Proof of Evidence – Carol Kambites:

Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981
The Definitive Map and Statement of
Public Rights of Way for Gloucestershire

Ref: ROW/3377321 - Additional Public Footpaths across land known as Verney Fields and Surrounding Area, Stonehouse Parish Modification Order 2025

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Ref: & ROW/3365454 - Additional Public Footpath Connecting Oak Way and MST30, Stonehouse Parish Modification Order 2025

1. My name is Carol Kambites. I moved to Stonehouse with my husband in 2007 and we have lived in Oak Way since then. We soon discovered the footpath from Oak Way through to Verney Field. A copy of the Order Plan showing this path is appended **CK1.** We would use the Oak Way path to reacch the field and enter it at point N where there was a stile. From there we would walk up to the oak tree, using either of the paths between M and O. The bench under the oak tree was well used and was often already occupied, but when it was free we would sit and admire the view. We would most commonly continue via MST62 to either points H or I, both being easily accessible. I would sometimes continue over the hill either via MST30 to Doverow Woods and return home via the Cotswold Way and then MST27. All these paths were open and appeared to be rights of way. A copy of the Order Plan showing these routes is appended **CK2.**

2. We used the paths several times a week until a few years ago when my husband's restricted mobility prevented him from doing so. I continued to do so until the present owners bought the land and began to dig trenches and put up barbed wire fences, after which it was no longer such a pleasant walk, and I used it less frequently.

3. The paths were well used and, apart from some slippery mud, easily passable and accessible by stiles or kissing gates. Until the present owners bought the land, nobody ever tried to prevent us using the paths, either verbally or physically, and there were no

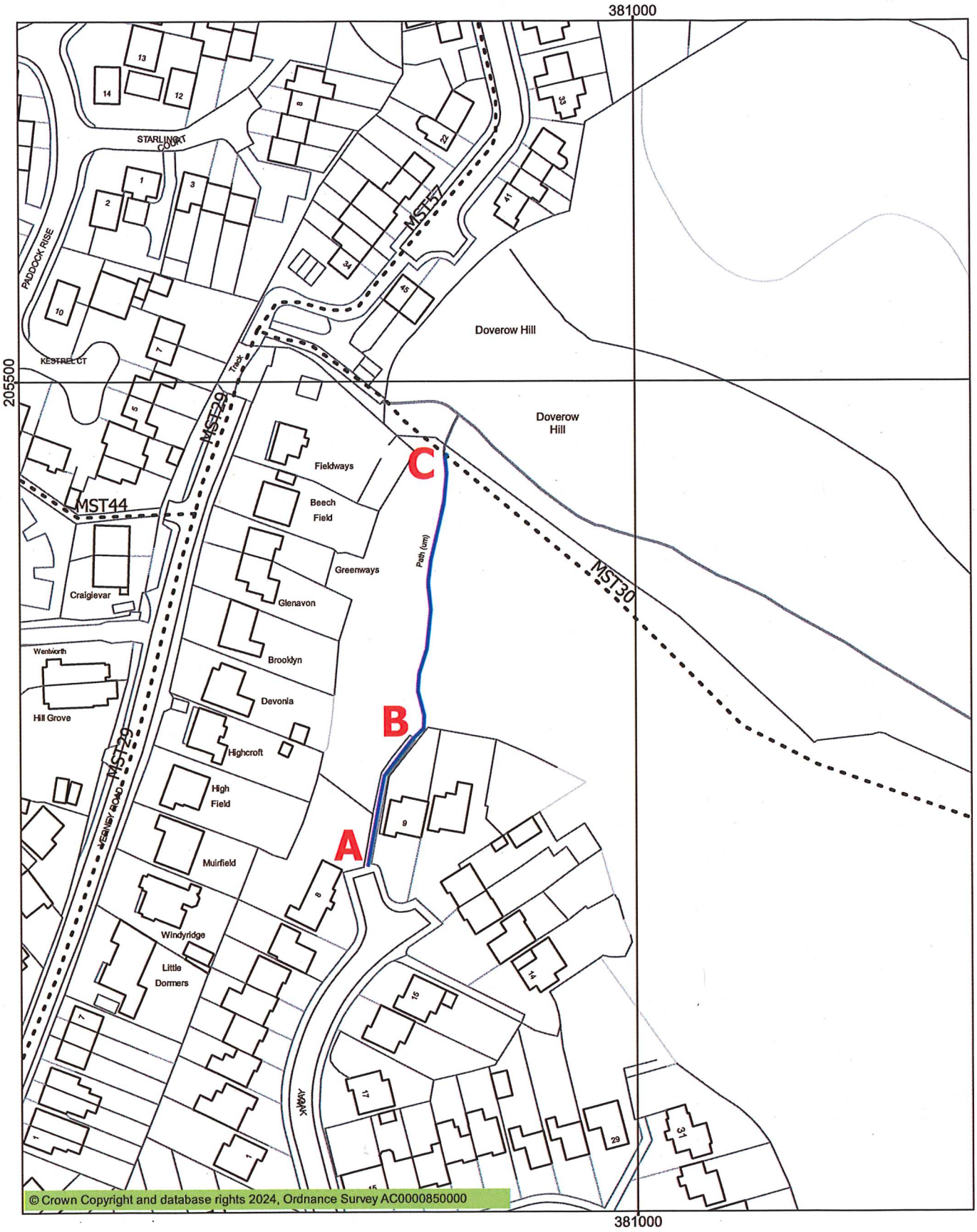
signs to say that we shouldn't be there. In short, there was nothing to indicate that we didn't have a right to use them. I saw no evidence of vandalism or damage until the present owners of Verney Fields fenced off the routes, after which a few fences were cut, derelict caravans were dumped in apparently random places and were later set on fire.

4. I also use the Oak Way path as a shortcut through to the Bramble Lane area and have on occasion used the Verney field paths as a short cut over to Cashes Green.

5. I hereby declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief this is a true statement

Signature [redacted] **Date** 2nd September 2026.

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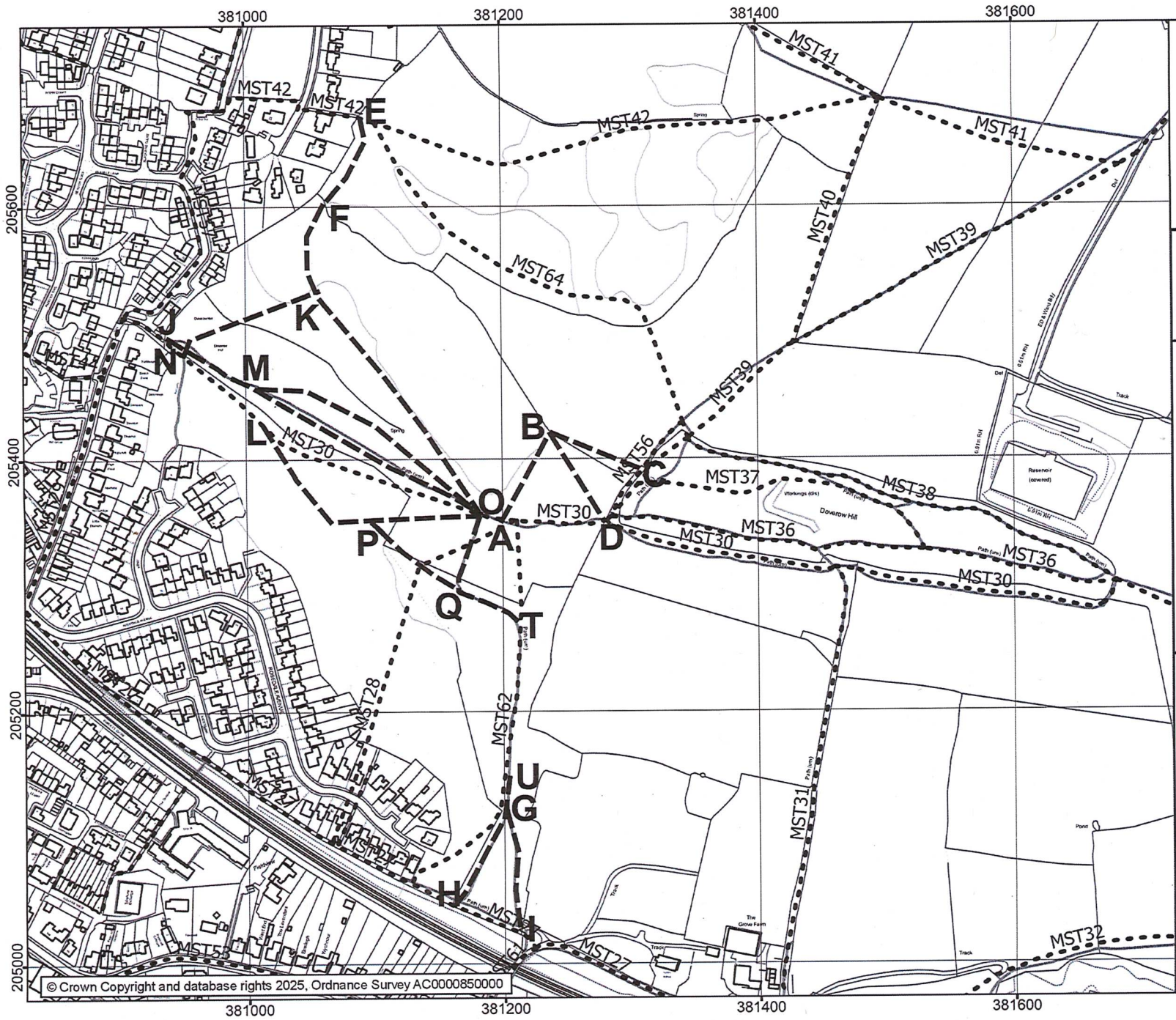


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Claimed Route ——————

Unaffected public rights of way - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -



ADDITIONAL PUBLIC FOOTPATHS ACROSS LAND KNOWN AS VERNEY FIELDS & SURROUNDING AREA, STONEHOUSE PARISH

DEFINITIVE MAP MODIFICATION ORDER 2025

Claimed footpaths:

A-B
B-D
B-C
E-F-K-O
O-Q-T
N-K
J-O
M-O
L-O
P-Q
U-H
G-I

Public paths unaffected by this Order

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