

MODIFICATION ORDER APPLICATION TO ADD A FOOTPATH FROM RECTORY LANE TO PUBLIC FOOTPATH ZGL64 (REF. 573/11/99(10))

SUMMARY OF USER EVIDENCE STATEMENTS SUBMITTED IN 2024

No	Name	Address of Witness	Start Year	End Year	Years of Use (less any periods when not used)	Years of absence from area/inability to use	Which method of use	Frequency	Width	Structures/ Obstructions/ Notices/ Permission/ Challenged	Further particulars? (width, photos, doc evidence, etc.)	Map (in relation to applicants map)
1	Andrew Meads	1A, High View, Hempsted, Gloucester, GL2 5LN	1986	2023	37	0	On foot	Once or twice per week	Approx. 1.5 m	Stile now gone, two kissing gates, two pedestrian gates. No obstructions, notices, permission or challenge. "Permissive route marking on landfill side indicating path to the right. Usually this disappeared behind vegetation."	Has photographs. Thought route was a public right of way. Public footpath sign at Rectory Lane, one pointing left and one pointing towards field path. Has observed other users. Has been told gates installed in 1980s with Council involvement. Fields flood in winter & spring.	As application map with annotations as to structures.
2	John Roderick	8, Chertwell Close, Hempsted, Gloucester, GL2 5XA	1972	2024	51	1	On foot	Monthly	Approx. 2-3ft	"Swing gates in place never locked". No obstructions, notices, permission or challenge.	Annotated 1999 aerial photo attached. Description of route in response to Qs 3 & 17 refers to a circular route up to River Severn,	Only part of claimed route drawn.
3	Christine Pullen	8 Bridle Court, Hempsted, Gloucester, GL2 5LD	1976	2023	47	0	On foot	Weekly (less often 1986 - 2017)	Well defined	Three gates, never locked.No obstructions, notices, permission or challenge.	Occasional use from 1986 -2017. Well defined path due to frequent use. Fields sometimes flood in winter.	As application map with annotations as to gates.
4	Donald Stockwell	3, High View, Hempsted, Gloucester, GL2 5ZN	2000	2023	23	0	On foot	Every few months	1-3 m	Three gates. No obstructions, notices, permission or challenge. Worked as a volunteer for the City Council project installing a gate on route.	Did not use route when flooded.	As application map with annotations as to gates.
5	Anne Jarman	3, High View, Hempsted, Gloucester, GL2 5ZN	2000	2023	21	2	On foot	Every few months	2-3ft	Two gates. No obstructions, notices, permission or challenge. Unable to use when flooded.	Thought route was a footpath.	As application map with annotations as to gates.
6	John Bricknell	47, Hempsted Lane, Hempsted, Gloucester, GL2 5JS	1984	2024	37	3	On foot	Weekly	Not defined	Stile replaced by gate. Two kissing gates, two pedestrian gates. No obstructions or challenge until March 2024 when a gate was locked & topped with barbed wire. "Permissive route marking by concrete footbridge indicating path that runs adjacent to the perimeter fence of landfill site".	In response to Q 3 refers to "permissive path alongside drainage ditch". States that kissing gates were installed in mid 1980s as part of government scheme to help young unemployed people return to work.	As application map with annotations as to gates.
7	Michael Davies	68, Hempsted Lane, Hempsted, Gloucester, GL2 5JN	1989	2024	35	0	On foot	Weekly	Not defined	Stiles have rotted away. Four "swing gates". No obstruction or challenge. "Permissive markings by concrete bridge indicating path around perimeter of landfill site (Hempsted Tip)"	Suggests route has existed since 1960. Always been considered a public footpath by the local community.	As application map with annotations as to gates.
8	Elaine Davies	68, Hempsted Lane, Hempsted, Gloucester, GL2 5JN	1970	2024	41	13	On foot	Daily or weekly	Not clear	Gate with a stile alongside which rotted; four swing gates, none locked until March 2024. "Permissive markings by concrete bridge showing track following the edge of land-fill site." No obstructions, permission or challenge.	Had no reason to believe the path was not a public right of way. Walked in 1973 when at Hempsted School to see the Severn Bore.	As application map with annotations as to gates.
9	Muriel Heath	13, St Swithun's Road, Hempsted, Gloucester, GL2 5LH	1963	2019	56	0	On foot	Daily or weekly	Variable	Stiles; two kissing gates, two further gates. No obstructions, notices, permission or challenge.	Have used footpath along with many fellow residents. As teacher in local school took children on nature walks and to see Severn Bore.	As application map with annotations as to gates.
10	Peter Burgess	9, Chertwell Close, Hempsted, Gloucester, GL2 5XA	1987	2023	36	0	On foot	Daily or weekly	2m	Two gates, not locked until 2024. July 2024, map on post. No notices, obstructions, permission or challenge until 2024.	Attached Google Earth images from 2013, 2021 and 2023 showing route and extract from aerial photo from 1945 shows "path across field to ditch crossing bridge."	As application map with annotations as to gates.
11	Maureen Barker	3, Chartwell Close, Hempsted, Gloucester, GL2 5XA	1977	2024	47	0	On foot	Daily or weekly	3-4ft	Kissing gates. No notices, obstructions, permission or challenge.		Different route to application map; applicant has drawn a route similar to part of ZGL64