



Gloucestershire Ramblers Area

Attn:

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Our ref: GR_Witcombe_DMMO2009_2026-07-03

Reference: ROW 3354782

ORDER MAKING AUTHORITY - GLOUCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 – Section 53

Definitive Map of Public Rights of Way for Gloucestershire (Additional Length of Public Footpath at Witcombe Farm) (Parish of Great Witcombe) Order 2009

Letter of Support:

This statement is made jointly by Gloucester Ramblers Group and Gloucestershire Ramblers Area. Gloucester Group is part of the Gloucestershire Ramblers Area, one of 59 Areas that make up the Ramblers Association (The Ramblers), the national walking charity. Gloucestershire Ramblers has more than 1,600 members and The Ramblers has over 106,000 members.

The Order Making Authority's Statement of Reasons Section 5.1 (item 5) refers to a letter from Mrs. J. Byrne Ramblers' Association Secretary, dated 21 June 2007 enclosing three emails and two letters from users of the claimed path (Doc ref 17.10).

Mrs J. Byrne and two of the claimed path users are known to have since passed away. However Mrs. J. Byrne and two of the users, Ron Cloke and Diana Lee are known to have been Walk Leaders with the Mid-Gloucestershire Ramblers Group which included the Parish of Witcombe. Gloucestershire has since reorganised some of the Group territories, and the Parish of Witcombe now forms part of the territory of Gloucester Ramblers Group.

Gloucester Group and Gloucestershire Ramblers Area therefore continue to support the inclusion of the additional length of public footpath at Witcombe Farm on the Definitive Map.

Ramblers campaigns to defend footpaths and protect the places people like to walk, promoting the positive benefits of being outdoors and close to nature.

Gloucestershire Ramblers Area, including Gloucester Group, respectfully requests that the Inspector confirms the additional length of public footpath specified in this Order.

Kind regards

Gloucestershire Ramblers Area and Gloucester Ramblers Group

