

PROOF OF EVIDENCE OF:

Mrs Teresa Peachey

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 Teresa Peachey.
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3. I have lived at this address in Brockworth since October 1974 and have known the claimed route since about that time.
4. My husband and I are not related to, nor have ever been employed by, the landowner.
5. I am used to reading maps and plans, having worked with them during previous employment with Ordnance Survey and British Telecom.

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

6. When my husband and I first moved to Brockworth, we would take circular walks from home which occasionally took us along the road up towards Birdlip, past the telephone exchange towards Witcombe Farm and along the disputed route through the farm, past the reservoirs and back to Brockworth. We sometimes also walked up to Coopers Hill.

7. We used the disputed route maybe once or twice a month over the 31 years. Although not between July and October 1992, when we were providing palliative care for a relation living away from the area.
8. In the earlier years, we also infrequently used it on bikes, but we were stopped and so we only walked after that.
9. As well as taking walks in the area, we also sometimes used it to visit Nick Pritchard who was previously residing at the Reservoir Lodge at the Reservoirs.
10. We would use the disputed route more often in the autumn and winter months, particularly to get to the reservoirs when the path between Droys Court and the reservoirs was impassable due to the stream it crosses being in full flow.
11. We had never had a problem walking this route, there were no signs prohibiting us, no gates or stiles in place.
12. We were never stopped, therefore we were never given permission to use the route until Spring 2005, when the son, known as Fred, approached us on his quad bike, and was verbally abusive to us, but eventually gave us permission as long as it was 'at our own risk; just this once'. It was so upsetting that we have not used this route since.

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:

2-9-2026

NB: You should keep a copy of the completed Statement