

PUBLIC PATH EVIDENCE FORM

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Name: MRS MAUREEN PITHER
Address: PENDALE FARM, DROYS COURT, BROCKWORTH GLOS.
Telephone Number: [REDACTED]
Date of Birth: [REDACTED] 35 Occupation: [REDACTED]

1. Description of Path: FARM LANE) GT. WITCOMBE. (BLUE ON MAP)
From: CHURCH LANE To: Witcombe Reservoirs
Believed Status of Path (eg footpath): A lane to the Witcombe Farm, Reservoirs and hodge & other footpaths etc.
2. Usage:
Have you used the above path? YES
If so, (a) During which years? 1950's, 1960's, + onwards
(b) Where were you going to and from? Witcombe to Reservoirs
(c) For what purpose? A walk & to see the wildlife on waters
(d) How many times a year? Infrequently
(e) By what means (eg on foot, on horseback)? Foot (and car when transporting elderly or
(f) What is the (approximate) width of the path you have used? disabled people
Single lane 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. Recently, saying
If so, where were they and what did they say? Private Road. etc.

7. **Obstructions:**

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

If so, please give details including location..... (until recently, 2004 when Notices appeared) (sorry!)

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. I observed Notice not wanting to cause offence.

(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?..... Yes, with Church Rogation Service (Annual) when fields, crops, animals & water are blessed etc.

9. **Other Information:**

Please give any other information that you think is relevant I know in the past

..... walkers used this lane to go up to Whitcombe Woods, and people wishing to observe the birds etc on the pools. I've seen people (artists) painting + so on occasionally. I personally never knew it was not an ordinary lane that
(continue on a separate sheet if necessary)


10. **Declaration:**

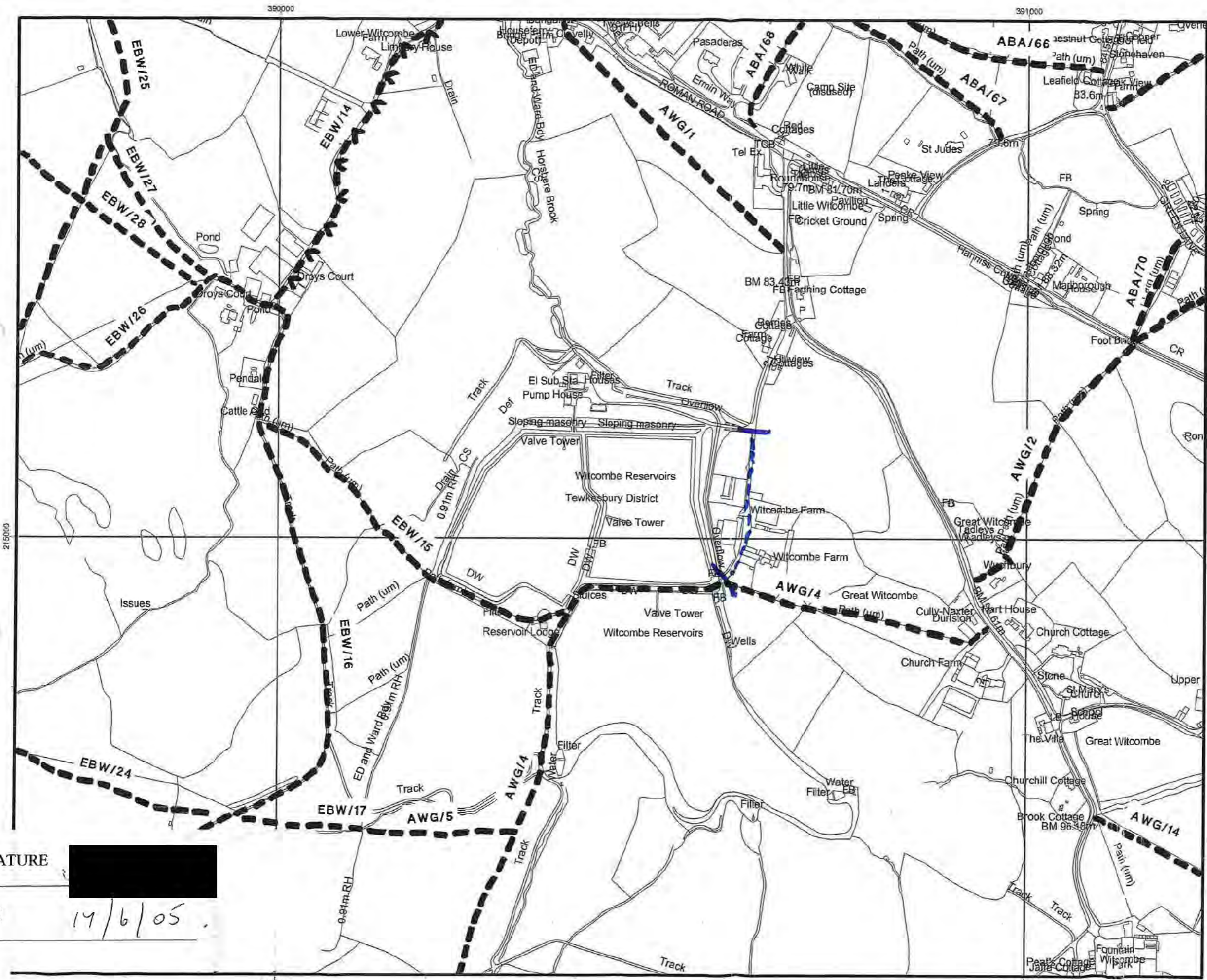
people could use to go to the Reservoirs + other foot paths across the fields etc.
I hereby declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief my answers to the above questions are true.

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:..... 3/06/2005.

Witness to Signature:..... 



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Name: ANTHONY PITHER
Address: PENDALE FARM DROYS COURT BROCKWORTH GLOUCESTER
Telephone Number: [REDACTED] (01534) [REDACTED]
Date of Birth: [REDACTED] 134 Occupation: [REDACTED]

1. Description of Path:

From: SOUTH OF BERRIS COTTAGE TO: WITCOMBE RESERVOIRS AS MARKED IN 'RED' ON MAP
Believed Status of Path (eg footpath): FOOT PATH

2. Usage:

Have you used the above path? YES
If so, (a) During which years? 1960 - 2002
(b) Where were you going to and from? BIRDIE ROAD (ERMIN WAY) TO RESERVOIRS AT WITCOMBE
(c) For what purpose? LEISURE - BIRD WATCHING
(d) How many times a year? MONTHLY
(e) By what means (eg on foot, on horseback)? FOOT
(f) What is the (approximate) width of the path you have used? COUNTRY LAND 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? PRIVATE ROAD 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?..... YES..... If so, give details:
I WAS TOLD BY MRS MILLS-BLAIR WHEN WALKING
FOOTPATH WHICH PASSES HER GARDEN TOWARDS
NITLUMBE CHURCH ABOUT 3 YEARS AGO

(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

9. **Other Information:**
Please give any other information that you think is relevant IN THE PAST IT SEEMED
TO BE A VERY BUSY FOOTPATH USED BY LOCAL
PEOPLE FROM THE VILLAGE AND CAN SEE NO REASON
WHY IT SHOULD BE CLOSED
(continue on a separate sheet if necessary)

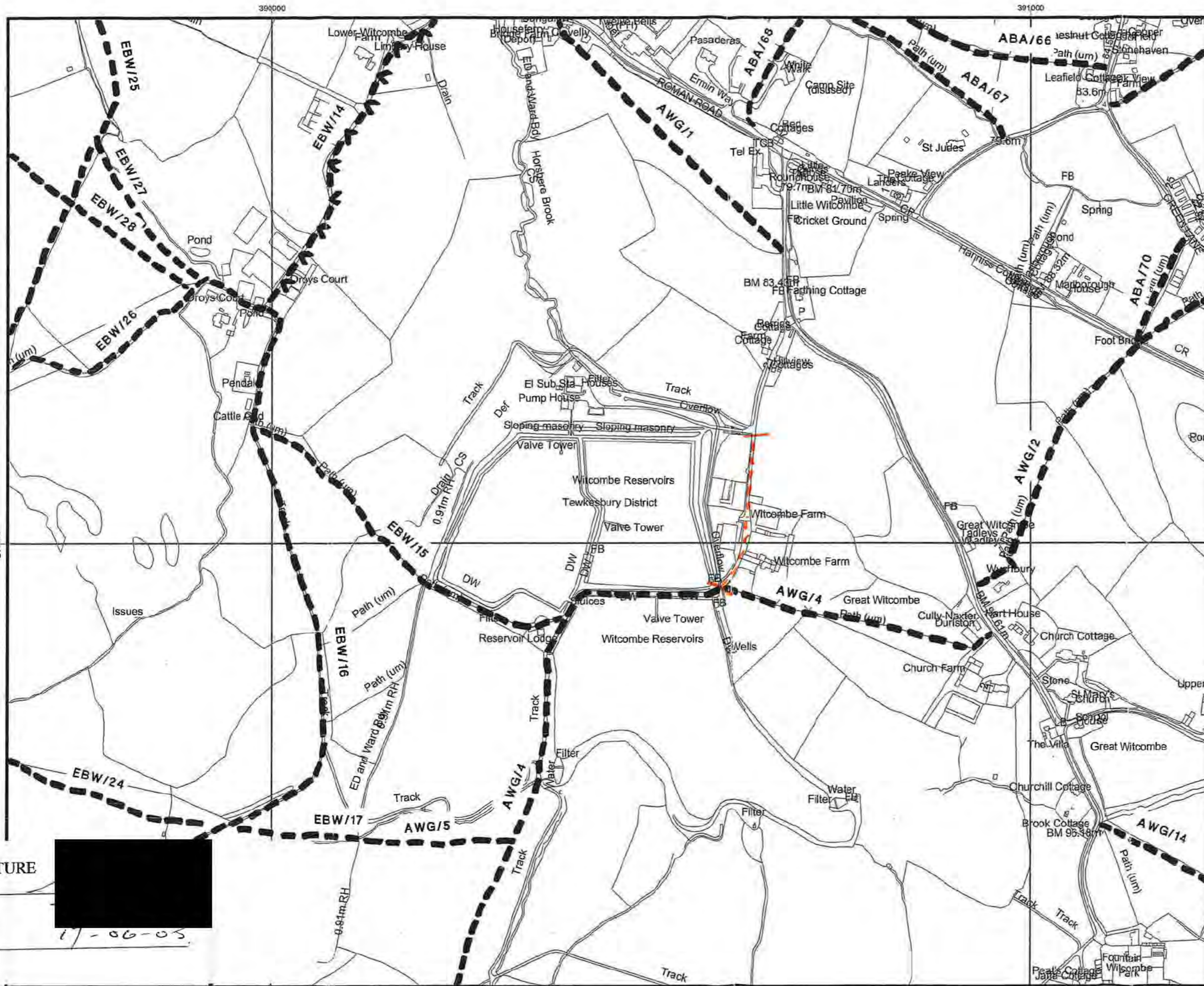
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Name: MRS. CARALYN RUDDLESTON

Address: THE GRANARY, BREADSTONE, BERKELEY, GLOS

Telephone Number: [REDACTED]

Date of Birth: [REDACTED] 57 Occupation [REDACTED]

1. Description of Path:

From: Hillview Cottages To: 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? NOV 1986 - FEB 2005

(b) Where were you going to and from? Gt. Witcombe to reservoirs and thereafter to Roman Villa

(c) For what purpose? leisure

(d) How many times a year? 45

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

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

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.

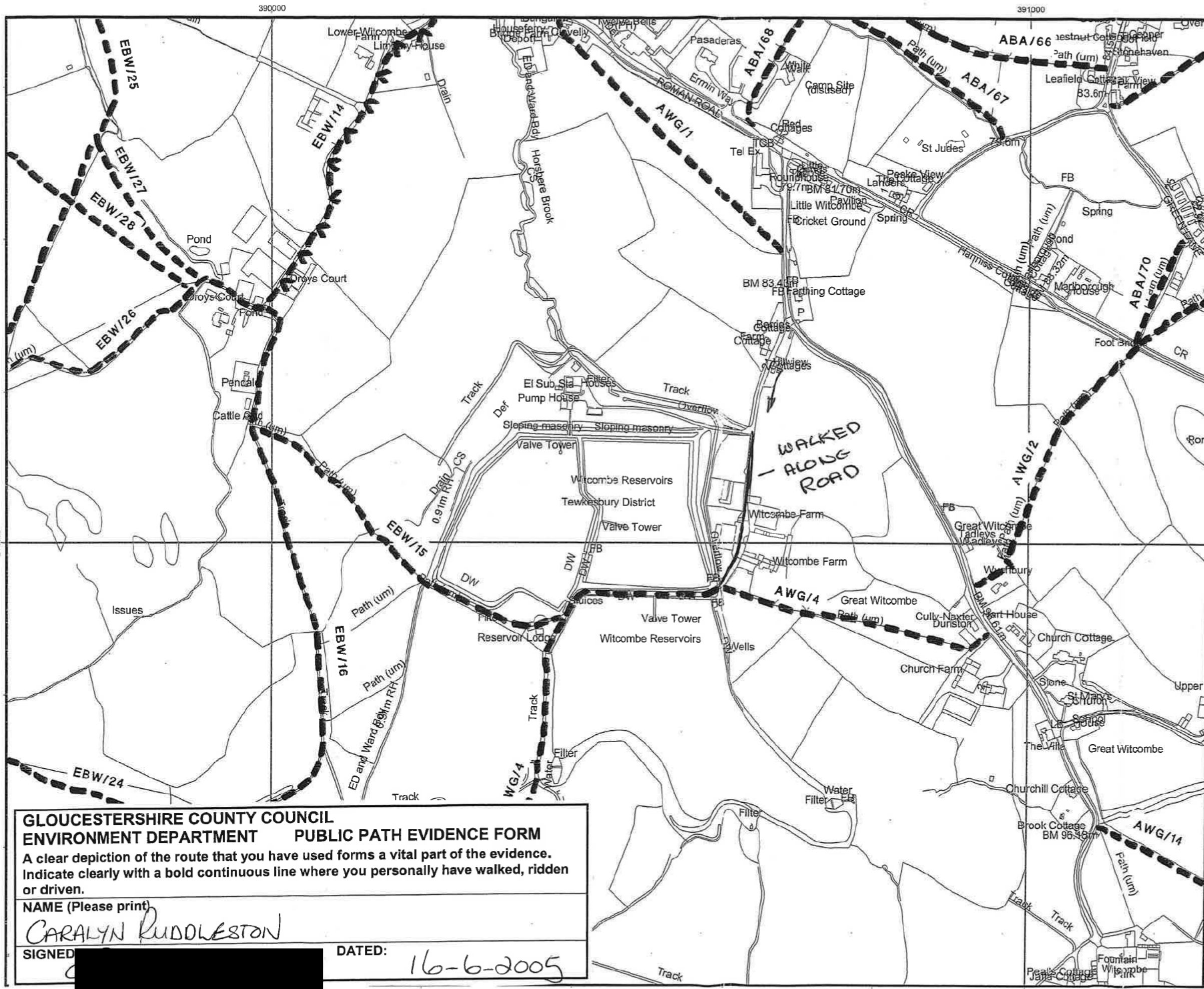
9. **Other Information:**
Please give any other information that you think is relevant This single track road has been used by walkers, dog owners, horse riders of all ages for a great many years.
(continue on a separate sheet if necessary)

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

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: 16-6-2005

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A clear depiction of the route that you have used forms a vital part of the evidence. Indicate clearly with a bold continuous line where you personally have walked, ridden or driven.

NAME (Please print)
CARALYN RUDDESTON
SIGNED

DATED: **16-6-2005**

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Name: Miss V. Cooper
Address: CLOVELLY, GT WITCOMBE, GLOS, GL3 4ST
Telephone Number: [REDACTED]
Date of Birth: [REDACTED] 84 Occupation: [REDACTED]

1. **Description of Path:**

From: PUBLIC ROAD SOUTH OF HILVED COTTAGES To: PUBLIC FOOTPATH AT WITCOMBE RESERVOIR
Believed Status of Path (eg footpath): FOOTPATH

2. **Usage:**

Have you used the above path? Yes

If so, (a) During which years? 1984 - 2005

(b) Where were you going to and from? FROM THE CRICKET GROUND UP TO THE RESERVOIR

(c) For what purpose? LEISURE - WALKING

(d) How many times a year? SEVERAL TIMES PER WEEK

(e) By what means (eg on foot, on horseback)? BY 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: A SIGN SAYING "NO PARK

If so, where were they and what did they say? RIGHT OF WAY" POSTED 3 YEARS AGO

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:
I WAS SITTING NEXT TO RESERVOIR AND ASKED TO MOVE BY SOME WOMAN, FROM THE HICKS-BEACH FAN CLUB

(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, but have been greeted pleasantly by the occupier of the land over the past 20 years!.....

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


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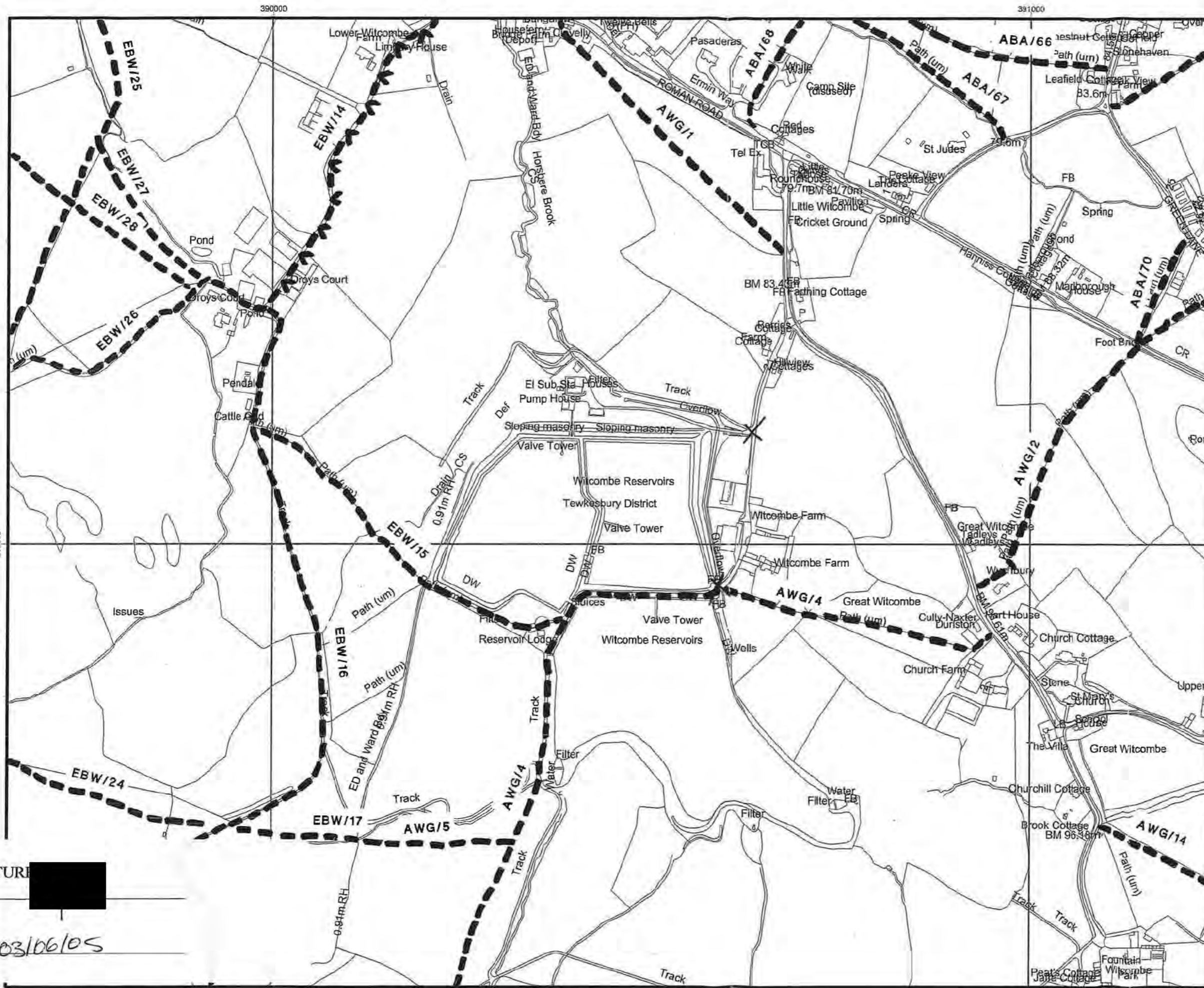
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Signature:.......... Date: 03/06/05.....

Witness to Signature:..........



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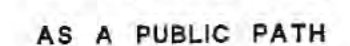
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Name: DAVID COOPER JUNR

Address: 75 ANAPOS RD, TIVOLI, CHESTERMAN

Telephone Number: [REDACTED]

Date of Birth: [REDACTED] 1980 Occupation: [REDACTED]

1. Description of Path:

From: PUBLIC RD JUST SOUTH OF MILLVIEW COTTAGES - MARKED A To: PUBLIC FOOTPATH AT WILCOMBE RESERVOIRS MARKED B.
Believed Status of Path (eg footpath): FOOTPATH

2. Usage:

Have you used the above path? YES - on many occasions

If so, (a) During which years? 1985 - 2005

(b) Where were you going to and from? From Home -> Roman Villa -> reservoirs -> cricket pitch -> home

(c) For what purpose? WALK / EXERCISE -> HEALTH BENEFITS

(d) How many times a year? SEVERAL x x x 10

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

(f) What is the (approximate) width of the path you have used? DRIVE WAY

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? ONLY IN PAST YEAR

If so, where were they and what did they say? HAVE I NOTICED ANY!!

Didn't take much notice as to what it said, as I have walked path for previous 19 yrs.

7. **Obstructions:**

Have you ever known any obstructions on the path? MORSES

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:

Yes, by some little young chap, maybe called 'Frankie'? Gentle stroll with girlfriend, he'd been drinking and seemed to want confrontation, he was arrogant + obnoxious, a compliment is, "he acted like an idiot!"

(b) Have you ever been stopped or turned back when using the way?

If so, state when and give details:.....

No, I seemed to be bigger than he was

(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?

No

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

No, well, although for 19 yrs I was never told not to. I also seemed to be on 'greening' terms with the occupiers.

9. **Other Information:**

Please give any other information that you think is relevant

I know for fact there has been OVER 20 YRS OF UNINTERRUPTED USE AS PUBLIC FOOTPATH, and I believe this makes it a legal right of way.

(continue on a separate sheet if necessary)

10. **Declaration:**

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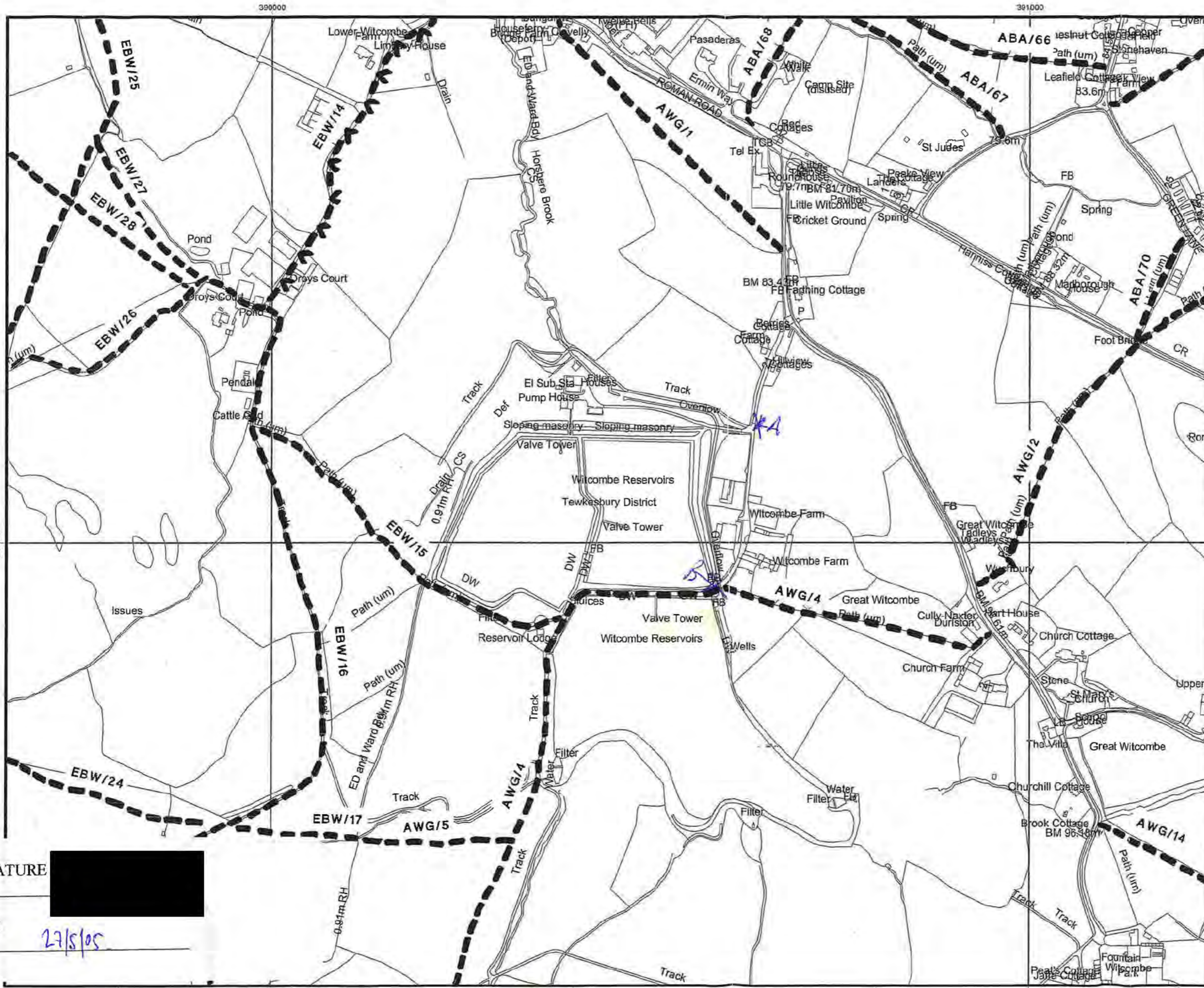
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Signature:.....

Date: 27/5/05

Witness to Signature:.....



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Name: DAVID COOPER
Address: GROVELLY, GREAT WITCOMBE, GLOS
Telephone Number: [Redacted]
Date of Birth: [Redacted] S.S. Occupation: [Redacted]

1. Description of Path:
From: POINT A To: POINT B ON MAP
Believed Status of Path (eg footpath): FOOTPATH

2. Usage:
Have you used the above path? YES
If so, (a) During which years? 1960 to 2005
(b) Where were you going to and from? Family home at Horseferry Bridge, Witcombe
(c) For what purpose? Leisure
(d) How many times a year? Approx 20
(e) By what means (eg on foot, on horseback)? Foot
(f) What is the (approximate) width of the path you have used? 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? in last 2-3 years
If so, where were they and what did they say? Private, 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:

(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.....

9. **Other Information:**
Please give any other information that you think is relevant Over many years have often spoken to various members of the Hide Beach family whilst using the path and never encountered any problems - but I am aware of many people
(continue on a separate sheet if necessary)

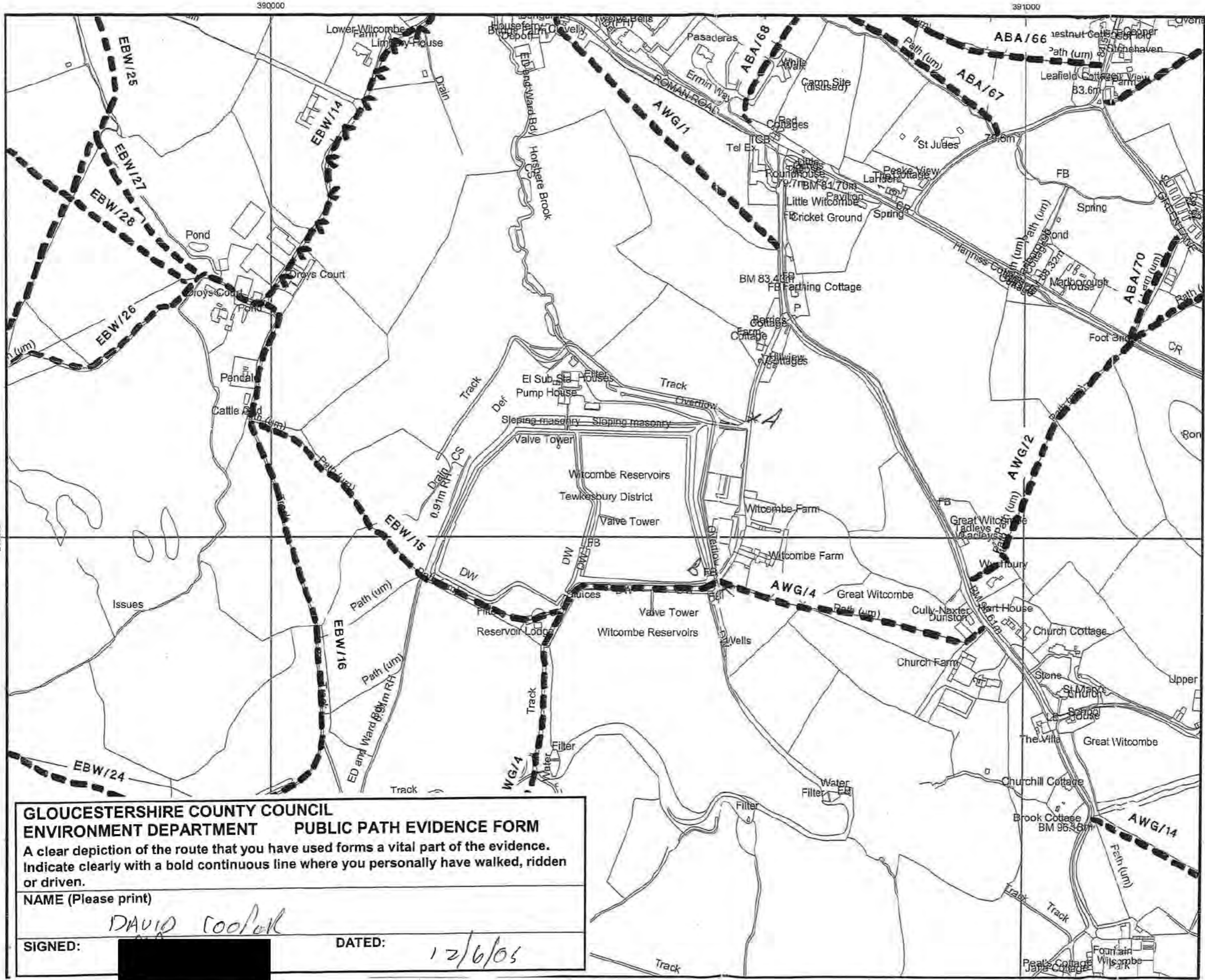
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Signature:..... [Redacted]..... Date: 9/6/05.....



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A clear depiction of the route that you have used forms a vital part of the evidence. Indicate clearly with a bold continuous line where you personally have walked, ridden or driven.

NAME (Please print) *DAVID COOPER*

SIGNED:  DATED: *12/6/05*

who have ~~be~~ been stopped, but also many others who are allowed access.

Furthermore, the route is constantly used by fishermen, people using the stables and there is a right of way to the Reservoir hedge.

The other footpaths to the reservoir area can be very waterlogged during the winter months and one particular stile is very difficult to negotiate, especially for the less able bodied.

For the vast majority of my life I have regarded this route as a public right of way and feel very disappointed by the restrictions now being imposed.



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Name: Mrs. Lyne S. Cooper

Address: Clovelly Great Witcombe Ebor

Telephone Number: [Redacted]

Date of Birth: [Redacted] 56 Occupation: [Redacted]

1. Description of Path:

From: Path south of Hulver Cottages (A) to: Witcombe reservoir marked B

Believed Status of Path (eg footpath): footpath

2. Usage:

Have you used the above path? Yes

If so, (a) During which years? 1975 - 2005

(b) Where were you going to and from? To reservoirs from Horseterry bridge farm & then Clovelly.

(c) For what purpose? leisure circular walk + running

(d) How many times a year? several times a week

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

(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

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? Only recently lost

If so, where were they and what did they say? few years - saying 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?..... YES.. If so, give details:

Have walked this path for almost 30 yrs. Mark Hicks Beach (Senior) allowed access - would reprimand if one walked on the way - where cliffs were down. His son Freddie informed me early 2000s that it was private land.

(b) Have you ever been stopped or turned back when using the way? If so, state when and give details:..... Have stopped using footpath due to hostility of landowner - to avoid confrontation

(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 some people who having been elected right of way have protested the 20yr walking of the route & so have been given permission - ie visitors to the area

9. **Other Information:**
Please give any other information that you think is relevant..... People have been almost traumatised by aggressive attitude of landowners & sadly only a selective few have been given permission to use the path. The Hicks Beaches appear to want to totally privatise their estate

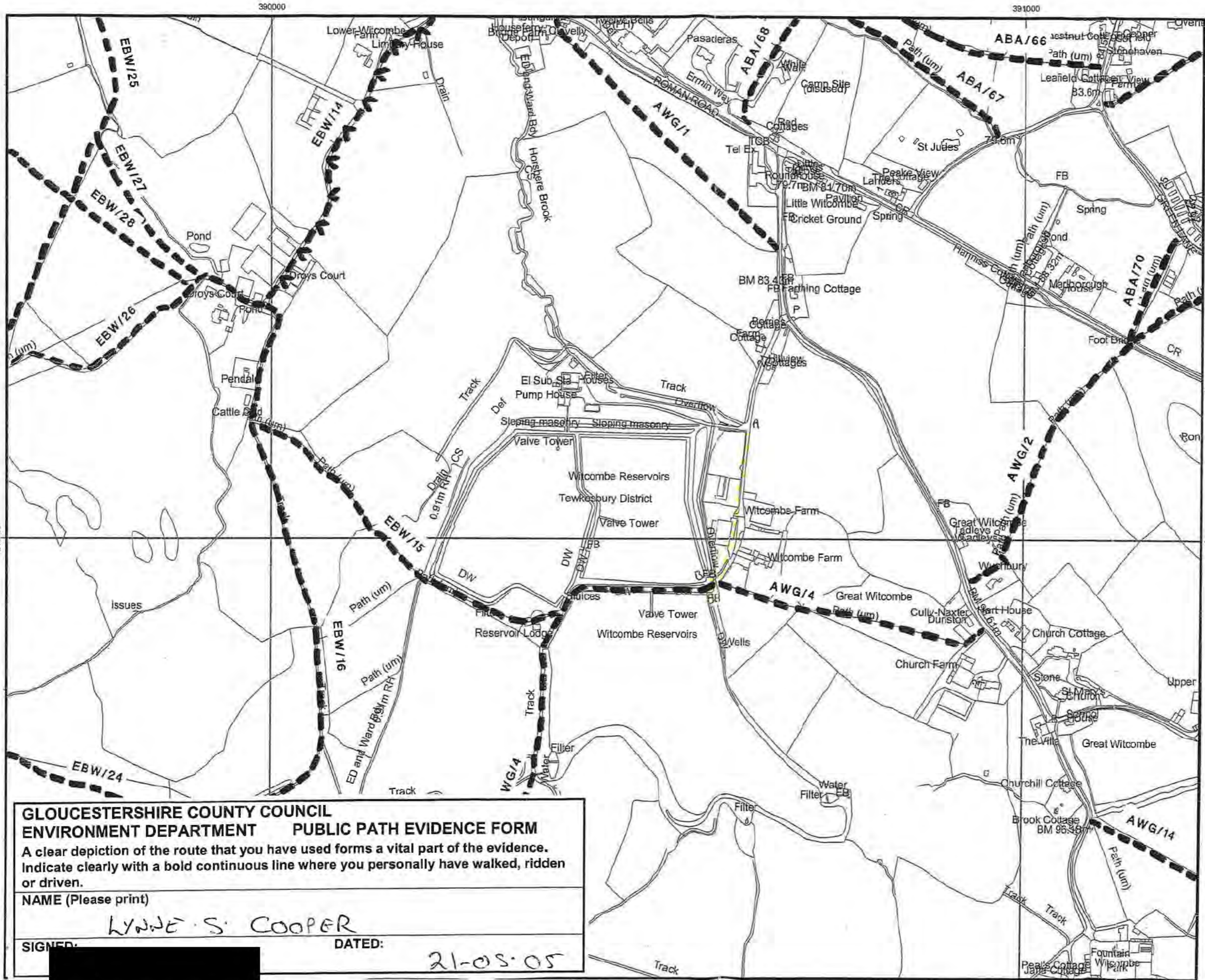
(continue on a separate sheet if necessary) Wiltshire wildlife & beauty - preventing locals + visitors from enjoying very annoying that fishermen paying are accepted + holiday makes staying at their local holiday properties are allowed to frequent this route
10. **Declaration:** I hereby declare that 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.

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Signature:..... [Redacted] Date:..... 21-5-05

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



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NAME (Please print)
 LYNDY S. COOPER

SIGNED: [Redacted Signature] DATED: 21-05-05

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Name: CHRISTOPHER COOPER
Address: 10 Redhouse Way Priory Vale Swindon Wiltshire SN25 2AZ
Telephone Number: [Redacted]
Date of Birth: [Redacted] 69 Occupation: [Redacted]

1. Description of Path:
From: POINT A To: POINT B ON MAP
Believed Status of Path (eg footpath): FOOTPATH

2. Usage:
Have you used the above path? YES
If so, (a) During which years? 1975-2005
(b) Where were you going to and from? FORMERLY TO/FROM HOME IN WITCOMBE + LATERLY FROM RELATIVES (CLOVELLY)
(c) For what purpose? LEISURE WALKING
(d) How many times a year?
(e) By what means (eg on foot, on horseback)? FOOT
(f) What is the (approximate) width of the path you have used? 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? LAST COUPLE OF YEARS A NOTICE AT POINT A + B.
If so, where were they and what did they say? 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:

(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 ROUTE FOR MANY YEARS + VERY SURPRISED TO SEE NOTICES UP.

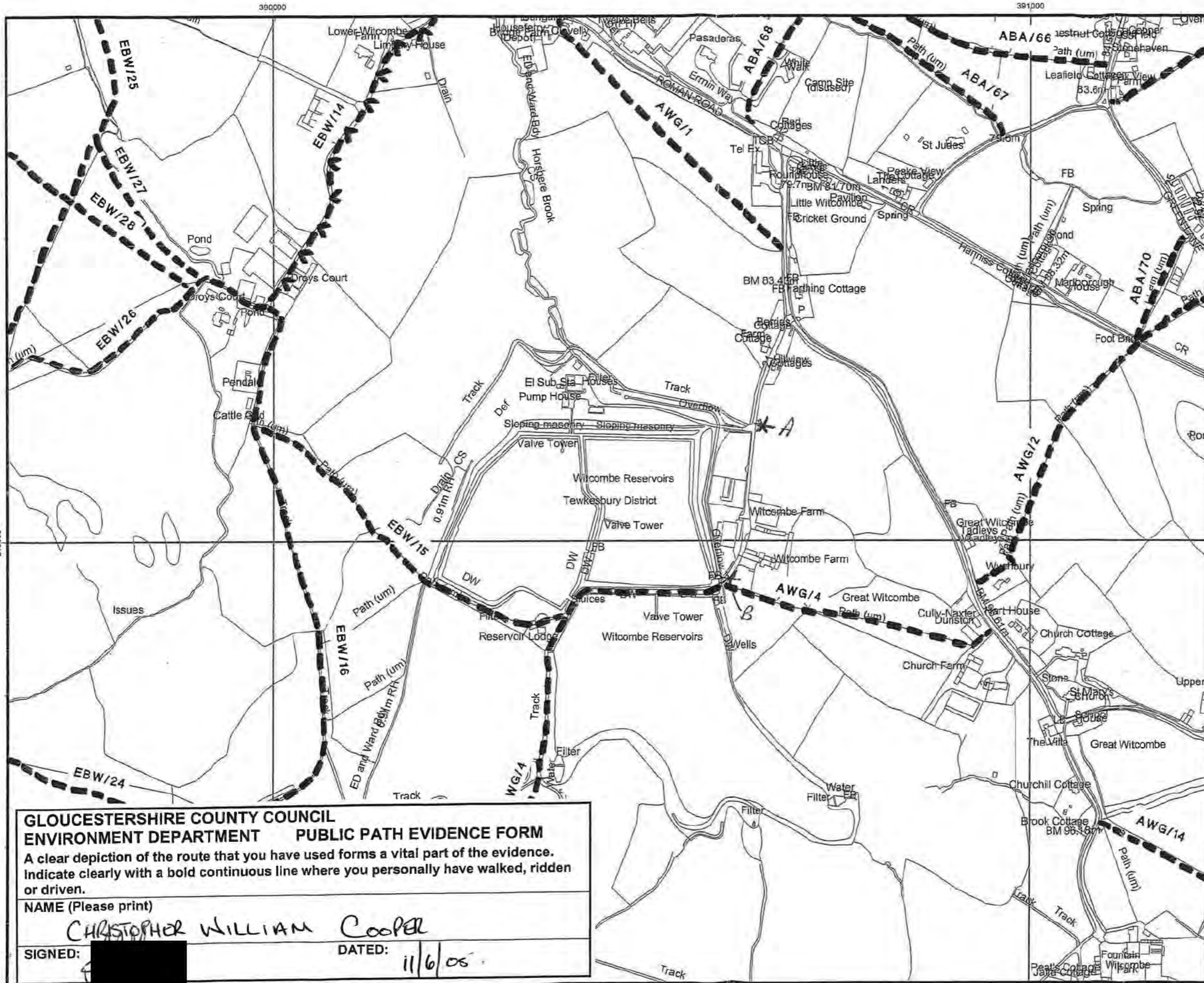
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NAME (Please print)
CHRISTOPHER WILLIAM Cooper

SIGNED:  DATED: **11/6/05**

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Name: RICHARD COOPER
Address: 18 MELMAGE STREET, CHELTENHAM
Telephone Number: [REDACTED]
Date of Birth: [REDACTED] 77 Occupation: [REDACTED]

- 1. Description of Path: From: HILLVIEW COTTAGES To: WITCOMBE RESERVOIR
Believed Status of Path (eg footpath): FOOTPATH
2. Usage: Have you used the above path? YES
If so, (a) During which years? 1980 - 2005
(b) Where were you going to and from? WITCOMBE VILLAGE TO RESERVOIRS AND BEYOND (EG. ROMAN VILLA)
(c) For what purpose? WALKING + RUNNING
(d) How many times a year? 10-15
(e) By what means (eg on foot, on horseback)? ON FOOT
(f) What is the (approximate) width of the path you have used? ONE WAY TRAFFIC

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

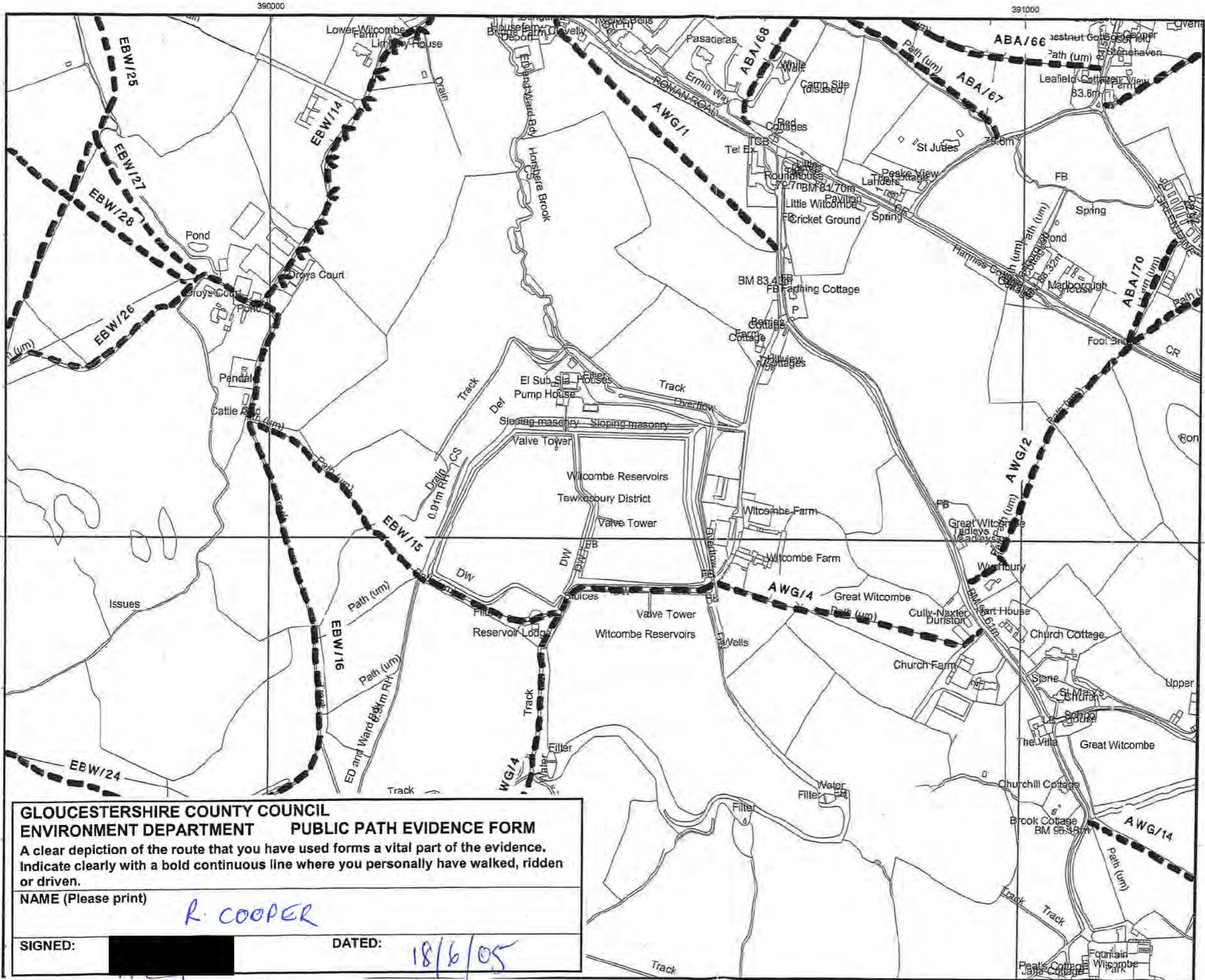
(d) Have you ever been given permission to use the path? NO - BUT WALKED THROUGH MANY TIMES A YEAR WITHOUT CHALLENGE, OFTEN SAYING HELLO TO OCCUPANTS

9. **Other Information:**
Please give any other information that you think is relevant THE GREATER THE 'NATURAL SURVEILLANCE' IN THE AREA (I.E. THE MORE PEOPLE USING THE PATH LEGITIMATELY) THE MORE DISCOURAGEMENT FOR CRIMINALS. FACT.
(continue on a separate sheet if necessary)

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NAME (Please print) *R. COOPER*

SIGNED: _____ DATED: *18/6/05*

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Name: Mrs MIRIAM JOYCE BEARD

Address: THE COTTAGE, GREEN LANE, LITTLE WITCOMBE, GLOS. GL3 4TY

Telephone Number: [REDACTED]

Date of Birth: [REDACTED] 54 Occupation: [REDACTED]

1. Description of Path:

From: PUBLIC ROAD SOUTH OF HILLVIEW COTTAGES (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? 1991 - 2004

(b) Where were you going to and from? WALKING FROM HOME IN THE COUNTRYSIDE & RETURNING SIMILAR

(c) For what purpose? PLEASURE

(d) How many times a year? 4-6

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

(f) What is the (approximate) width of the path you have used? 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? SOUTH OF HILLVIEW COTTAGES STATING NO UNAUTHORISED VEHICLES

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:

LAST SUMMER (2004) WHILE RETURNING FROM A WALK WITH OTHERS, SOMEONE WHO DID NOT IDENTIFY THEMSELVES BY WITCOMBE FARM, STOPPED US AND TOLD US TO TURN AND GO OVER STILE TO RIGHT NEAR FARM

(b) Have you ever been stopped or turned back when using the way? If so, state when and give details: YES (AS ABOVE) AT THAT TIME I

HAD ALWAYS ASSUMED THE PATH INDICATED WAS A PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY, SO I WAS SOMEWHAT SURPRISED BY THIS

(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..... AS ASSUMED IT ALREADY WAS A RIGHT OF WAY

9. **Other Information:**

Please give any other information that you think is relevant I ASSUMED, BECAUSE OF THE NOTICE I HAD SEEN, IT WAS ONLY UNAUTHORISED VEHICLES WHICH WERE PROHIBITED. FURTHERMORE, THE FOOTPATH THROUGH THE FIELDS TO/FROM CHURCH FARM IS VERY DIFFICULT WITH EXTRA STOCK (continue on a separate sheet if necessary) FENCING AND LOOSE HORSES, PLUS THE NORMAL HEDGING AND STILES.

10. **Declaration:**

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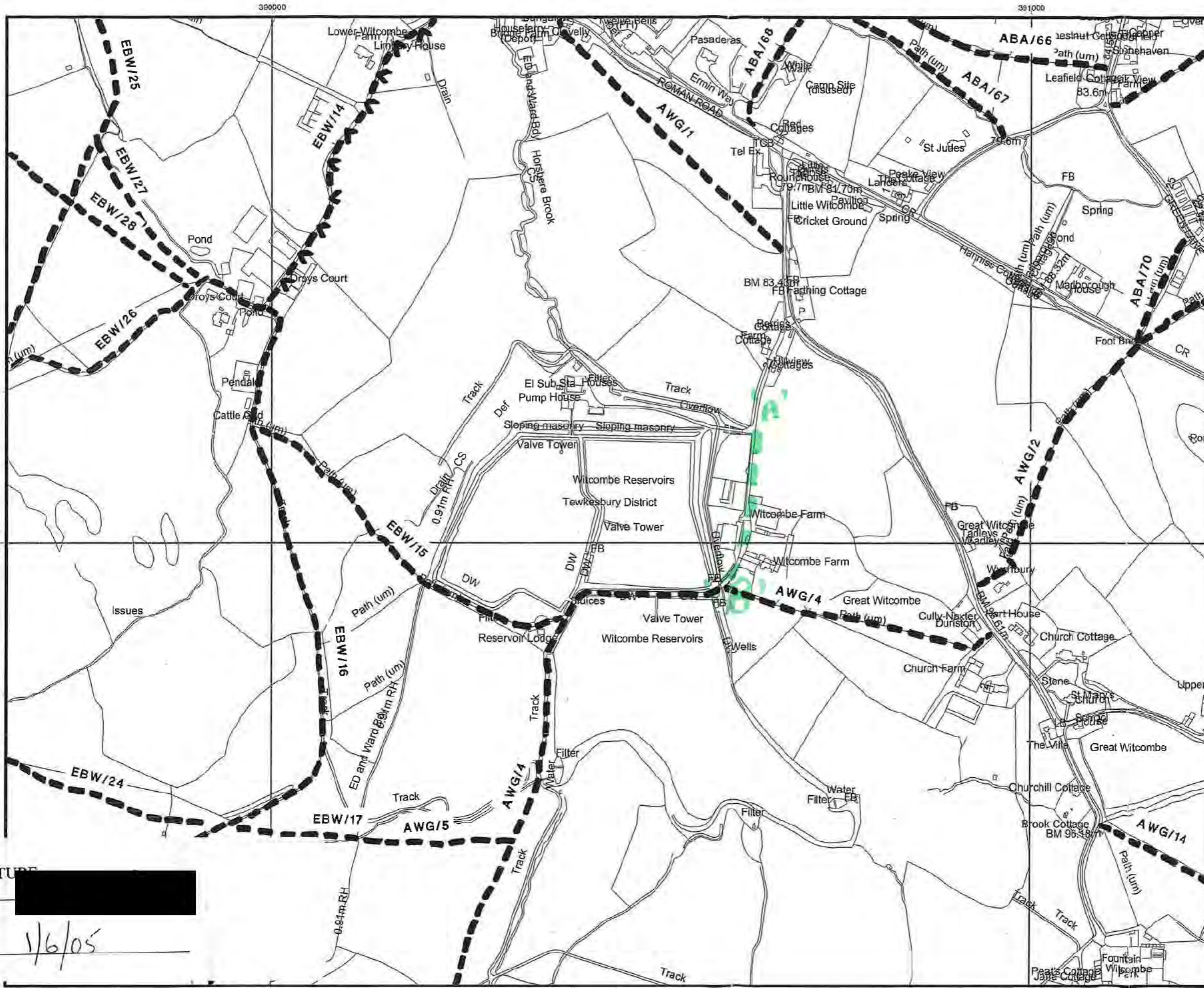
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Name: DUNCAN HOBBURN
Address: MARLBOROUGH HOUSE, BIRCHUP HILL, WITCOMBE, GLOS GL5 4SN
Telephone Number: [REDACTED]
Date of Birth: [REDACTED] 67 Occupation: [REDACTED]

1. Description of Path:

From: PUBLIC ROAD JUST SOUTH OF HILLVIDEN CONCRETE - MARKED 'A' To: PUBLIC FOOT PATH AT WITCOMBE RESERVOIRS - MARKED 'B'
Believed Status of Path (eg footpath): FOOT PATH / BRIDLEWAY

2. Usage:

Have you used the above path? YES
If so, (a) During which years? 1993 - 2001
(b) Where were you going to and from? FROM MY PREVIOUS HOUSE 3 THE LANDS TO THE WITCOMBE RESERVOIRS & ONTO ST. MARY'S CHURCH VIA A TRACK THAT HAS ALSO NOW BEEN CLOSED
(c) For what purpose? LEISURE - G.M. PLAYS & VISITORS & OUR CHILDREN TO LOOK AT THE VIEW & FOR EXERCISE
(d) How many times a year? 20-30 TIMES & DURING 97/98 WEEKLY PUSHING A PLAIN WITH OUR YOUNGEST CHILD
(e) By what means (eg on foot, on horseback)? FOOT
(f) What is the (approximate) width of the path you have used? SINGLE 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? YES - SIGNS SAYING "WITCOMBE ESTATE, PRIVATE LAND NOT RIGHT OF WAY" WONT UP 3-4 YRS AGO ALL OVER THE AREA, NOT JUST ON THIS ROUTE

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:

(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 - ALTHOUGH IN PREVIOUS YEARS I HAVE SPOKEN WITH THE HICKS BEARDS & OTHER USUALS OF THE PALM RESIDENTS WHILST WALKING THROUGH

9. **Other Information:**
Please give any other information that you think is relevant THIS ROUTE & MANY OTHER ACCROSS THE ESTATE ^{HAD} HAVE BEEN USED FOR MANY YEARS BY MYSELF & OTHERS, BUT UNFORTUNATELY SINCE MR HICKS BEARDS DIED THE CHANGE IN ATTITUDE HAS RESTRICTED THIS
(continue on a separate sheet if necessary)

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10. **Declaration:**
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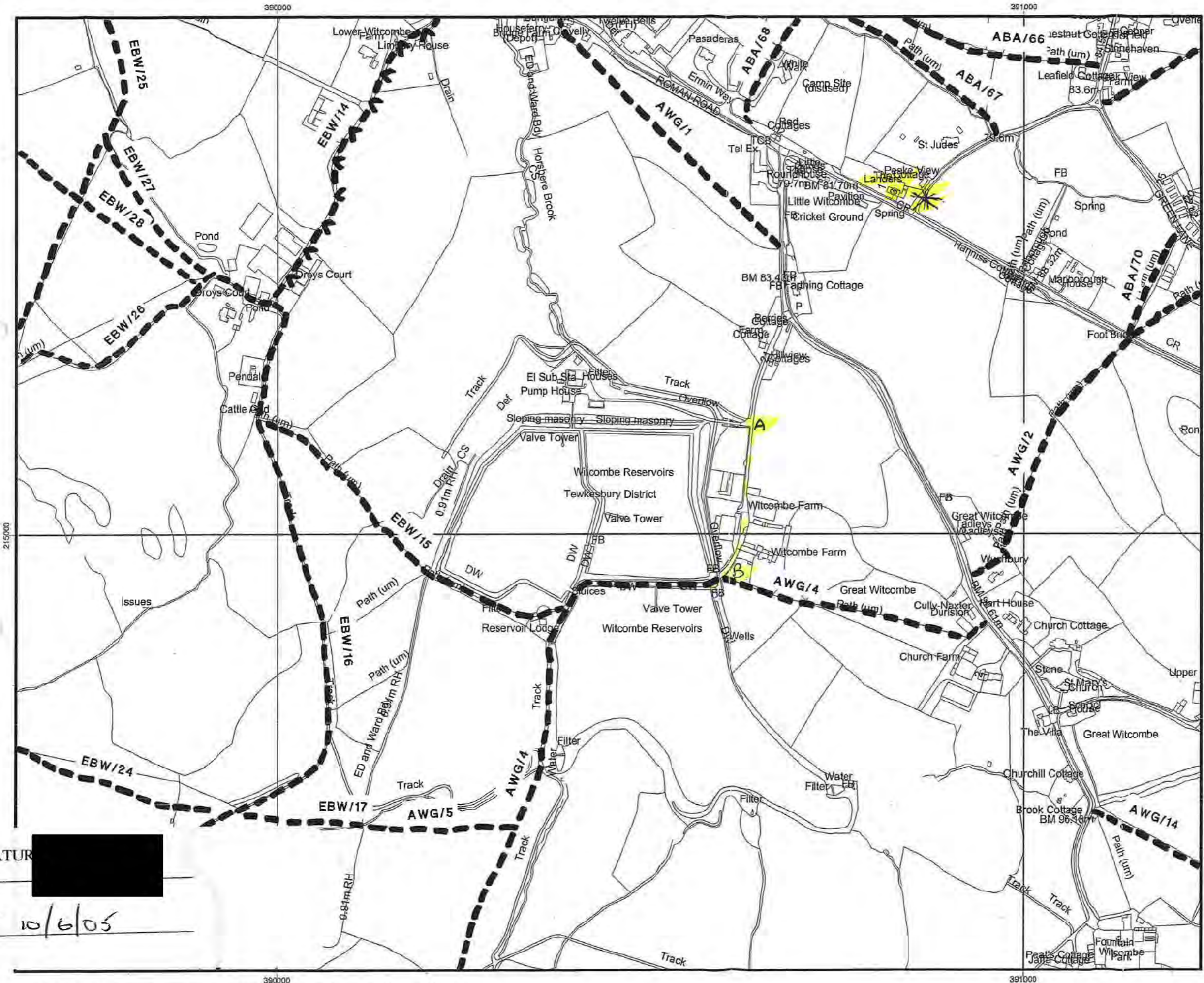
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FREEDOM PREVIOUSLY GRANTED TO THE LOCALS TO USE THE EXISTING TRACKS & PATHS ACROSS THE ESTATE MOST WHICH HAVE BEEN MARKED & DETAILLED ON MAPS FOR MANY YEARS.

WHILST THIS PARTICULAR ROUTE IS BEING AND WILL SOON USED AS A FOOTPATH THE SAME COULD BE SAID FOR ALL OF THE OTHER TRACKS & PATHS ON THE ESTATE AND THE HICK-BEECHES SHOULD BE REMINDED OF THIS ALSO.



DUNCAN HOBBS



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Name: Ruth Herbun

Address: Mallborough House, Birdolph Hill, Witcombe, Gos, GL3 4SN

Telephone Number: [REDACTED]

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

1. Description of Path:

From: Public Road Junction (Malksoa) To: Public Footpath Junction (Malksoob)

Believed Status of Path (eg footpath): Footpath/Bewallway - have photos who have used this route

2. Usage:

Have you used the above path? YES

If so, (a) During which years? 1993 - 2001

(b) Where were you going to and from? From my previous house - 3th Landers to Witcombe Reservoirs & onto St. Mary's Church

(c) For what purpose? With previous family & visitors - our children to look at the view & for exercise

(d) How many times a year? 20+ & during 97/98 a few times/wk pushing a pram with my first daughter

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

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

If so, give details including location NO

6. Notices:

Have there to your knowledge ever been notices on the path? YES - small green signs

If so, where were they and what did they say? say "WITCOMBE ESTATE, PRIVATE LAND NO RIGHT OF WAY" WENT UP AT POINTS A & B

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:.....

(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, ALTHOUGH HAVE SPOKEN TO THE HICKS - BEECHES TO SAY HELLO WHILST USING THE PATH.

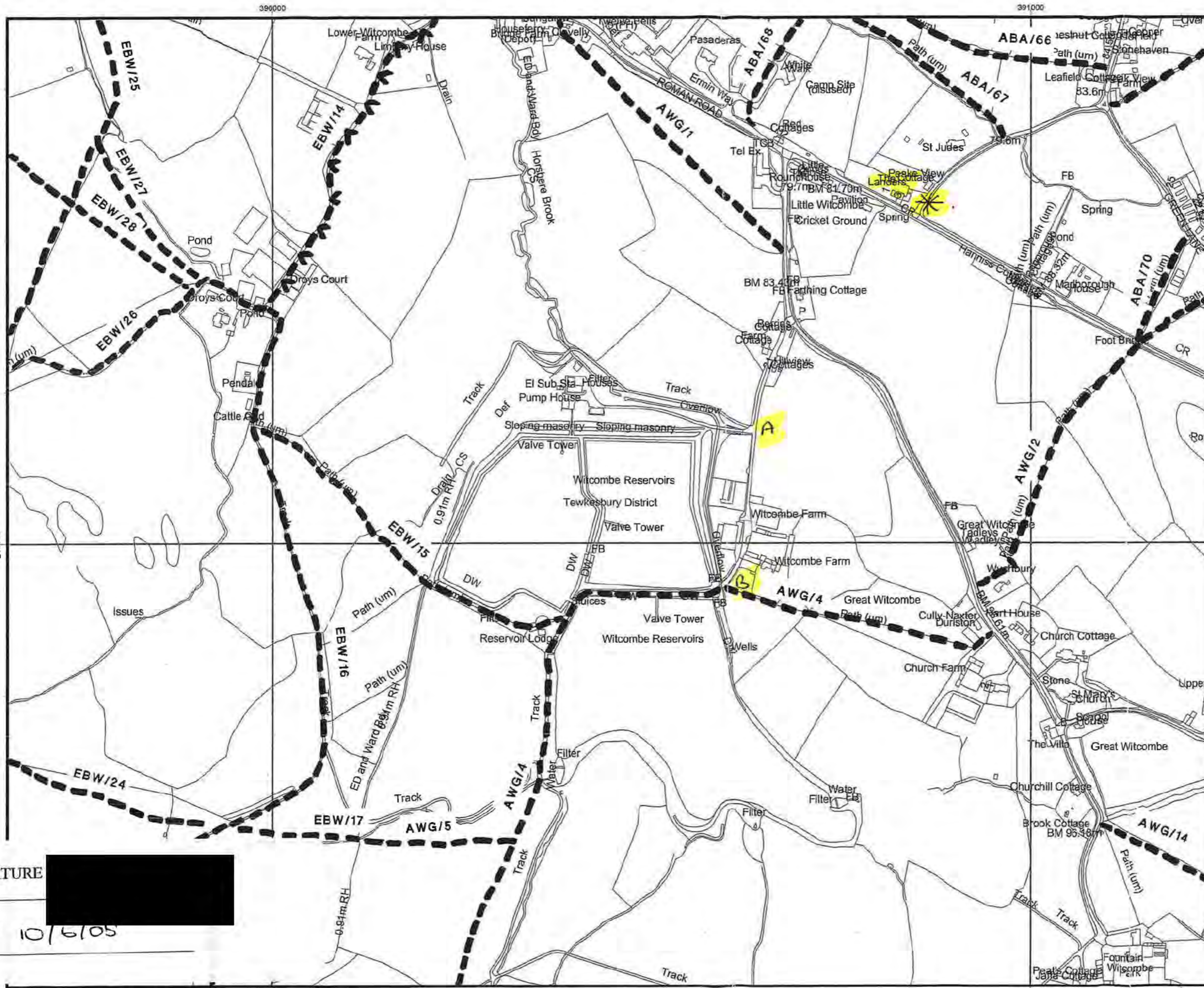
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10. **Declaration:**
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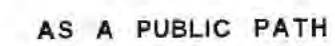
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Name:..... SYBIL IDA KNIGHT

Address:..... CLAISDALE ASTRIDGE RD WITCOMBE GLOS

Telephone Number:..... [REDACTED]

Date of Birth:..... [REDACTED] 26..... Occupation:..... [REDACTED]

1. Description of Path:

From: PUBLIC RD SOUTH OF HENRIEVO COTTAGES - MARKED A To: PUBLIC FOOTPATH NE WITCOMBE RESERVOIR MARKED B

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

2. Usage:

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

If so, (a) During which years?..... 1985 - 2005

(b) Where were you going to and from?..... WALKING DOG PAST RESERVOIR ON TO ROMAN VEHAN RD

(c) For what purpose?..... LEISURE WHEN YOUNG SCHOOL NATURE WALKS

(d) How many times a year?..... YEARS AGO - FREQUENTLY

(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?..... YES..... THREE YEARS AGO

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

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

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9. **Other Information:**

Please give any other information that you think is relevant THRU MY LIFE THIS ROAD HAS BEEN A RIGHT OF WAY. MY FATHER BEFORE HE IN THE 1920S VISITED THIS AREA REITERATEDLY. OFTEN TALKING OF HIS IDEA OF WALKING.

(continue on a separate sheet if necessary) AND TALKING US AS SCENIC WALK.

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. .

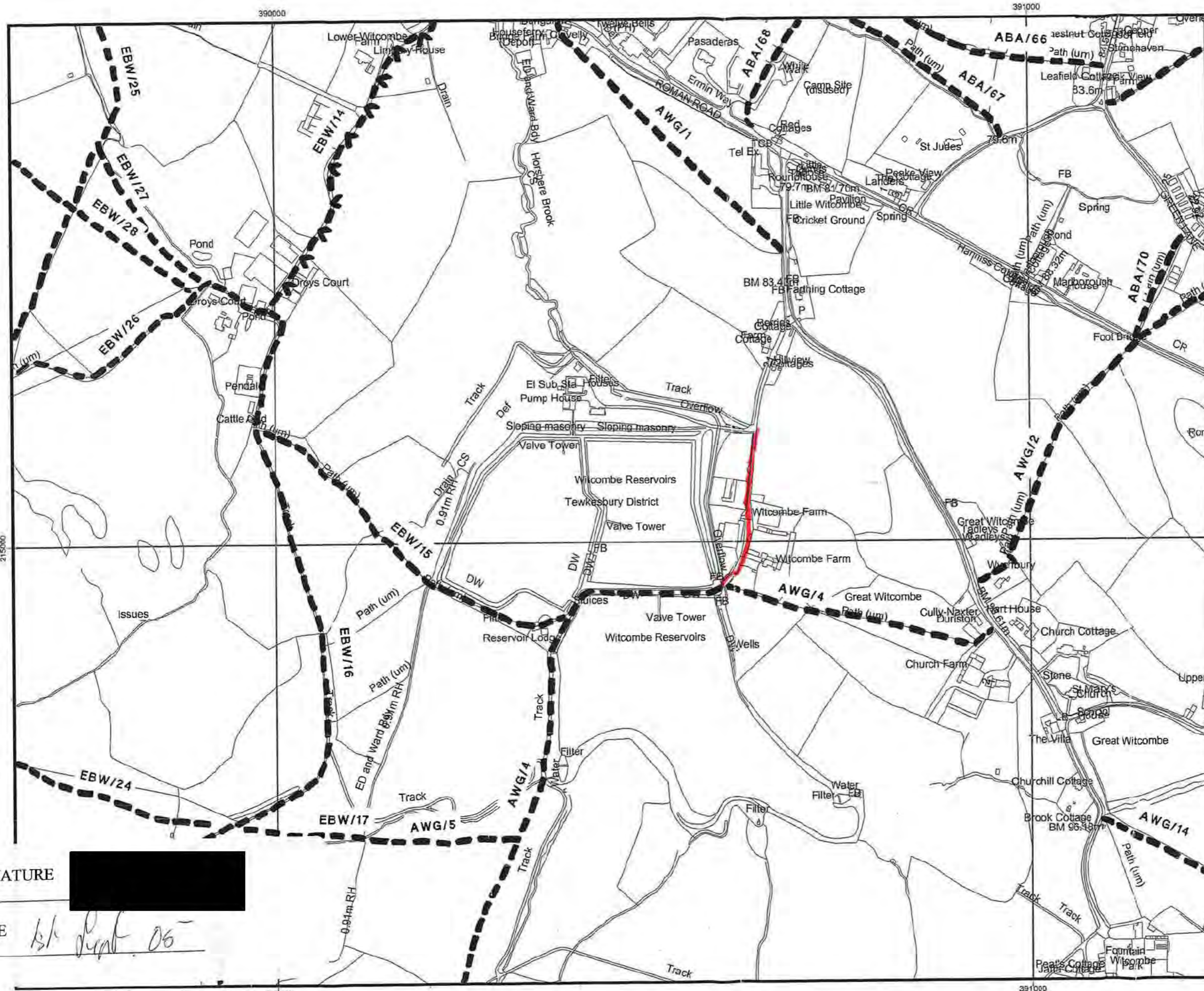
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Name: PENELOPE J. CANBLEN

Address: PASADERAS, LITTLE WITCOMBE, GLOS., GL3 4SS

Telephone Number: [REDACTED]

Date of Birth: [REDACTED] 1963 Occupation: [REDACTED]

1. Description of Path:

From: THE ROAD PASSING HILLVIEW COTTAGES TO: WITCOMBE RESERVOIRS

Believed Status of Path (eg footpath): BRIDLEWAY/FOOTPATH

2. Usage:

Have you used the above path? YES, VERY FREQUENTLY

If so, (a) During which years? 1975 - 2005

(b) Where were you going to and from? HOME (ABOVE ADDRESS) OR STABLES (MARLBOROUGH HOUSE) TO WOODS OR ROMAN VILLA

(c) For what purpose? RECREATION + EXERCISE OF HORSES & DOGS

(d) How many times a year? MANY TIMES A WEEK

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

(f) What is the (approximate) width of the path you have used? SINGLE LANE ROAD

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? YES - 'BRIDLE WAY'

If so, where were they and what did they say? 'BRIDLEWAY' roughly where the 'NO

Public right of way sign is now)

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:

ONLY SINCE THE PRESENT 'NO PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY' SIGN HAS BEEN UP.

(b) Have you ever been stopped or turned back when using the way?

If so, state when and give details: ONLY ONCE BY THE LADY RUNNING

THE STABLES AT THE FARM, AFTER THE RESTRICTION SIGN WAS UP.

(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? NOT SPECIFICALLY.....

ALTHOUGH MR. MARK HICKS BEACH USED TO SAY HELLO AS I WENT THROUGH WHEN HE WAS AROUND.

9. **Other Information:**

Please give any other information that you think is relevant PLEASE SEE ATTACHED SHEET

(continue on a separate sheet if necessary)

10. **Declaration:**

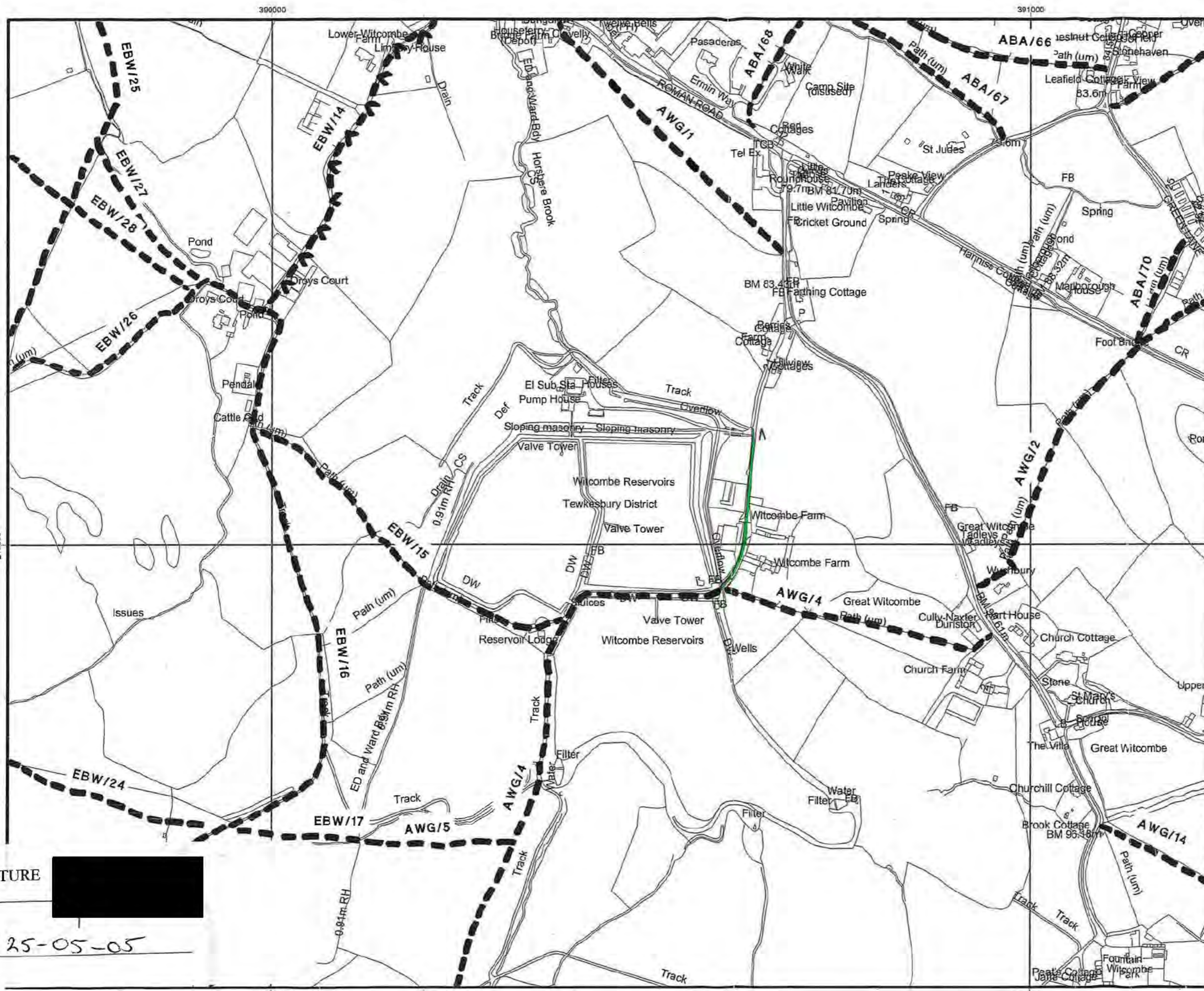
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I am/~~am not~~ willing to attend a Hearing, Public Inquiry or Court to give evidence on the matter, if this should prove to be necessary.

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

Witness to Signature: [Redacted] 25.05.05



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QUESTION 9

Since moving into the area in 1975, I have used the disputed route with great frequency. When I had horses for many years in the 1970's and early '80's, this route was used as the main bridle route to the woods by myself and every other rider that I knew in the area. There was an old wooden sign, roughly where the current restriction sign is, which said 'Bridleway'. In fact, in the 1970's the Pagets, who lived in the farm at the reservoirs, received a complaint that their collie dog 'Flyte' was worrying the horses that came through and, sadly, they decided to have him put to sleep, instead of locking him in or tying him up. I never found him to be a problem, but it would have been the ideal opportunity to challenge our access as riders, if there were any existing opposition at the time.

I have walked countless times with our dogs over this route and met many of the other people living around here on the route at some time. Since having children I have walked over the route with pushchairs and toddlers, both with other mothers and children, and with grandparents.

Perhaps most pertinent is the fact that I have met Mr. Mark Hicks-Beach many times on my way through and been greeted by him. In fact, whilst he was alive his wife and son had a similarly non-challenging response to those passing through.

Access to the reservoirs by this route is critical to the enjoyment of the area as a whole. The alternative is a often impassable 'dog-leg' (which is frequently boggy, has three stiles and

even though I am used to horses, has troublesome horses on it). It is not just a route to fields and woods beyond for the more able-bodied amongst us, but also in these days of access and mobility for all, it is a non-challenging, clean and safe route to the Witcombe reservoir area, which is enjoyed for its views, its birds and wildlife and its sunsets.

This route has been the accepted route to the reservoirs for years and I urge that it should remain so.

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Name: LOUISE MARY TAYLOR

Address: BERTHON HOUSE, MAMHLAD, PONTYPOOL, MONMOUTHSHIRE NP40JF

Telephone Number: [REDACTED]

Date of Birth: [REDACTED] 64 Occupation: [REDACTED]

1. Description of Path:

From: PUBLIC ROAD JUST SOUTH OF HILLVIEW TO PUBLIC FOOTPATH AT WITCOMBE COTTAGES MARKED A RESERVOIRS - MARKED B
Believed Status of Path (eg footpath): FOOTPATH AND BRIDLE PATH

2. Usage:

Have you used the above path? YES

If so, (a) During which years? 1975 - 2005

(b) Where were you going to and from? FROM MY PARENTS HOUSE "PASADERAS" IN LITTLE WITCOMBE TO WITCOMBE RESERVOIRS AND WOODS

(c) For what purpose? LEISURE - WALKING AND HORSE RIDING

(d) How many times a year? SEVERAL TIMES A WEEK UNTIL 1983 WHEN I MOVED TO WALES, HOWEVER I HAVE USED IT REGULARLY SINCE WHEN VISITING MY PARENTS

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

(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? ONLY IN THE LAST THREE YEARS AT POINTS A AND B STATING "WITCOMBE ESTATES - NO RIGHT OF WAY" AN OLDER NOTICE ON A ROAD RUNNING OFF THE PATH TO THE PUMPING STATION STATES NO UNAUTHORIZED PAST THAT POINT

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?.. NOT IN WORDS, HOWEVER

THROUGHOUT THE TIME I USED IT, UP TO THREE YEARS AGO, I WAS SEEN BY THE OWNERS REGULARLY AND NOT REQUESTED TO STOP

9. **Other Information:**

Please give any other information that you think is relevant I HAVE USED THIS ROUTE TO

WITCOMBE RESERVOIRS AND WITCOMBE WOODS SINCE I WAS TEN YEARS

OLD, BOTH FOR HORSE RIDING AND WALKING. I AM NOW FORTY YEARS

OLD AND HAVE MANY HAPPY MEMORIES ASSOCIATED WITH IT. AS A TEENAGER

(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.

I am ^{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.

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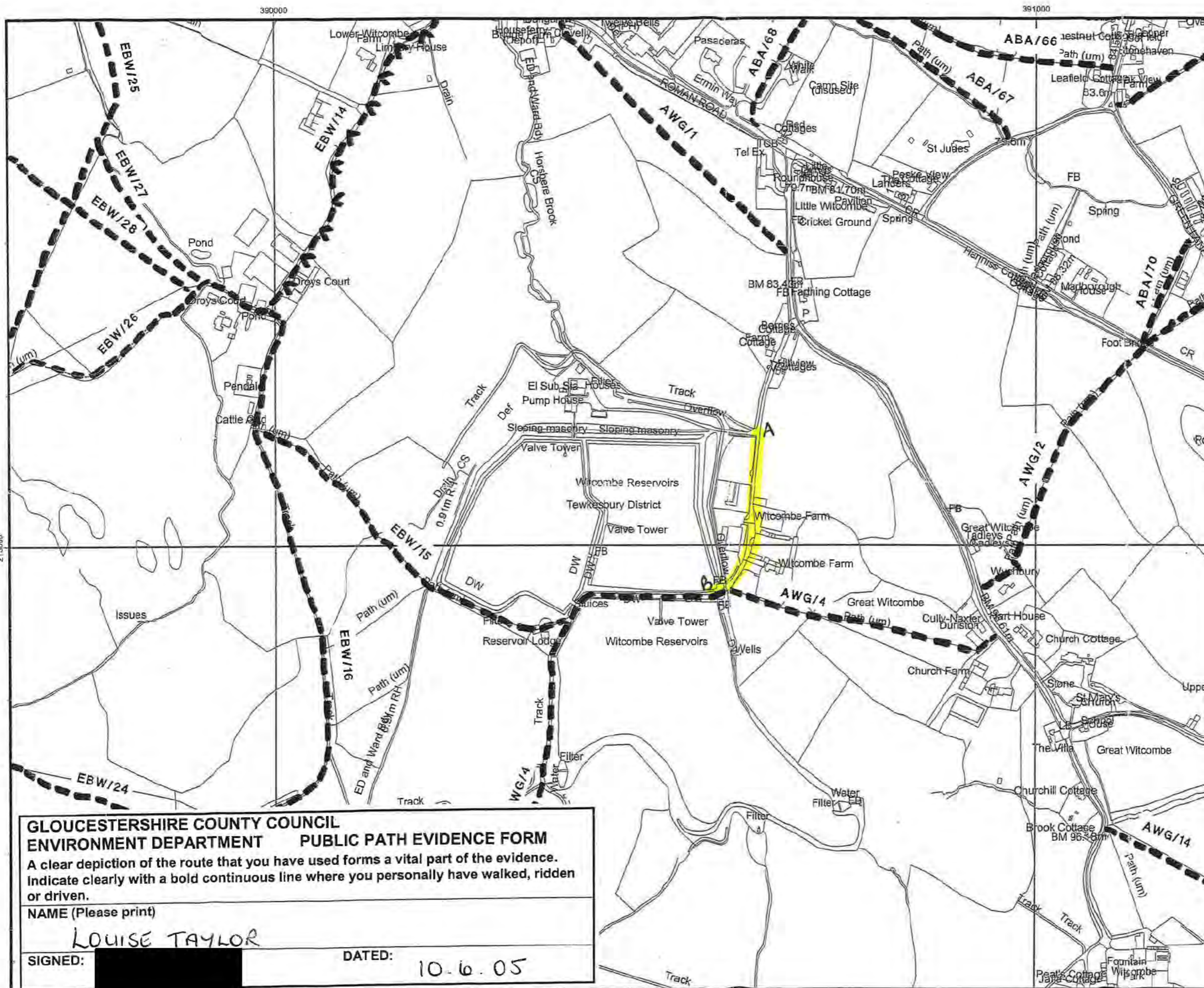
I USED TO STROLL UP THIS LANE TO SIT AND REVISE FOR EXAMS IN THE TRANQUIL SETTING OF THE RESERVOIRS - IT ALSO OFFERED ME SAFE AND EASY ACCESS TO THE WOODS WHEN I WAS RIDING MY HORSE.

SINCE LEAVING HOME AND HAVING A FAMILY OF MY OWN I HAVE RETURNED MANY TIMES AND WALKED UP THIS LANE PUSHING MY CHILDREN IN PUSHCHAIRS AND AS THEY HAVE GROWN OLDER THEY HAVE IN TURN USED IT THEMSELVES TO GAIN ACCESS TO AN AREA OF OUTSTANDING BEAUTY AND INTEREST.

SINCE THE CLOSURE OF THE ROUTE TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC I HAVE USED THE ALTERNATIVE ROUTE OFFERED, BUT FIND THAT IT IS A MUCH LONGER WAY ROUND. IN ADDITION TO THIS PARTS OF THE ROUTE ARE DIFFICULT TO NEGOTIATE BECAUSE OF AWKWARD STILES AND THE PRESENCE OF HORSES IN SOME OF THE FIELDS CAN UNNERVE WALKERS, PARTICULARLY IF THEY HAVE A DOG WITH THEM. DURING THE WINTER THE ROUTE CAN BECOME VERY BOGGY DUE TO FLOODING.

IT IS WORTH NOTING THAT THE OLD ROUTE IS STILL USED BY MANY PEOPLE WHO PAY THE OWNERS FOR THE USE OF THE STABLES OR THE FISHING FACILITIES, THEREFORE IT IS HARD TO SEE HOW ITS USE BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC WOULD AFFECT THE OWNER'S PRIVACY. INDEED SINCE THERE IS AN ACTIVE NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEME IN THE AREA, THE IDEA OF LOCALS PASSING ALONG THIS ROUTE SERVES ONLY TO INCREASE THE LEVELS OF SECURITY.

IT SEEMS TO ME THAT THIS AREA, WHICH IS A WILDLIFE HAVEN AND A BIRD SANCTUARY ASSOCIATED WITH THE GLOUCESTERSHIRE WILDLIFE TRUST, SHOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR THE ENJOYMENT OF EVERYONE, NOT JUST THOSE OF US WHO ARE ABLE TO OVERCOME THE MANY OBSTACLES ON THE NEW ROUTE.



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A clear depiction of the route that you have used forms a vital part of the evidence. Indicate clearly with a bold continuous line where you personally have walked, ridden or driven.

NAME (Please print)
LOUISE TAYLOR

SIGNED: [Redacted] DATED: **10.6.05**