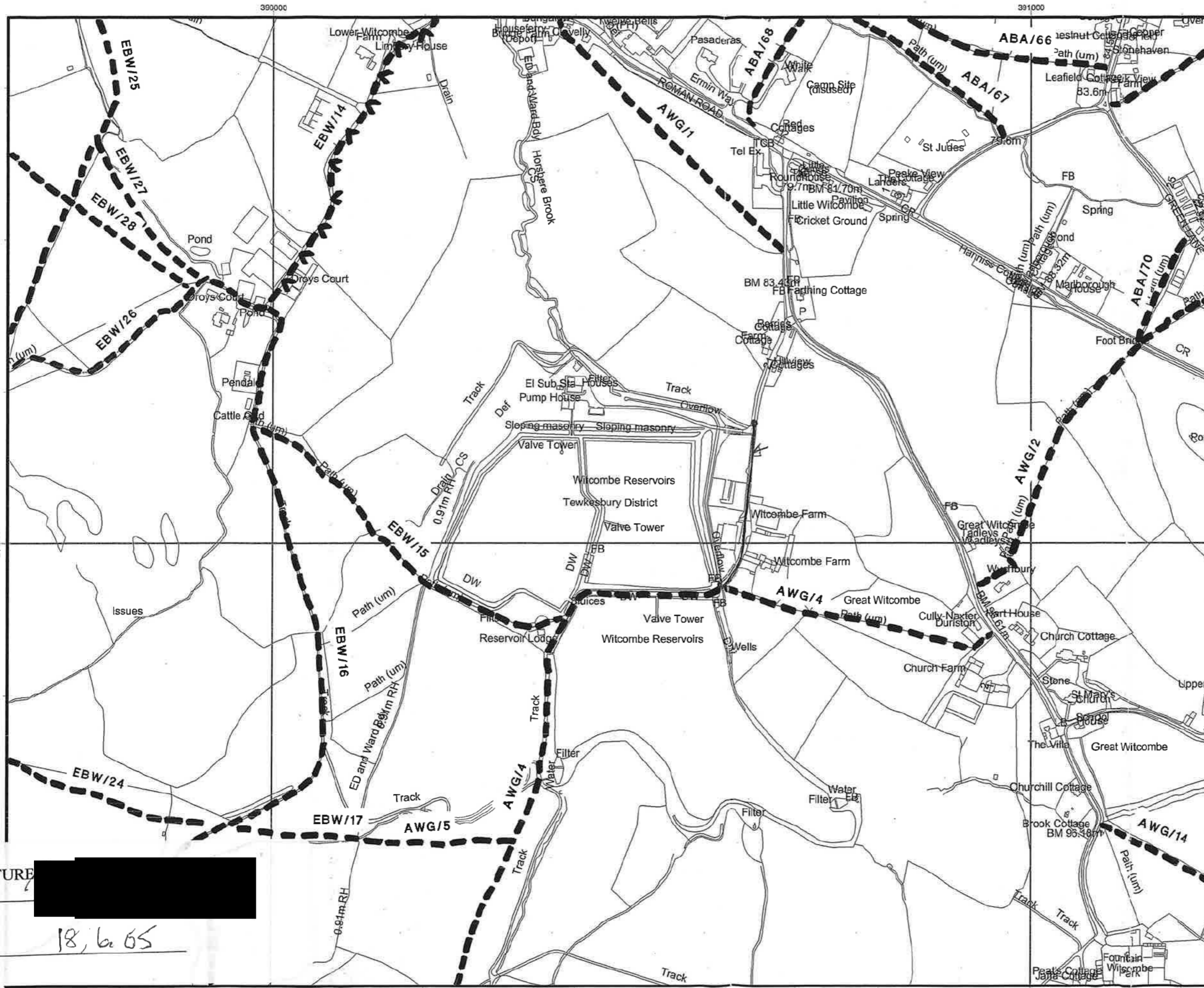
10. **Declaration:** do not frequent this area.  
I hereby declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief my answers to the above questions are true.

I am ~~not~~ willing to attend a Hearing, Public Inquiry or Court to give evidence on the matter, if this should prove to be necessary.

\*Please delete

Signature: [Redacted] Date: 18.6.05

Witness to Signature: [Redacted]



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Name: Mazy Hosler
Address: 11. Ansdeil Drive, Brockworth, Glas, GL34BT
Telephone Number: [redacted]
Date of Birth: [redacted] 26 Occupation: [redacted]

1. Description of Path:

From: South from Hillview Cottages and where there is the R turn to the waterworks To: the bridge at corner of Witcombe Reservoir
Believed Status of Path (eg footpath): I thought it was a right of way.

2. Usage:

Have you used the above path? Yes
If so, (a) During which years? 1971 - 1997 (26 yrs)
(b) Where were you going to and from? Witcombe Reservoir
(c) For what purpose? Either to paint (amateur artist) or for a walk
(d) How many times a year? about a month initially, less later, once
(e) By what means (eg on foot, on horseback)? I usually took my car with ease etc and parked it just over the bridge.
(f) What is the (approximate) width of the path you have used? 3/4 yds. sometimes on foot

Route:

Has the way always run over the same route? If not give details and dates of any changes ..... Yes

4. Stiles:

Have there to your knowledge ever been any Stiles on the path? No
If so, give details including location.....

5. Gates:

Have there to your knowledge ever been any gates on the path? No
If so, give details including location.....

6. Notices:

Have there to your knowledge ever been notices on the path? Yes, at the beginning of the track where waterworks cranches off R a sign saying private property, no right of way or words to that effect. This has been there for a few years.
If so, where were they and what did they say?.....

7. **Obstructions:**  
Have you ever known any obstructions on the path?..... No.....  
If so, please give details including location..... —.....

8. **Verbal Notice:**  
(a) Were you ever told by an owner or tenant of the land crossed by the path or anyone in their employment that the path was not public?..... once..... If so, give details:  
The last time I used the path in the car, taking my disabled friend to the reservoir, I was told not to park the car, so I returned it to the small layby at Hillview Cottages. I was told it was not a right of way, but I was given permission to park on that day.  
(b) Have you ever been stopped or turned back when using the way?..... as (a).....  
If so, state when and give details:..... as (a) on that day.....

(c) Were you working for any owner or occupier of land crossed by the path at the time you used it or were you a tenant of any such owner?..... No.....  
If so, did you ever receive instructions from him regarding the use of the way by the public?..... —.....  
If so, what were they?..... —.....

(d) Have you ever been given permission to use the path?..... No - apart from 8(a).....

9. **Other Information:**  
Please give any other information that you think is relevant .....  
I have not been to the reservoir since being told there was no right of way.

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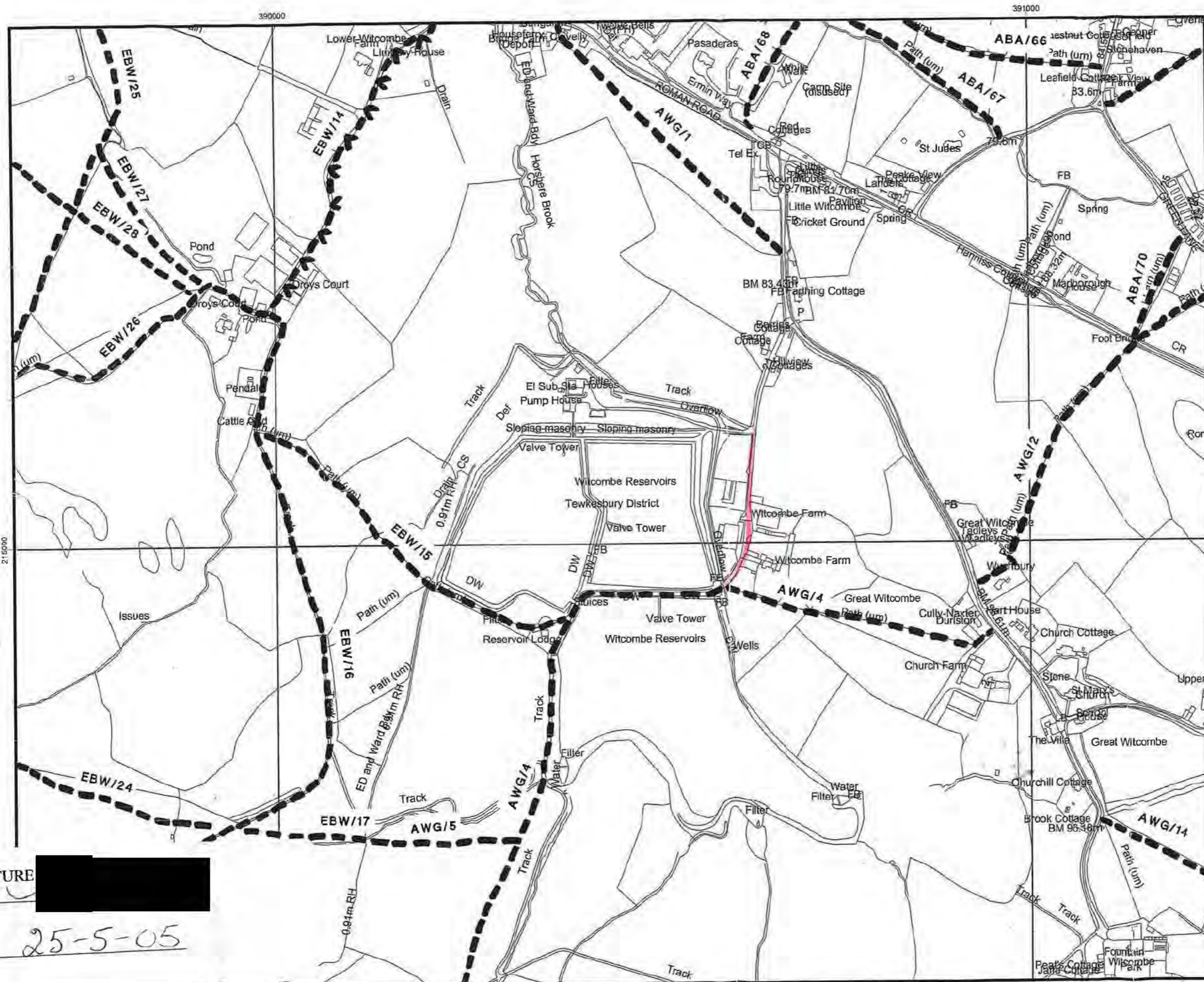
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I hereby declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief my answers to the above questions are true.

I ~~am~~/\*am not willing to attend a Hearing, Public Inquiry or Court to give evidence on the matter, if this should prove to be necessary, because I have difficulty hearing.

\*Please delete

Signature:..... [Redacted]..... Date:..... 25-5-05.....



Witness to Signature:..... [Redacted].....



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Name: Olivia Dell

Address: The Villa, Great Witcombe, Glos GL3 4TS

Telephone Number: [Redacted]

Date of Birth: [Redacted] 43 Occupation: [Redacted]

1. Description of Path:

From: Hard track as shown on map from A To: B allowing access to causeway across RESERVOIR

Believed Status of Path (eg footpath): Footpath

2. Usage:

Have you used the above path? Yes

If so, (a) During which years? 1984 - 2002

(b) Where were you going to and from? Roman Villa and Reservoir R.

(c) For what purpose? The pleasure of wildlife and the Reservoir

(d) How many times a year? 50

(e) By what means (eg on foot, on horseback)? ON FOOT

(f) What is the (approximate) width of the path you have used? 2-3 yards -

? Route:

Has the way always run over the same route? If not give details and dates of any changes

Yes

4. Stiles:

Have there to your knowledge ever been any Stiles on the path? No

If so, give details including location.

5. Gates:

Have there to your knowledge ever been any gates on the path? I have never seen one

If so, give details including location.

6. Notices:

Have there to your knowledge ever been notices on the path? Not until about 2 years ago

If so, where were they and what did they say? At point A on map is a sign saying

Private Land, no public access

7. **Obstructions:**  
Have you ever known any obstructions on the path? No  
If so, please give details including location.....

8. **Verbal Notice:**  
(a) Were you ever told by an owner or tenant of the land crossed by the path or anyone in their employment that the path was not public?..... If so, give details:  
Recently Celia Hicks Beach warned me that I must not use the path through the farmyard and told me to use only the field way accessed by the stile

(b) Have you ever been stopped or turned back when using the way?  
If so, state when and give details:.....  
NO

(c) Were you working for any owner or occupier of land crossed by the path at the time you used it or were you a tenant of any such owner?..... NO  
If so, did you ever receive instructions from him regarding the use of the way by the public?  
If so, what were they? .....

(d) Have you ever been given permission to use the path? I always assumed that this way was alright to use as the owner had never said otherwise, and was always said good day to by the owner

9. **Other Information:**  
Please give any other information that you think is relevant I have often met local people on my walk this way

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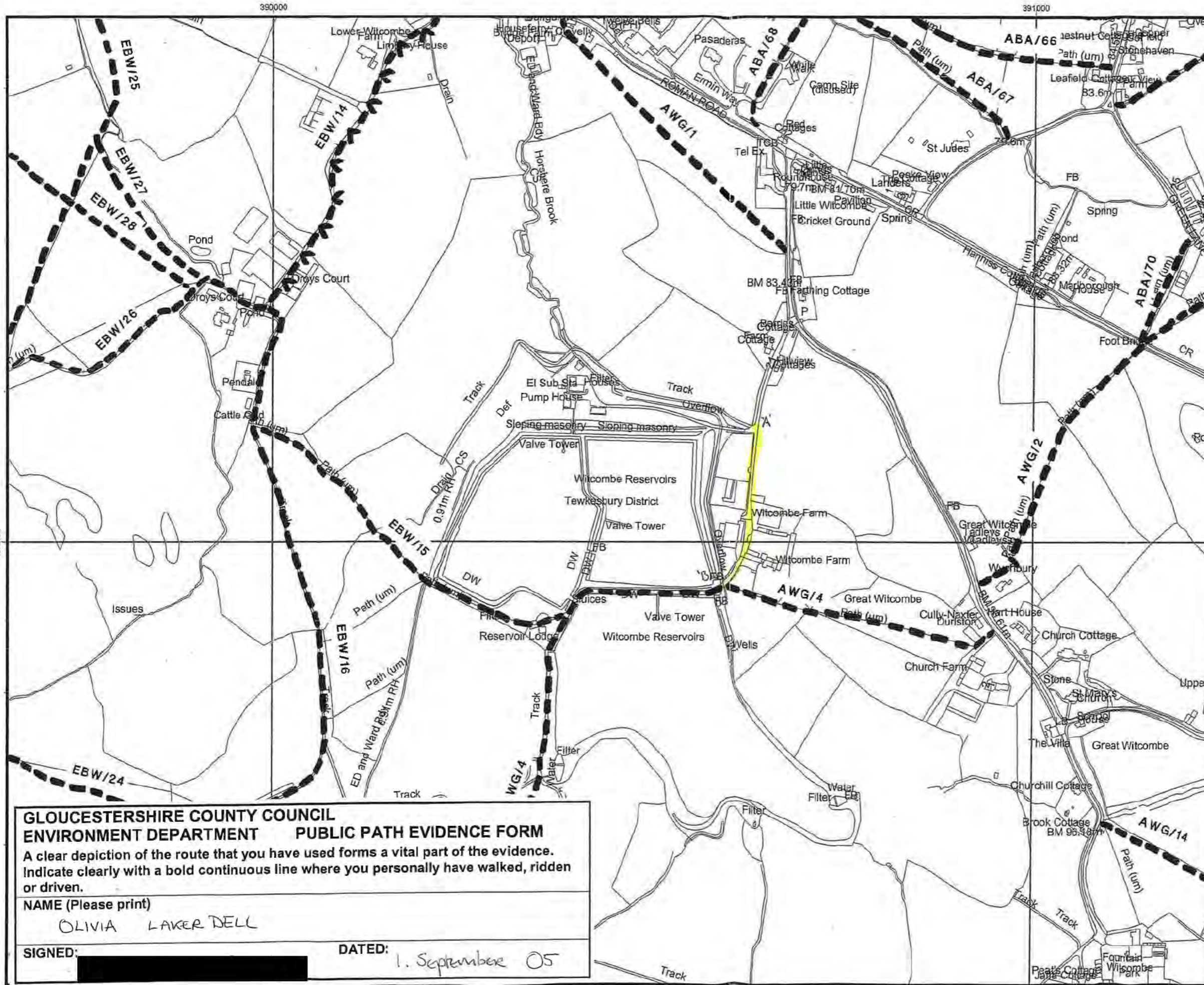
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Signature:  Date: 18. May 05

Witness to Signature:..... N.J. GILBERT



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NAME (Please print)  
 OLIVIA LAKER DELL

SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_ DATED: 1. September 05

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Name: Mrs Angela Hendry
Address: 6, The Crescent, Brockworth, Gloucester
Telephone Number: [redacted]
Date of Birth: [redacted] 1937 Occupation: [redacted]

1. Description of Path:

From: ENTRANCE TO PUMP HOUSE To: JUST BE PASSED W/T FARMS
Believed Status of Path (eg footpath): TRACK DRIVE + FOOTPATH

2. Usage:

Have you used the above path? YES
If so, (a) During which years? 1947-2005
(b) Where were you going to and from? CIRCULAR WALK FROM BROCKWORTH VIA RESERVOIRS TO POMAY VILLAGE
(c) For what purpose? RECREATION
(d) How many times a year? 15 ABOUT
(e) By what means (eg on foot, on horseback)? FOOT
(f) What is the (approximate) width of the path you have used? 5 FEET

Route:

Has the way always run over the same route? If not give details and dates of any changes
YES

4. Stiles:

Have there to your knowledge ever been any Stiles on the path? NO
If so, give details including location

5. Gates:

Have there to your knowledge ever been any gates on the path? NO
If so, give details including location

6. Notices:

Have there to your knowledge ever been notices on the path? YES
If so, where were they and what did they say? PRIVATE ROAD NO VEHICLES

SO NO ONE TOOK CARS WE ALWAYS WALKED

7. **Obstructions:**  
Have you ever known any obstructions on the path?..... NO  
If so, please give details including location.....

8. **Verbal Notice:**  
(a) Were you ever told by an owner or tenant of the land crossed by the path or anyone in their employment that the path was not public?..... If so, give details:  
TOLD BY A MAN IN TROUT FISHING OFFICE  
THE ROAD WAS NOT A RIGHT OF WAY,  
CONTINUED WALKING AS I HAD BEEN FOR  
THE LAST 58 YEARS  
(b) Have you ever been stopped or turned back when using the way?  
If so, state when and give details:.....  
REFUSED TO TURN BACK SOME TIME IN NOV 2 04  
(c) Were you working for any owner or occupier of land crossed by the path at the time you used it or were you a tenant of any such owner?..... NO  
If so, did you ever receive instructions from him regarding the use of the way by the public?  
NO  
If so, what were they? .....  
(d) Have you ever been given permission to use the path?..... NO


9. **Other Information:**  
Please give any other information that you think is relevant .....  
IF I TAKE MY GRANDSON IN HIS PUSHCHAIR FOR A  
WALK IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO SEE THE BIRDS ON RESERVOIRS  
AS OTHER PATHS CROSS FIELDS ON NARROW PATHS  
(continue on a separate sheet if necessary) NOT SUITABLE FOR PRAMS ETC

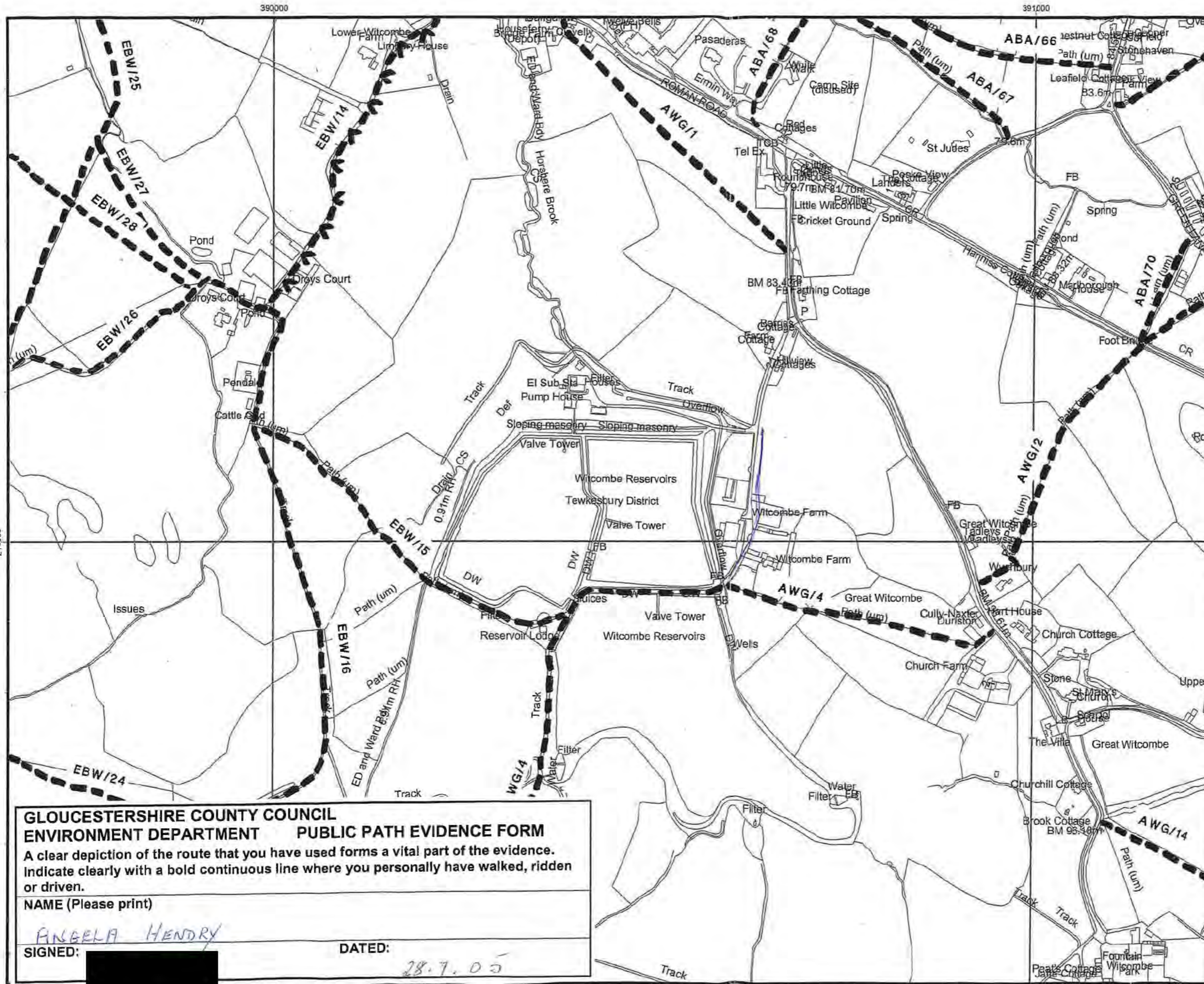
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Signature:.....  Date: 28/7/05



Witness to Signature:..... 



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NAME (Please print)  
*ANGELA HENDRY*

SIGNED:  DATED: *28.7.05*

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Name: JOHN GIBSON / MILES

Address: 1. ASTOR CLOSE BRIDGEMOUTH GLOS GL3 4AS

Telephone Number: [REDACTED]

Date of Birth: [REDACTED] 1942 Occupation: [REDACTED]

1. **Description of Path:** WITCOMBE RESERVOIR  
From: JUNCTION FROM ENTRANCE TO PUMPHOUSE To: BRIDGE AT ENTRANCE TO RESERVOIR  
Believed Status of Path (eg footpath): FOOTPATH

2. **Usage:**  
Have you used the above path? LATE 1940s NO YES

If so, (a) During which years? LATE 1940 TO PRESENT

(b) Where were you going to and from? VARIOUS TRIPS TO THE RESERVOIR - ON  
UPWARD TO WITCOMBE HOLLOW VIEWS - COOPER'S HILL ETC.

(c) For what purpose? AS A CHILD AND A CONVICTION ROUTE - LATTERLY TO BIRD WATCH

(d) How many times a year? 20+

(e) By what means (eg on foot, on horseback)? FOOT

(f) What is the (approximate) width of the path you have used? 10 FEET

**Route:**  
Has the way always run over the same route? If not give details and dates of any changes

Y/E

4. **Stiles:**  
Have there to your knowledge ever been any Stiles on the path? NO

If so, give details including location

5. **Gates:**  
Have there to your knowledge ever been any gates on the path? NO

If so, give details including location

6. **Notices:**  
Have there to your knowledge ever been notices on the path? RECENTLY A SIGN HAS BEEN ERRECTED  
AT EACH END OF THE PATH.

If so, where were they and what did they say? WITCOMBE RESERVOIR - PUMPHOUSE ROAD

7. **Obstructions:**  
Have you ever known any obstructions on the path?..... NO  
If so, please give details including location.....

8. **Verbal Notice:**  
(a) Were you ever told by an owner or tenant of the land crossed by the path or anyone in their employment that the path was not public?..... YES..... If so, give details:

HAD ALWAYS WALKED THIS PATH FOR MANY YEARS I WAS ALWAYS QUEERED  
CONSIDERABLY UNTIL ABOUT 3 yrs ago. SINCE THEN I HAVE BEEN TOLD WITH  
INCREASING BENEVOLENCE BY A LADY I BELIEVE TO BE LANDOWNER I WAS NOT ALLOWED TO WALK  
ALONG THE PATH.

(b) Have you ever been stopped or turned back when using the way?  
If so, state when and give details:..... OVER THE LAST 3 YEARS I HAVE BEEN STOPPED  
SEVERAL TIMES AND IN THE FACE OF VERBAL ABUSE I TURNED BACK, OTHER PEOPLE WERE  
ALLOWED TO CONTINUE

(c) Were you working for any owner or occupier of land crossed by the path at the time you used it or were you a tenant of any such owner?..... NO  
If so, did you ever receive instructions from him regarding the use of the way by the public?  
If so, what were they? .....

(d) Have you ever been given permission to use the path?..... NO

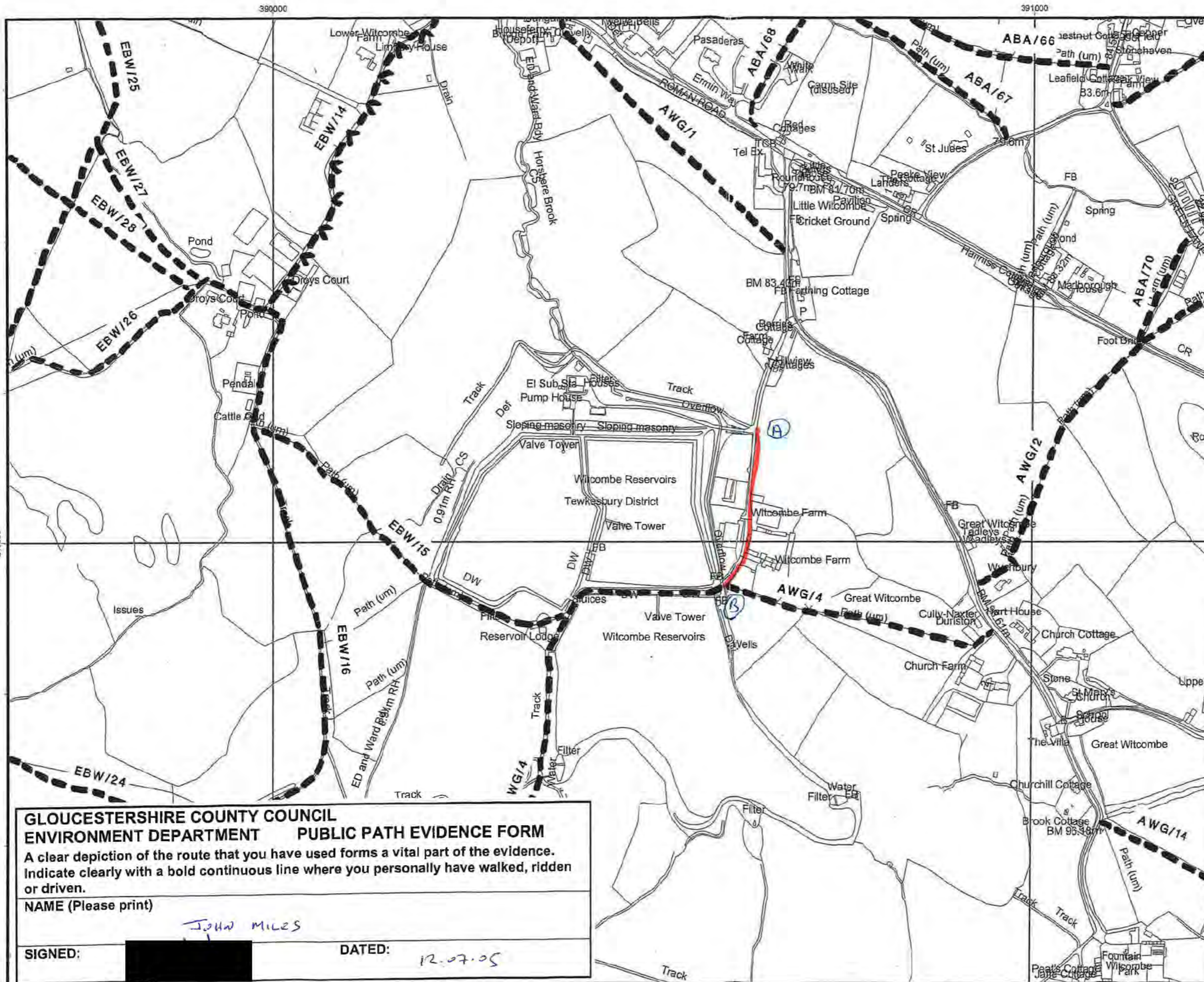
9. **Other Information:**  
Please give any other information that you think is relevant ..... AS A CHILD WE WERE WELCOME SLIGHT  
WE USED THIS PATH FREQUENTLY WITHOUT ANY OBSTRUCTION AND IN LATER YEARS I  
ALWAYS APPEARED TO BE WELCOME UNTIL ABOUT THREE YEARS ago WHEN THE  
SITUATION CHANGED  
(continue on a separate sheet if necessary)

10. **Declaration:**  
I hereby declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief my answers to the above questions are true.

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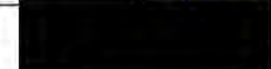
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NAME (Please print) JOHN MILES

SIGNED:  DATED: 12.07.05

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Name: EDWARD WASHINGTON POPE

Address: PEAKE VIEW COTTAGE, LITTLE WITCOMBE, GLOUCESTER, GL3 4SW

Telephone Number: [REDACTED]

Date of Birth: [REDACTED] 1920 Occupation [REDACTED]

1. Description of Path:

From: PUBLIC ROAD FROM POINT "A" TO POINT "B" AS SHOWN ON PLAN.

Believed Status of Path (eg footpath): FOOTPATH

2. Usage:

Have you used the above path? YES

If so, (a) During which years? 1950 - 2004

(b) Where were you going to and from? FROM HOME TO WITCOMBE RESERVOIRS & SURROUNDING COUNTRYSIDE

(c) For what purpose? WALKING

(d) How many times a year? OFTEN WITH YOUNG FAMILY BUT LESS LATELY

(e) By what means (eg on foot, on horseback)? FOOT

(f) What is the (approximate) width of the path you have used? SINGLE VEHICLE WIDTH

Route:

Has the way always run over the same route? If not give details and dates of any changes

YES

4. Stiles:

Have there to your knowledge ever been any Stiles on the path? NO

If so, give details including location

5. Gates:

Have there to your knowledge ever been any gates on the path? NO

If so, give details including location

6. Notices:

Have there to your knowledge ever been notices on the path? YES

If so, where were they and what did they say? THERE HAS BEEN A NOTICE SAYING

"PRIVATE ROAD NO UNAUTHORISED VEHICLES" CLOSE TO POINT "A" ON MAP

7. **Obstructions:**

Have you ever known any obstructions on the path?..... No

If so, please give details including location.....

8. **Verbal Notice:**

(a) Were you ever told by an owner or tenant of the land crossed by the path or anyone in their employment that the path was not public?..... No..... If so, give details:

(b) Have you ever been stopped or turned back when using the way? No  
If so, state when and give details:.....

(c) Were you working for any owner or occupier of land crossed by the path at the time you used it or were you a tenant of any such owner?..... No

If so, did you ever receive instructions from him regarding the use of the way by the public?

If so, what were they? .....

(d) Have you ever been given permission to use the path? YES - MANY YEARS AGO  
BY MRS JIANA HICKS BEACH

9. **Other Information:**


Please give any other information that you think is relevant WE HAVE LIVED IN THE VILLAGE FOR OVER 50 YEARS AND HAVE USED THIS PATH TO VISIT THE RESERVOIRS. OUR CHILDREN USED THIS PATH OFTEN WHEN RIDING THEIR HORSES

(continue on a separate sheet if necessary)

10. **Declaration:**

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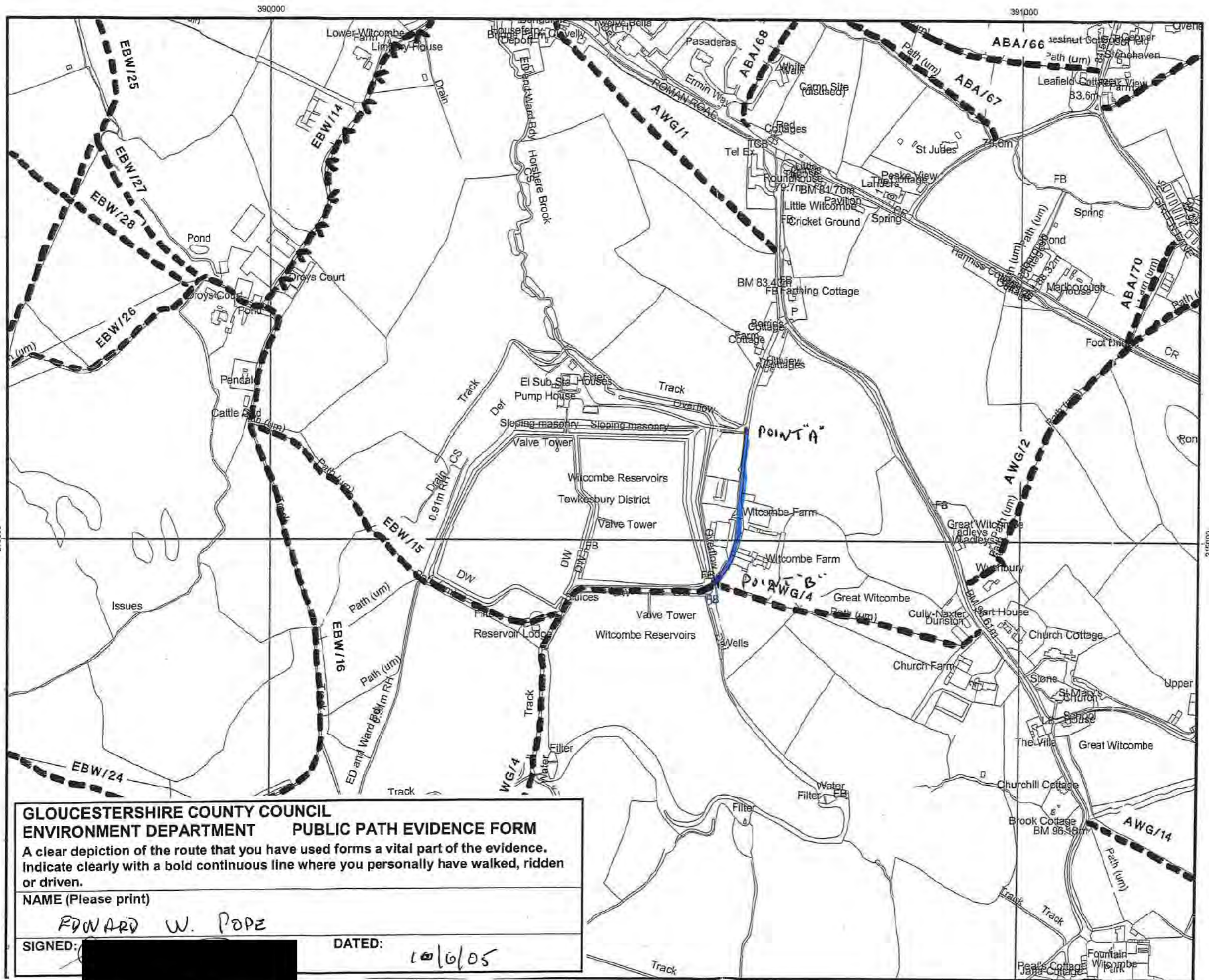
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Signature:.....

Date: 10/6/05

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NAME (Please print)  
**EDWARD W. POPE**

SIGNED:

DATED: **10/6/05**



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Name: MRS. BERYL INEZ POPE
Address: PEAKE VIEW COTTAGE, LITTLE WITCOMBE, GLOS. GL3 4SW
Telephone Number: [redacted]
Date of Birth: [redacted] 1921 Occupation: [redacted]

1. Description of Path:
From: Point "A" To: Point "B" on plan.
Believed Status of Path (eg footpath): FOOTPATH

2. Usage:
Have you used the above path? YES
If so, (a) During which years? 1950-2004
(b) Where were you going to and from? From home to reservoirs & adjoining countryside
(c) For what purpose? Walking for enjoyment
(d) How many times a year? Often when family was young - less lately
(e) By what means (eg on foot, on horseback)? FOOT
(f) What is the (approximate) width of the path you have used? Single vehicle width

3. Route:
Has the way always run over the same route? If not give details and dates of any changes YES

4. Stiles:
Have there to your knowledge ever been any Stiles on the path? NO
If so, give details including location

5. Gates:
Have there to your knowledge ever been any gates on the path? NO
If so, give details including location

6. Notices:
Have there to your knowledge ever been notices on the path? For many years
If so, where were they and what did they say? There has been a notice saying "private road, no unauthorised vehicles at the entrance to water board property."

7. **Obstructions:**

Have you ever known any obstructions on the path?..... NO

If so, please give details including location.....

8. **Verbal Notice:**

(a) Were you ever told by an owner or tenant of the land crossed by the path or anyone in their employment that the path was not public?..... NO..... If so, give details:

(b) Have you ever been stopped or turned back when using the way? If so, state when and give details:..... NO.....

(c) Were you working for any owner or occupier of land crossed by the path at the time you used it or were you a tenant of any such owner?..... NO.....

If so, did you ever receive instructions from him regarding the use of the way by the public?

If so, what were they? .....

(d) Have you ever been given permission to use the path? Yes - some time ago by Mrs. Diana Hicks - Beach

9. **Other Information:**

Please give any other information that you think is relevant We have lived in

the village for over fifty years & have used the path whenever we wished to visit the reservoirs.

(continue on a separate sheet if necessary)

10. **Declaration:**

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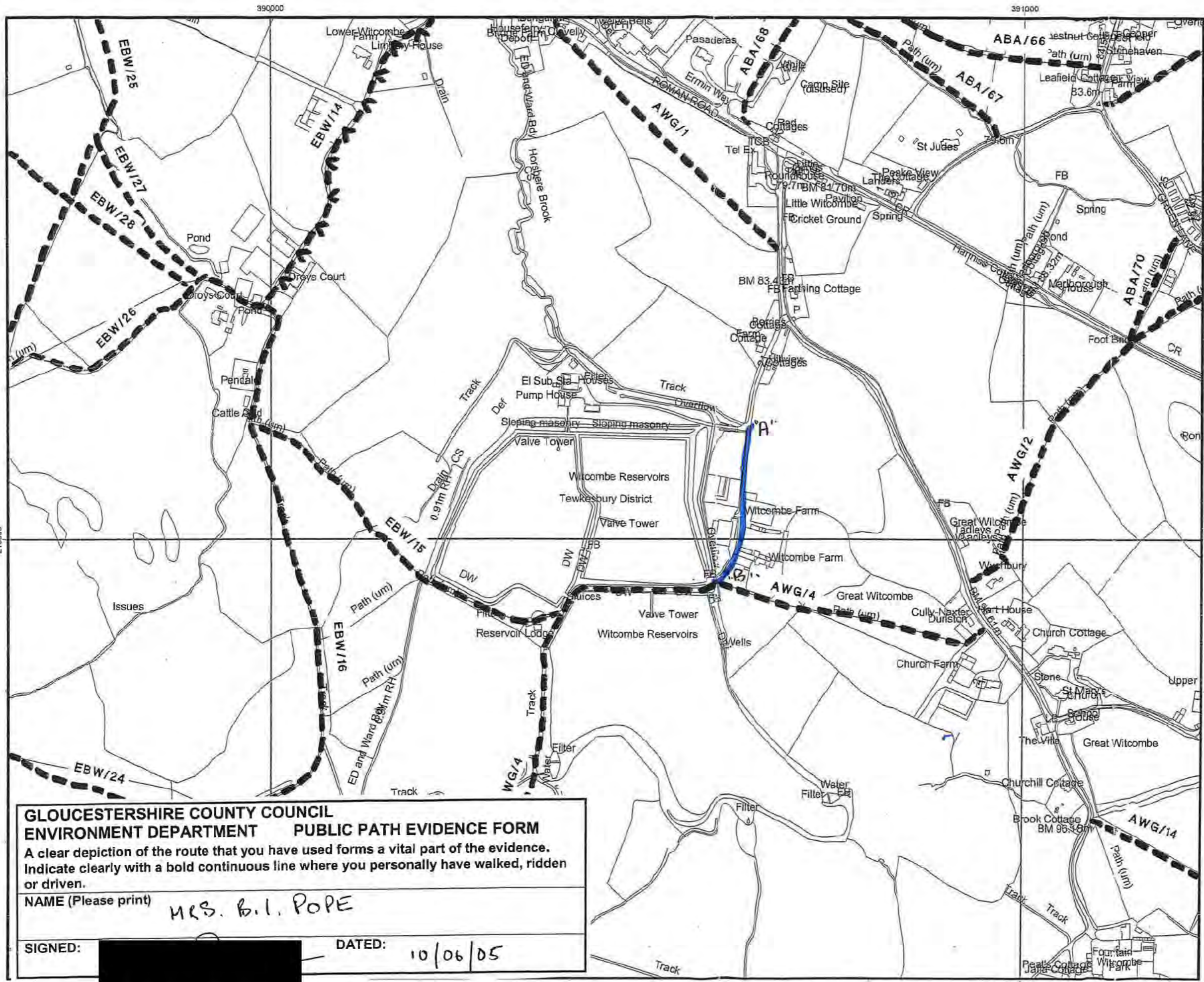
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NAME (Please print) **MRS. B.I. POPE**

SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_ DATED: **10/06/05**

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Name:..... SUSAN WILLIS.....

Address:..... 113 ABBOTSWOOD RD..... BROCKWORTH..... GLOS..... GL3 4PD.....

Telephone Number:.....

Date of Birth:..... Occupation:.....

### 1. Description of Path:

From: Hillview Cottages..... To: South of Witcombe Farm.....

Believed Status of Path (eg footpath):..... Footpath.....

### 2. Usage:

Have you used the above path?..... YES.....

If so, (a) During which years?..... 1964 to 2003.....

(b) Where were you going to and from?..... from my home into Witcombe Woods.....

(c) For what purpose?..... Exercise horses + walking dog.....

(d) How many times a year?..... 3-4 times a week until 1988 then weekly.....

(e) By what means (eg on foot, on horseback)?..... foot + horseback.....

(f) What is the (approximate) width of the path you have used?..... Tractor width.....

### Route:

Has the way always run over the same route? If not give details and dates of any changes.....

Yes.....

### 4. Stiles:

Have there to your knowledge ever been any Stiles on the path?..... No.....

If so, give details including location.....

### 5. Gates:

Have there to your knowledge ever been any gates on the path?..... Yes.....

If so, give details including location..... By turning to pump house.....

### 6. Notices:

Have there to your knowledge ever been notices on the path?..... Yes.....

If so, where were they and what did they say?..... Witcombe Estate Private Land.....

No Public Right of Way

7. **Obstructions:**

Have you ever known any obstructions on the path?..... *No*.....

If so, please give details including location.....

8. **Verbal Notice:**

(a) Were you ever told by an owner or tenant of the land crossed by the path or anyone in their employment that the path was not public?..... *No*..... If so, give details:

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.....

(b) Have you ever been stopped or turned back when using the way?  
If so, state when and give details:..... *No*.....

(c) Were you working for any owner or occupier of land crossed by the path at the time you used it or were you a tenant of any such owner?..... *No*.....

If so, did you ever receive instructions from him regarding the use of the way by the public?

If so, what were they? .....

(d) Have you ever been given permission to use the path?..... *Yes by previous*.....  
*tenant farmer*.....

9. **Other Information:**

Please give any other information that you think is relevant .....

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(continue on a separate sheet if necessary)

10. **Declaration:**


I hereby declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief my answers to the above questions are true.

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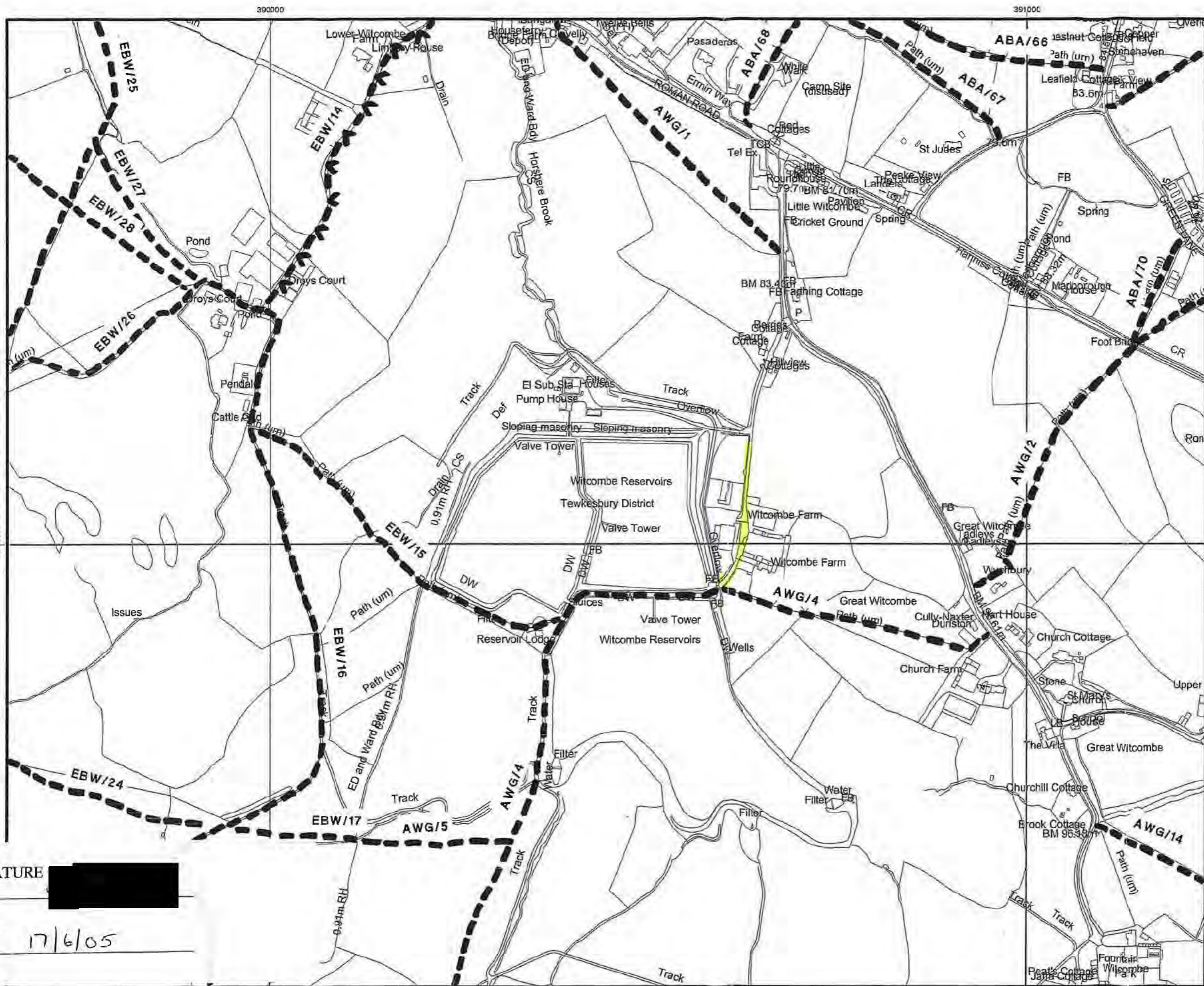
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Witness to Signature:..... 

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Name: MR SIMON RUDDESTON MRICS  
Address: THE GRANARY, BREADSTONE, BERKELEY, GLOS.  
Telephone Number: [REDACTED]  
Date of Birth: [REDACTED] 1958 Occupation: [REDACTED]

1. **Description of Path:**  
From: PUBLIC RD. JUST SOUTH OF HILLVIEW COTTAGES To: PUBLIC FOOTPATH AT WITCOMBE RESERVOIRS  
Believed Status of Path (eg footpath): FOOTPATH / BRIDLEWAY

2. **Usage:**  
Have you used the above path? YES  
If so, (a) During which years? 1986 - 2005  
(b) Where were you going to and from? FROM GREAT WITCOMBE TO THE RESERVOIRS AND UP TO WITCOMBE ROMAN VILLA  
(c) For what purpose? LEISURE  
(d) How many times a year? AVERAGE 30  
(e) By what means (eg on foot, on horseback)? FOOT  
(f) What is the (approximate) width of the path you have used? ROAD

**Route:**  
Has the way always run over the same route? If not give details and dates of any changes .....  
YES

4. **Stiles:**  
Have there to your knowledge ever been any Stiles on the path? No  
If so, give details including location.....

5. **Gates:**  
Have there to your knowledge ever been any gates on the path? No  
If so, give details including location.....

6. **Notices:**  
Have there to your knowledge ever been notices on the path? No  
If so, where were they and what did they say?.....

7. **Obstructions:**

Have you ever known any obstructions on the path? No

If so, please give details including location.....

8. **Verbal Notice:**

(a) Were you ever told by an owner or tenant of the land crossed by the path or anyone in their employment that the path was not public?..... If so, give details:

No

(b) Have you ever been stopped or turned back when using the way?  
If so, state when and give details:.....

No

(c) Were you working for any owner or occupier of land crossed by the path at the time you used it or were you a tenant of any such owner?..... No

If so, did you ever receive instructions from him regarding the use of the way by the public?

If so, what were they? .....

(d) Have you ever been given permission to use the path? No

9. **Other Information:**

Please give any other information that you think is relevant The road has been

used for many years by locals and non locals  
for recreational walks to the reservoirs & up  
on to the Cotswolds.

(continue on a separate sheet if necessary)

10. **Declaration:**

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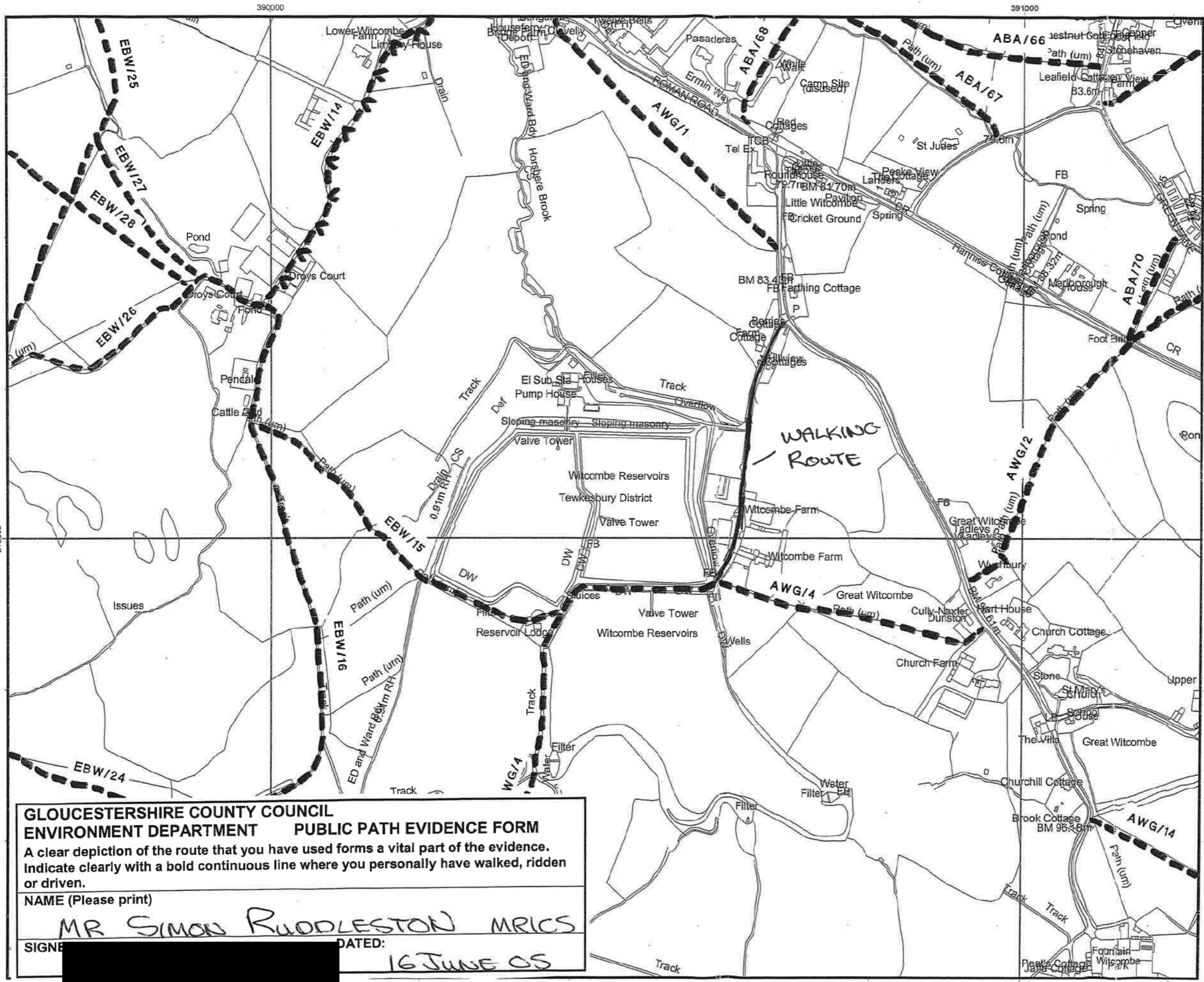
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Signature: [Redacted]

Date: 16 June 2005


Witness to Signature: [Redacted]




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NAME (Please print)  
**MR SIMON RUDDLESTON MRICS**

SIGNATURE [Redacted] DATED:  
**16 JUNE 05**

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Name: Mrs P. A. Willis

Address: 1 GANNET CLOSE, BROCKWORTH, GLOS. GL3 4UT

Telephone Number:

Date of Birth: [redacted] 31 Occupation: [redacted]

1. Description of Path:

From: HILLVIEW COTTAGES To: WITCOMBE FARM

Believed Status of Path (eg footpath): FOOTPATH

2. Usage:

Have you used the above path? YES

If so, (a) During which years? 1937 1999

(b) Where were you going to and from? MY HOUSE TO RESERVOIRS

(c) For what purpose? EXERCISE & PLEASURE

(d) How many times a year? AS A CHILD OFTEN, LATER YEARS ABOUT TWICE

(e) By what means (eg on foot, on horseback)? FOOT

(f) What is the (approximate) width of the path you have used? ONE CAR

Route:

Has the way always run over the same route? If not give details and dates of any changes

YES TO MY KNOWLEDGE

4. Stiles:

Have there to your knowledge ever been any Stiles on the path?

If so, give details including location

5. Gates:

Have there to your knowledge ever been any gates on the path? YES

If so, give details including location. JUST PAST TURNING TO PUMP HOUSE

6. Notices:

Have there to your knowledge ever been notices on the path? YES

If so, where were they and what did they say? PRIVATE TO PUMP HOUSE

7. **Obstructions:**

Have you ever known any obstructions on the path?..... *NO*

If so, please give details including location.....

8. **Verbal Notice:**

(a) Were you ever told by an owner or tenant of the land crossed by the path or anyone in their employment that the path was not public?..... *NO*..... If so, give details:

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.....

(b) Have you ever been stopped or turned back when using the way? *NO*  
If so, state when and give details:.....

.....

(c) Were you working for any owner or occupier of land crossed by the path at the time you used it or were you a tenant of any such owner?..... *NO*

If so, did you ever receive instructions from him regarding the use of the way by the public?

If so, what were they? .....

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(d) Have you ever been given permission to use the path?.....

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9. **Other Information:**

Please give any other information that you think is relevant .....

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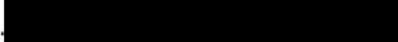
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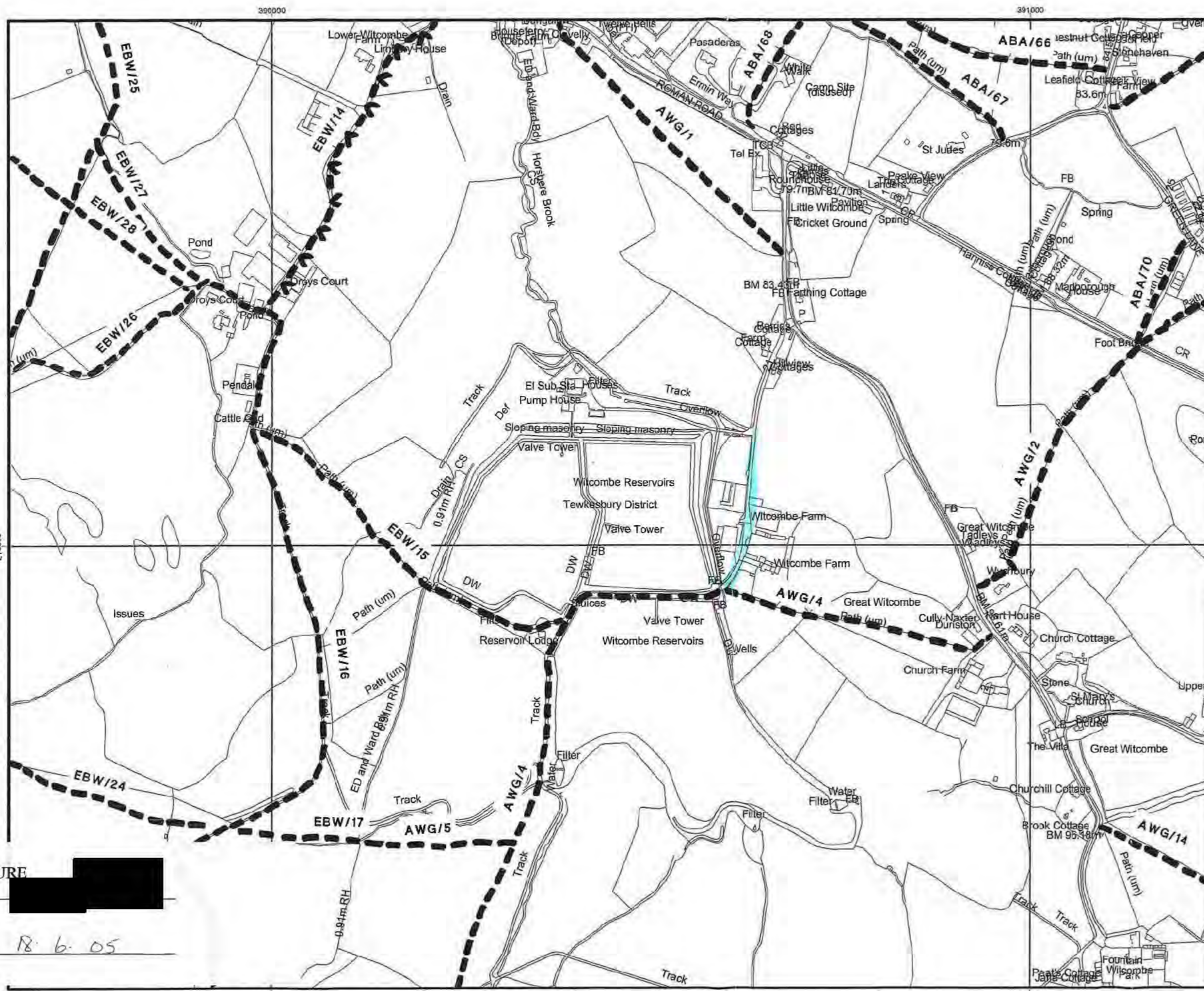
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~~I~~ *NOT WILLING* \*am not willing to attend a Hearing, Public Inquiry or Court to give evidence on the matter, if this should prove to be necessary.

\*Please delete

Signature:..... ..... Date: *18.6.05*



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Name: MRS. PATRICIA CURTIS

Address: MARLBOROUGH COTTAGE, BIRDLIP HILL, WITCOMBE GLD3 4SN

Telephone Number: [REDACTED]

Date of Birth: [REDACTED] 50 Occupation: [REDACTED]

### 1. Description of Path:

From: 'A' LANE-SOUTH OF HILLVIEW COTTAGES To: 'B' RESERVOIR BRIDGE ENTRANCE

Believed Status of Path (eg footpath): FOOTPATH - (BRIDLEWAY PRIOR TO 1994)

### 2. Usage:

Have you used the above path? YES

If so, (a) During which years? AS A FOOTPATH 1950's - 2001/2002 (BRIDLEWAY 1955-1980's)

(b) Where were you going to and from? TO - WITCOMBE RESERVOIRS AND

LAND BEYOND UP TO WITCOMBE WOODS & OTHER PATHS FROM - FAMILY HOME MARLBOROUGH HSE - BIRDLIP HILL

(c) For what purpose? DOG WALKING, LEISURE WALKS (HORSE RIDING)

(d) How many times a year? WEEKLY (OR MORE OFTEN IN SUMMER)

(e) By what means (eg on foot, on horseback)? FOOT (HORSEBACK)

(f) What is the (approximate) width of the path you have used? SINGLE CAR WIDTH

### 3. Route:

Has the way always run over the same route? If not give details and dates of any changes

YES

### 4. Stiles:

Have there to your knowledge ever been any Stiles on the path? NO

If so, give details including location

### 5. Gates:

Have there to your knowledge ever been any gates on the path? YES - AT ENTRANCE

If so, give details including location INTO RESERVOIR 'B' IN 1950's-1960's

ONLY CLOSED OCCASIONALLY

### 6. Notices:

Have there to your knowledge ever been notices on the path? YES - APPROX 3 YRS AGO (2002)

If so, where were they and what did they say? A SIGN WAS ERECTED AT 'A' WITCOMBE

PUBLIC PATH EVIDENCE FORM.....MWW ESTATE. PRIVATE LAND NO PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY.

OTHER SIGNS WITH REGARD TO WATER AUTHORITY HAVE BEEN DISPLAYED OVER THE YEARS AT PUMPING STATION ENTRANCE MARKED X-X

7. **Obstructions:**  
Have you ever known any obstructions on the path? NO

If so, please give details including location.....

8. **Verbal Notice:**  
(a) Were you ever told by an owner or tenant of the land crossed by the <sup>BRIDLEWAY</sup> (path) or anyone in their employment that the (path) was not public? YES..... If so, give details:

WHEN SHOWING A YOUNG RIDER A ROUTE I HAD USED FOR 20+ YEARS. I WAS TOLD IT WAS NOT A BRIDLEWAY. (SEE BELOW)

(b) Have you ever been stopped or turned back when using the way?  
If so, state when and give details: YES - TURNED BACK

IN 9/1995 WHEN USING IT AS A BRIDLEWAY (SEE 9 12)

(c) Were you working for any owner or occupier of land crossed by the path at the time you used it or were you a tenant of any such owner? NO

If so, did you ever receive instructions from him regarding the use of the way by the public?

If so, what were they? .....

(d) Have you ever been given permission to use the <sup>YES - AS A</sup> (path) BRIDLEWAY IN 1999-2000  
WHEN HORSE WAS AT LIVERY AT WITCOMBE FARM


9. **Other Information:**  
Please give any other information that you think is relevant HAVING USED THE

PATH 'A-B' FOR MANY YEARS AS A BRIDLEWAY I ACCEPTED IN 9/1995 THAT IT WAS NOT A DESIGNATED BRIDLEWAY BUT CONTINUED TO USE IT ON FOOT WITH NO VERBAL RESTRICTIONS UNTIL 2002 WHEN THE SIGN SAYING 'NO PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY' WAS ERECTED.

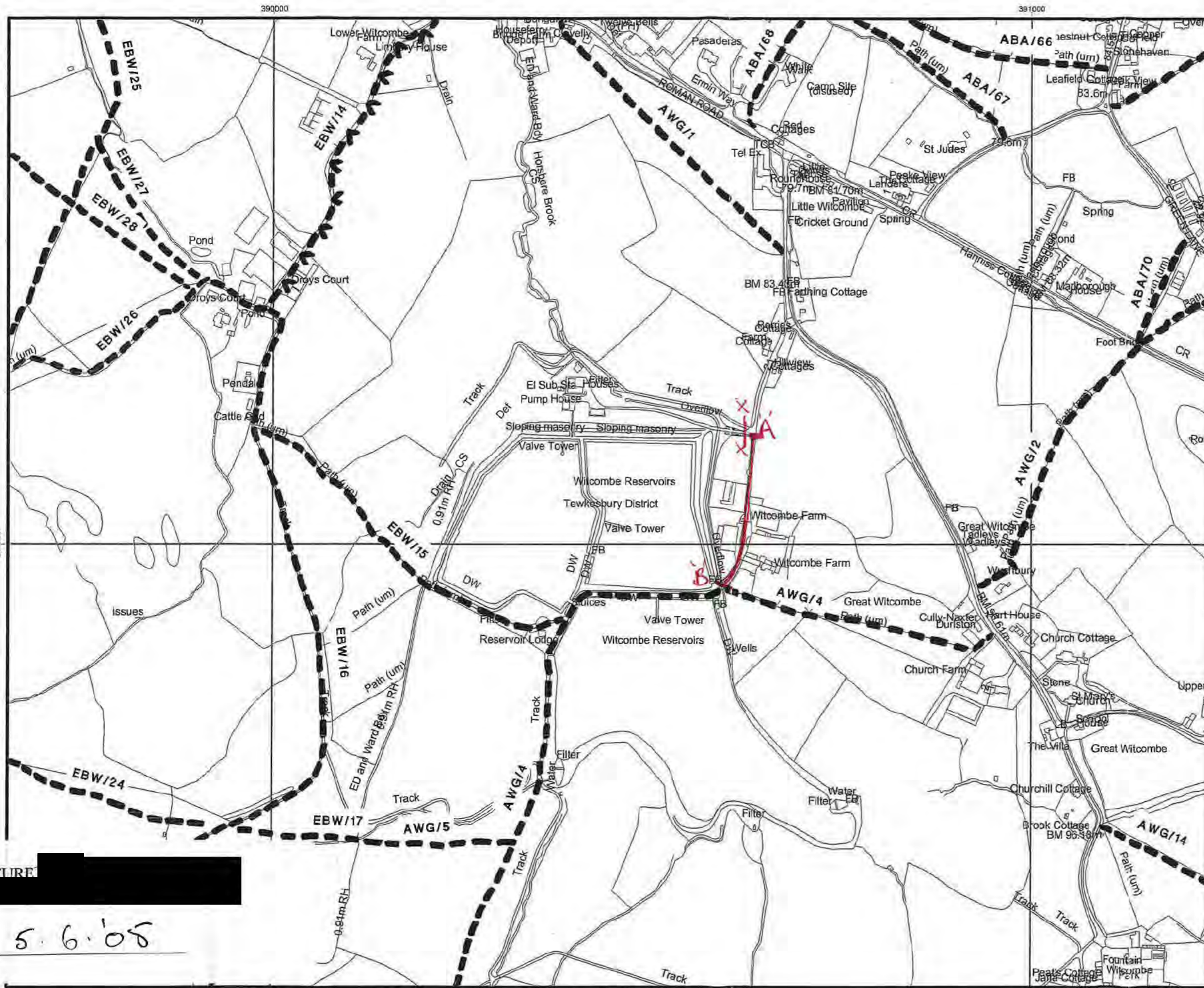
10. **Declaration:**  
I hereby declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief my answers to the above questions are true.

I am/\*am not willing to attend a Hearing, Public Inquiry or Court to give evidence on the matter, if this should prove to be necessary.

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Signature:  Date: 5.06.05

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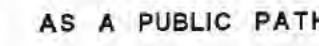
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Name: REV. JOHN THORNTON (formerly Rector of Great Witlecombe)

Address: 24 SPENCER CLOSE HULLCOTE GLOUCESTER GL3 3EA

Telephone Number: [redacted]

Date of Birth: [redacted] 26 Occupation: [redacted]

1. Description of Path:

PATH

From: HILLVIEW COTTAGES marked A To: PUBLIC FOOT AT WITCOMBE FARM Reservoir marked B

Believed Status of Path (eg footpath): Footpath & bridleway

2. Usage:

Have you used the above path? 1962-1991, & 1991 to 2003 (see attached sheet).

If so, (a) During which years? [redacted]

(b) Where were you going to and from? [redacted]

(c) For what purpose? [redacted]

(d) How many times a year? [redacted]

(e) By what means (eg on foot, on horseback)? foot

(f) What is the (approximate) width of the path you have used? single vehicle

3. Route:

Has the way always run over the same route? If not give details and dates of any changes. Yes

4. Stiles:

Have there to your knowledge ever been any Stiles on the path? No

If so, give details including location [redacted]

5. Gates:

Have there to your knowledge ever been any gates on the path? Yes

If so, give details including location. Formerly at entrance Witlecombe Farm at point B. Fell into disrepair, removed & not replaced.

6. Notices:

Have there to your knowledge ever been notices on the path? Yes. There was a sign of 2003

If so, where were they and what did they say? "Witlecombe Estate Private Land no right of way" at point A. Formerly there was a sign which said "Private road no authorized vehicles". This seemed to apply to use of roadway leading to Reservoir pumping station.

7. **Obstructions:**  
Have you ever known any obstructions on the path? no  
If so, please give details including location.....

8. **Verbal Notice:**  
(a) Were you ever told by an owner or tenant of the land crossed by the path or anyone in their employment that the path was not public? no If so, give details:

(b) Have you ever been stopped or turned back when using the way? NO  
If so, state when and give details:.....

(c) Were you working for any owner or occupier of land crossed by the path at the time you used it or were you a tenant of any such owner? NO  
If so, did you ever receive instructions from him regarding the use of the way by the public?  
If so, what were they? .....

(d) Have you ever been given permission to use the path? NO  
Account of uses attached - professional + recreational

9. **Other Information:**  
Please give any other information that you think is relevant .....  
(continue on a separate sheet if necessary)

10. **Declaration:**  
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Signature:.....  Date: 03 06 05

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During the time I was Rector of Great Witcombe, all the public footpaths on Witcombe Estate (+ elsewhere) were a great asset to my ministry: especially the Footpath + bridleway referred to on your Public Path Evidence Form indicated A-B.

Professionally Access to church goes who lived beyond the parish boundaries + beyond A-B:-

Two families at Pendala + at Groys Court, Pether + Pether.

The Griffith family living at "Brydone" Coopers Hill

Pagets in Witcombe Farm (3 generations)

Cullis' in Reservoir Lodge (2 generations)

Mason family by Witcombe Villa

On several occasions we held Rogation Processions + services, beginning at the village hand-water pump in the garden of Earthing Cottage, proceeding along A + B for stations at Witcombe Farm, on the Reservoir Causeway, + to the fields west of Reservoir Lodge. We returned to church at Great Witcombe via B + A

The 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Easter was when the Annual Rogation was held, but sometimes not at the Reservoir.

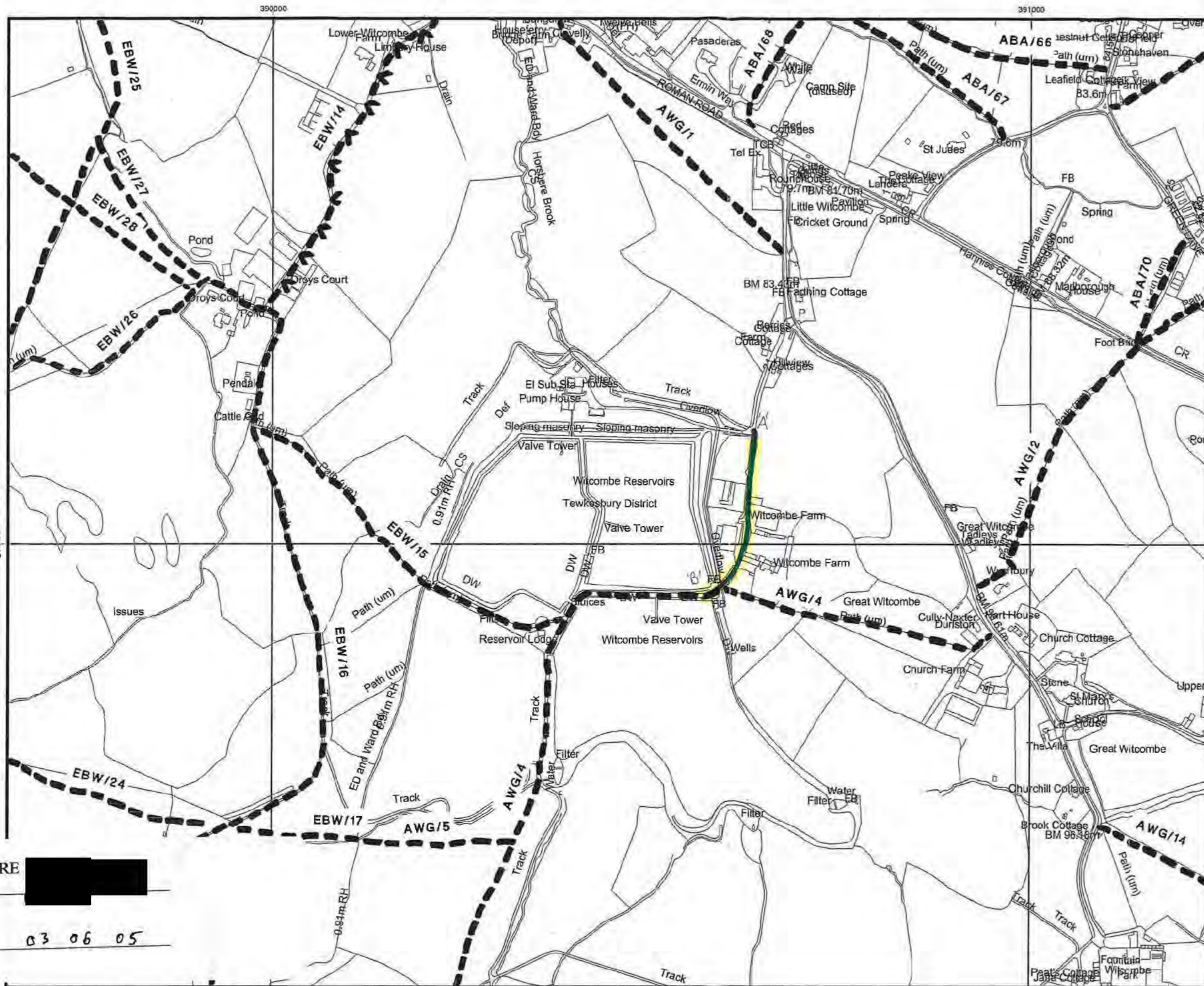
Recreationally My family + I made regular visits to the reservoir via A + B + B to A back again. Most frequently during school holidays - but it was an interesting + refreshing place to walk. A + B also afford access to footpaths leading up to Chase-rolling site (now not used as such)

I had the good fortune to know both Percy + Steven Cullis who were custodians living at the reservoir. Together with two ornithologists Jack Peake + Julian Comrie we built + floated ~~floating~~ floating islands for water birds to nest on.

Jack + Julian persuaded the Gloucester Wildlife Trust to establish the area beyond A + B an official reserves - which is so still.

Since my retirement in 1991 I have continued to walk + enjoy use of footpath A - B as access to the reservoirs, although I am a handicapped walker now + cannot manage the walking there.

Signed [redacted]



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GLOUCESTERSHIRE  
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27 SEP 2005  
ENVIRONMENT  
DEPARTMENT

Dear Madam,

RE: Application for public right of way ref: 573/11/101(1)

Further to my submission of 45 public evidence path forms in support of my application to have the roadway to the reservoirs at Great Witcombe adopted as a Public Right Of Way of have discovered, in a folder, two more forms, which were completed prior to the submission (note the dates of signing are both in July), but which I overlooked, and I would ask you to add these to the existing bundle of evidence please.

Many thanks,

Yours faithfully,

Dr. Nick Gilbert

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## PUBLIC PATH EVIDENCE FORM

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Name:..... JOHN PYE .....  
Address:..... 4, PILLCROFT ROAD, WITCOMBE, GLOUCESTER .....  
Telephone Number:..... [REDACTED] .....  
Date of Birth:..... [REDACTED] 48 ..... Occupation:..... [REDACTED] .....

1. **Description of Path:**  
From:..... Pump House Junction ..... To:..... Witcombe Farm .....  
Believed Status of Path (eg footpath):.....

2. **Usage:**  
Have you used the above path?..... YES .....  
If so, (a) During which years?..... 1960'S TO PRESENT DAY .....  
(b) Where were you going to and from?..... WITCOMBE VILLAGE TO RESERVOIR + BEYOND .....  
(c) For what purpose?..... WALK .....  
(d) How many times a year?..... SEVERAL .....  
(e) By what means (eg on foot, on horseback)?..... ON FOOT .....  
(f) What is the (approximate) width of the path you have used?..... 8 FT .....

**Route:**  
Has the way always run over the same route? If not give details and dates of any changes .....  
..... YES .....

4. **Stiles:**  
Have there to your knowledge ever been any Stiles on the path?..... NO .....  
If so, give details including location.....

5. **Gates:**  
Have there to your knowledge ever been any gates on the path?..... NO .....  
If so, give details including location.....

6. **Notices:**  
Have there to your knowledge ever been notices on the path?..... NO .....  
If so, where were they and what did they say?.....

7. **Obstructions:**  
Have you ever known any obstructions on the path?..... NO  
If so, please give details including location.....

8. **Verbal Notice:**  
(a) Were you ever told by an owner or tenant of the land crossed by the path or anyone in their employment that the path was not public?..... If so, give details:

..... NO .....

(b) Have you ever been stopped or turned back when using the way?  
If so, state when and give details:.....

..... NO .....

(c) Were you working for any owner or occupier of land crossed by the path at the time you used it or were you a tenant of any such owner?..... NO

If so, did you ever receive instructions from him regarding the use of the way by the public?

If so, what were they? .....

(d) Have you ever been given permission to use the path?.....

..... NO .....

9. **Other Information:**  
Please give any other information that you think is relevant .....

..... HAVE USED THIS PATH FOR MANY YEARS,  
UNTIL I UNDERSTOOD THAT THERE WAS A PROBLEM .....

(continue on a separate sheet if necessary)

10. **Declaration:**

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I ~~am~~ am not willing to attend a Hearing, Public Inquiry or Court to give evidence on the matter, if this should prove to be necessary.

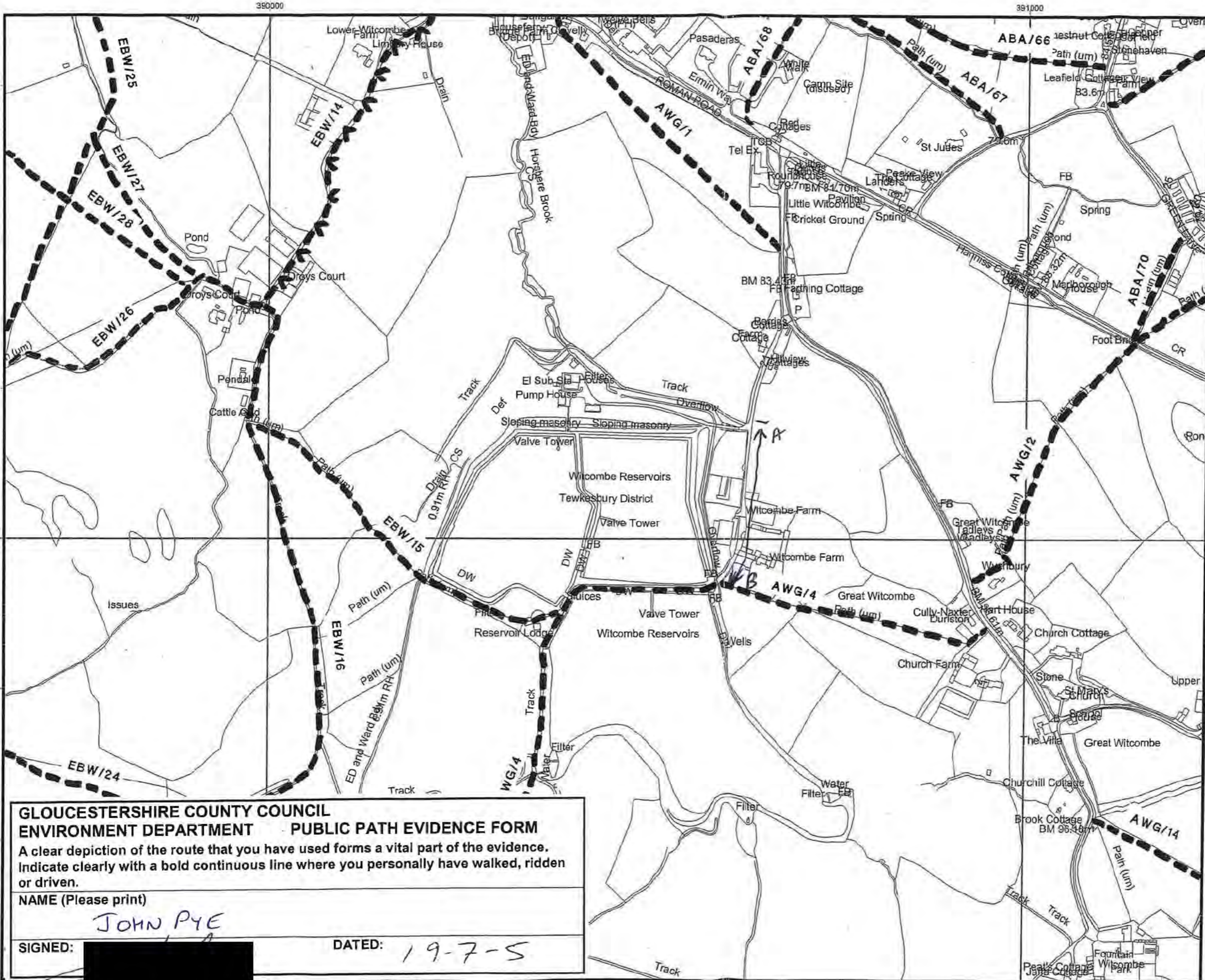
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NAME (Please print)  
**JOHN PYE**

SIGNED:  DATED: **19-7-05**

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Name: BOB MILES

Address: 5, PARLIAMENT CLOSE, STRAUD, GROS GLS 10Q

Telephone Number: [REDACTED]

Date of Birth: [REDACTED] 44 Occupation: [REDACTED]

1. Description of Path:

From: JUNCTION AT PUMP HOUSE ROAD (1) To: OVERTROW FROM MAIN RESERVOIR (2)

Believed Status of Path (eg footpath): FOOTPATH

2. Usage:

Have you used the above path? YES

If so, (a) During which years? 1955 - 1997

(b) Where were you going to and from? LEISURE WALKING - TO WOODS & ONTO BIRDNP FROM LITTLE WITCOMBE (HOME)

(c) For what purpose? LEISURE / RECREATION

(d) How many times a year? 10-12 50's, 60's, less frequent 70's, 80's, 90's

(e) By what means (eg on foot, on horseback)? FOOT

(f) What is the (approximate) width of the path you have used? 8' - 10'

Route:

Has the way always run over the same route? If not give details and dates of any changes YES

4. Stiles:

Have there to your knowledge ever been any Stiles on the path? No

If so, give details including location

5. Gates:

Have there to your knowledge ever been any gates on the path? No

If so, give details including location

6. Notices:

Have there to your knowledge ever been notices on the path? No

If so, where were they and what did they say?

7. **Obstructions:**  
Have you ever known any obstructions on the path?..... No  
If so, please give details including location.....

8. **Verbal Notice:**  
(a) Were you ever told by an owner or tenant of the land crossed by the path or anyone in their employment that the path was not public?..... No..... If so, give details:

(b) Have you ever been stopped or turned back when using the way?  
If so, state when and give details:..... No

(c) Were you working for any owner or occupier of land crossed by the path at the time you used it or were you a tenant of any such owner?..... No  
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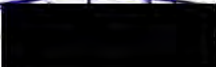
(d) Have you ever been given permission to use the path?..... No

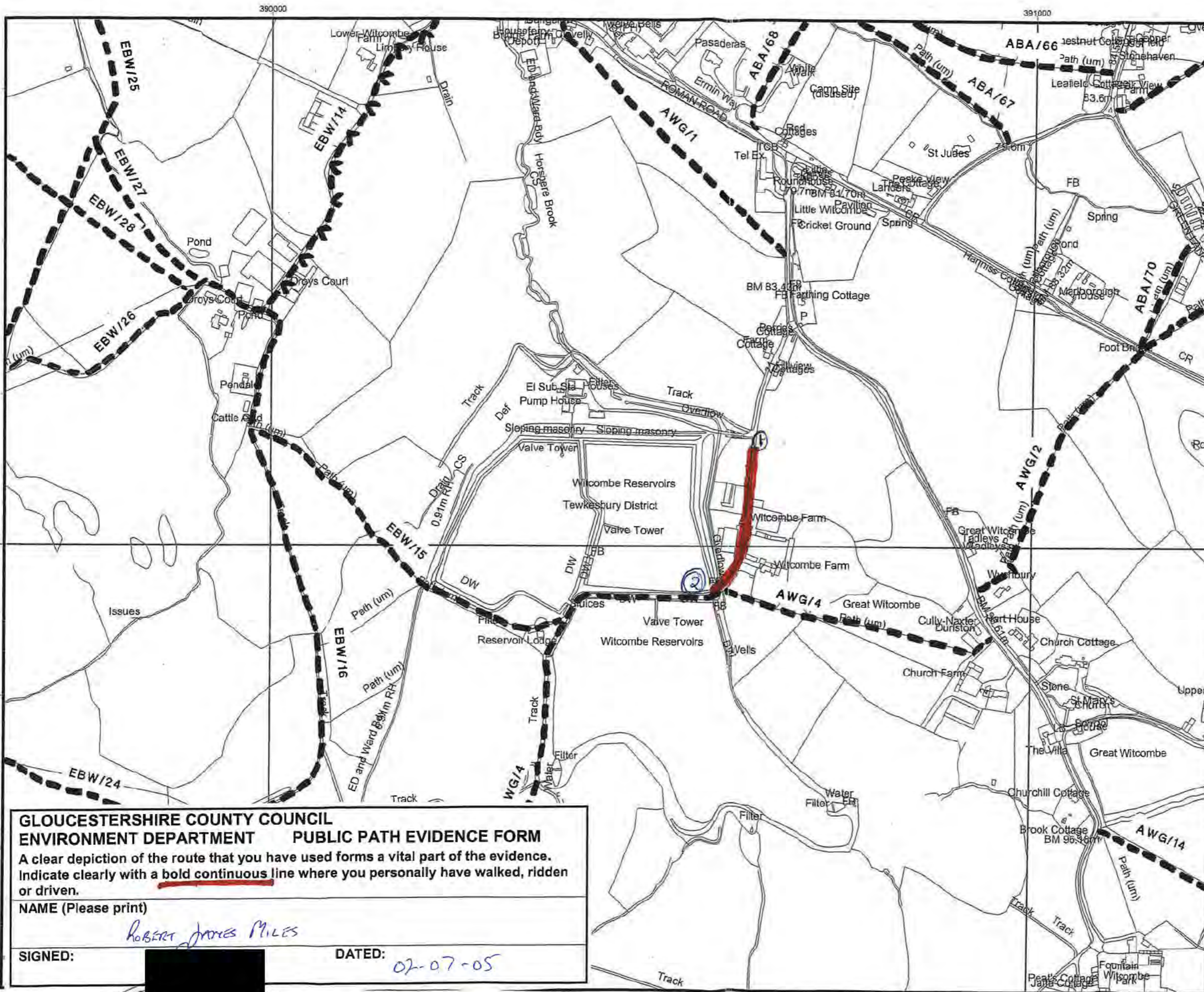
9. **Other Information:**  
Please give any other information that you think is relevant .....

(continue on a separate sheet if necessary)

10. **Declaration:**  
I hereby declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief my answers to the above questions are true.

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\*Please delete  
Signature:..... ..... Date: 02/07/05  
Witness to Signature:..... ..... JOHN LUFF 02/07/05



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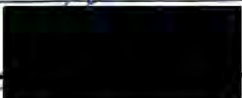
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or driven.

NAME (Please print)

ROBERT JAMES MILES

SIGNED:



DATED:

07-07-05

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Name: EUNICE ELIZABETH STRALEY

Address: 2, CHURCH CLOSE, CRANHAM, GLOUCESTER, GL4 8HT

Telephone Number: [Redacted]

Date of Birth: [Redacted] Occupation: [Redacted]

1. Description of Path:

From: Public road just south of Hillview Cottages - marked 'A' To: Public footpath at Witcombe Reservoirs - marked 'B'

Believed Status of Path (eg footpath): Footpath (there are also witnesses to its use as a bridleway).

2. Usage:

Have you used the above path? Yes

If so, (a) During which years? 1957-2005 (except during term-time for the 4 yrs I was at college + 19 months + 2001 F+M epidemic abroad)

(b) Where were you going to and from? From my then home (my parents' house) in Brockworth (Moonfield Road) to Witcombe Reservoirs. Later from Tamworth Close, Brockworth and since Nov. 1998 from our home in Cranham (-2005).

(c) For what purpose? Leisure... walking out dog; walking for pleasure exercise + fresh air; peace and quiet; photography; painting; bird-watching

(d) How many times a year? For much of this period, on a daily basis after work and at week-ends and during holidays, sometimes twice daily

(e) By what means (eg on foot, on horseback)? on foot

(f) What is the (approximate) width of the path you have used? Single vehicle width

Route: a natural environment, even whilst in a pushchair. Also taking my disabled mother + for my medical reasons (spinal problems: it is an easy path) during certain periods, but I did not use the path during the 2001 Foot + month epidemic

Has the way always run over the same route? If not give details and dates of any changes

Yes

4. Stiles:

Have there to your knowledge ever been any Stiles on the path? No

If so, give details including location

5. Gates:

Have there to your knowledge ever been any gates on the path? No

If so, give details including location

6. Notices:

Have there to your knowledge ever been notices on the path? Yes. Approximately 3 years ago, a sign was posted at Points 'A' + 'B' saying, 'Witcombe Estate, Private Land, No Public Right of Way. There is an access sign near point 'A' saying, 'Private Road, No Unauthorized Vehicles'. However, it is not clear whether PUBLIC PATH EVIDENCE FORM... MWT, latter refers to the route in question, or to the road to the pumping station, which secures Point 'A' at a right angle.

\* Also, from 1977-1982, from my home in Up Hatley, Chobham.

parents' house in Brockworth (Moonfield Road)

Also for nature study (flowers, fungi but not rabbits)

Also taking my disabled mother + for my medical reasons (spinal problems: it is an easy path) during certain periods, but I did not use the path during the 2001 Foot + month epidemic

(Mrs. Hicks - Beach Church Rogation Service usually attends this) Also, I attended also for Witcombe Reservoirs

PUBLIC PATH EVIDENCE FORM... MWT, latter refers to the route in question, or to the road to the pumping station, which secures Point 'A' at a right angle. \* Also, from 1977-1982, from my home in Up Hatley, Chobham.

7. **Obstructions:**  
Have you ever known any obstructions on the path? No

If so, please give details including location.....

8. **Verbal Notice:**  
(a) Were you ever told by an owner or tenant of the land crossed by the path or anyone in their employment that the path was not public?..... NO..... If so, give details:

(b) Have you ever been stopped or turned back when using the way?  
If so, state when and give details:..... NO.....

(c) Were you working for any owner or occupier of land crossed by the path at the time you used it or were you a tenant of any such owner?..... No.....  
If so, did you ever receive instructions from him regarding the use of the way by the public?  
If so, what were they? .....

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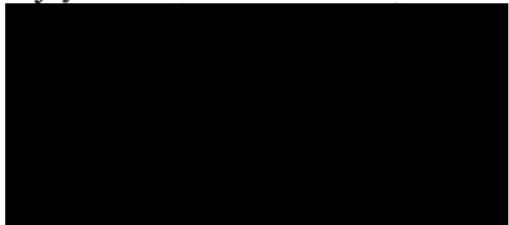
walking boots (as the mud comes over the tops) and it is riving us  
10. **Declaration:** *with dogs. Everyone has a right to enjoy the reservoirs, the environment, the wildlife and the spectacular scenery. It was created for us all to enjoy! I agree with everything else that Dr. Gilbert has written about in his*  
I hereby declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief my answers to the above questions are true.  
I am ~~am not~~ willing to attend a Hearing, Public Inquiry or Court to give evidence on the matter, if ~~needed~~ *needed* this should prove to be necessary. *I am on the Great Witcombe electoral register, as I regularly attend Great Witcombe Church.*  
\*Please delete [redacted]  
Signature:..... [redacted] Date: 22/9/05  
Witness to Signature:..... [redacted]

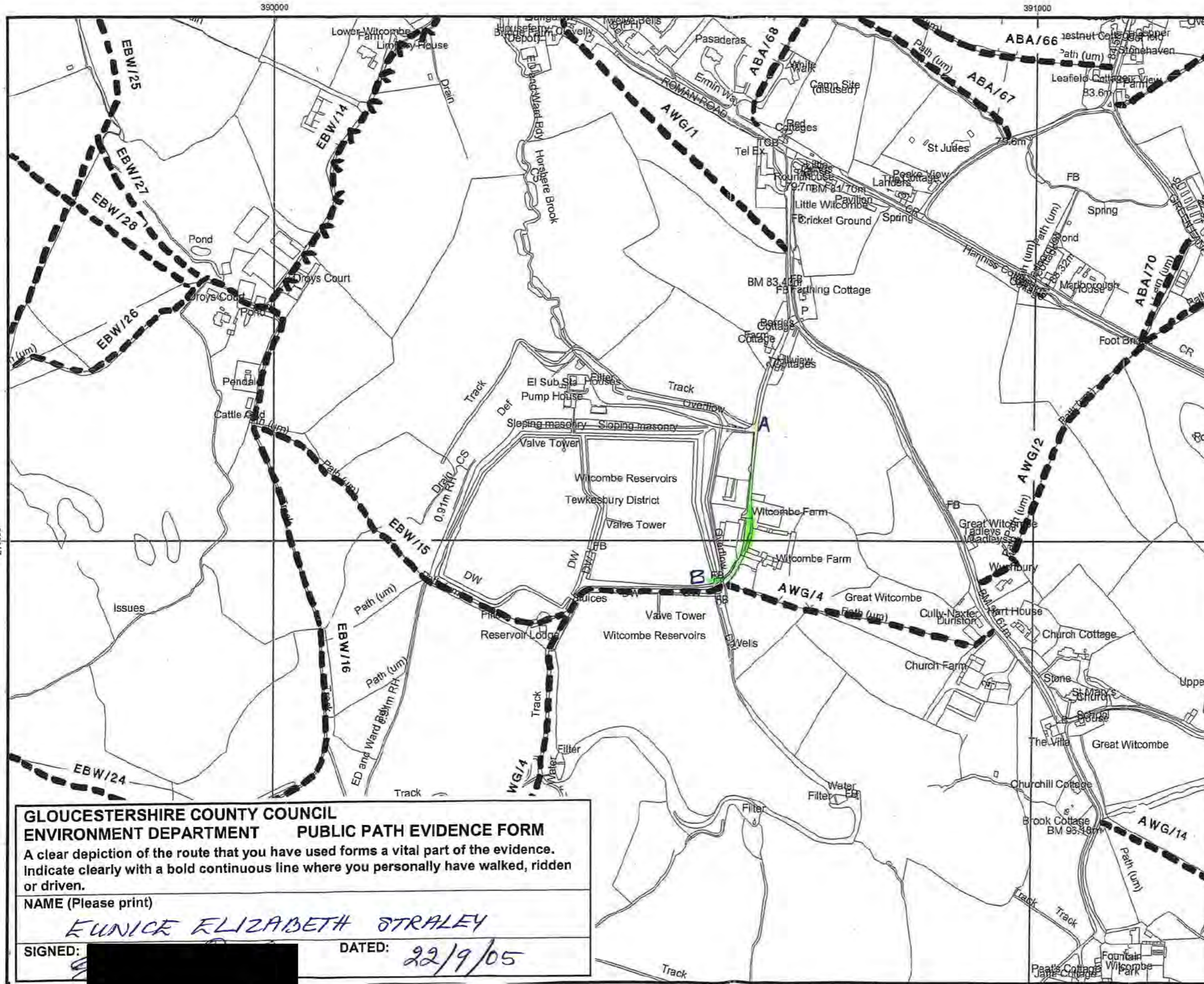
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Mr and Mrs Hicks-Beach regularly saw my family and me walking on this path (following the move to their farm in the early 80 s), conversed with us and, on one occasion, Mrs Hicks-Beach invited my toddler son and me into their stables to observe the Cheltenham College girls with their horses. However, following the death of Mr Hicks-Beach , Mrs Hicks-Beach's personality has changed considerably, and she has gradually become more possessive and obstructive regarding the footpaths. An example of this <sup>change</sup> was in 2004 when a gentleman, who is severely disabled, rented a cottage from her for a short holiday. We understand he had told her that he would be driving down from London after work and would arrive late at night. However, there was no key and the door was locked. He asked at the large house nearby, who gave him Mrs Hicks-Beach's phone number, but she refused to give him the key that night, making it necessary for this severely disabled man to drive all the way back to London and return the next day.

My family and I have used this path regularly (for much of the time on a daily basis) since 1957-2005 and have on no occasion been told not to use it. Mr and Mrs Hicks-Beach's two elder children (Andrew and Lucy) have always been very friendly , as were the Pagets. Andrew invited us in for a cup of tea and a chat on one occasion too, and asked us to visit again. The alternative routes preclude anyone with a disability (eg even with a slightly painful back) from using them, as they are virtually impassable at times (I have 'lost' wellies, or got my feet soaked in walking boots, as the mud comes over the tops) and it is risky to go through with dogs ! I agree with everything else that Dr Gilbert has mentioned in his letter, and am on the Great Witcombe electoral register, as I regularly attend Great Witcombe Church.

Everyone has the right to enjoy the reservoirs, the environment, the wildlife and the spectacular scenery. It was created for all of us to enjoy!





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NAME (Please print)  
*EUNICE ELIZABETH STRALEY*

SIGNED:  DATED: *22/9/05*