Proof of Evidence — Shayne Ring:

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 Shayne Ring. I have lived in Stonehouse since 1988. From 1992 I have walked the many paths in and about Verney Fields on a weekly basis if not a daily basis. Normally mornings, sometimes afternoons with my nephew, friends or dogs.

2. I walked for exercise, recreation and the health benefits. I only missed my walks while on holiday and the foot and mouth outbreak in 2001. I walked openly and without hindrance, yet permission was never granted, access was never denied verbally or by signs or by barriers.

3. All this changed in 2023, the end of challenge period. This is when I filled in these DMMOs. I now note some objections to these DMMOs. I'll list these objections one by one and give my rebuttals.

    a) Forced paths "User by force".
    b) Not qualifying period.
    c) Changing or migrating courses.
    d) Just "Covid lockdown paths".
    e) Different start/ termination points.
    f) Why? "No purpose for paths".

4. All these objections can be rebutted by pointing out points J, N, M to L, P to Q, F and B, all had stiles and H and I had stiles, later kissing gates. These gates and stiles, old when I started walking the fields in 1992, were fixed points that never changed. All

these paths linked these stiles and gates in a network or hub of paths. Some over hard terrain but short, some over easy terrain but longer.

5. All connecting Browns Lane, the Viewpoint, Oak Way, Verney Road, Cotswold Green, Doverow Hill, and a number of paths. So, no forced ways or fence cutting, because access was granted by all these stiles and gates. I noted one objection about the paths width about 1metre is OK until you meet someone or a group of people coming the other way so 2metres is about right.

6. Point B's stile though was destroyed when a power cable was put through. The date I cannot say for sure. I did use that way a lot less after the loss of the stile without it, it was less inviting. Never was there ever a notice saying no footpath. It became blocked with wire in 2023.

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

Signature.. [redacted] **.....** **Date**10-8-26