

PROOF OF EVIDENCE OF:

Mrs Eunice Straley

Title of Order:

S53 of the Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981
Definitive Map of Public Rights of Way for Gloucestershire
(Additional Length of Footpath at Witcombe Farm)
(Parish of Great Witcombe) Order 2009

Planning Inspectorate Reference:

ROW/3354782
Public Inquiry: 6 October 2026

INTRODUCTION

1. My name is Eunice Straley.

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I wish to state to this Public Inquiry that...

3. During the period mentioned (1981 - 2001), I walked along the footpath in question many times a week, throughout the year.
4. The weather did not prevent me from doing so in the winter, as I walked in almost any weather, partly in order to maintain fitness but also because of the beautiful scenery and the peace and quiet found there.
5. I am also a photographer and exhibited in many exhibitions, including international ones, and won certain awards for my images, which included those from the Witcombe reservoirs' area.
6. In addition to my photography, I have always had a keen interest in botany and birdwatching. It was particularly wonderful to see the pair of ospreys which migrated to

the reservoirs several years running in approximately the 1980s (I cannot remember the dates precisely).

7. I would have used the path almost daily for those visits to access the reservoirs.
8. My late husband also used his photographs as a basis for his paintings, which he exhibited and sold both in this country and internationally. He used the path at that time, too.
9. Many members of my family also walked along the path in question during the above-mentioned period, and I regularly took my two sons to walk there, too.
10. At no time were we ever stopped from walking there (as we had done since 1956 as a family).
11. We did not see any notices which told us not to do so, until around the time at which this application was sent in.

STATEMENT OF TRUTH

I hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the facts I have stated are true and correct.

Signed:

Date:

2/9/26

NB: You should keep a copy of the completed Statement