



**EVIDENCE QUESTIONNAIRE
IN SUPPORT OF CLAIM FOR
REGISTRATION AS A NEW GREEN**

COMMONS ACT 2006

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NAME			
ADDRESS			
POSTCODE		TELEPHONE NO	

1. Address when you used the land. (The land in this form means 'the claimed land'.)		
2. Address when you knew the land was used by the local inhabitants.		
3a. Did you sign the reverse side of 'Map A' confirming it relates to this evidence provided by you? (Map A is the map showing the claimed land, and the claimed locality which uses the land, which should accompany the form and which will subsequently accompany the application: see Form 44 part 5 & 6 (and note 5 & 6).)		Yes/No
3b. Please confirm that you agree with the boundaries of the locality (or neighbourhood within a locality) on 'Map A' edged in (state the colour)		
4. Please mark the location of your house on 'Map A' with an X.		
5. By what, if any, name is the land shown on 'Map A' known?		
6. Has it ever to your knowledge been known by any other name? If so, what name?		
7. For how many years have you known the land?	From to	
8. Between which years did you use it?	From to	
	Then from to	

9. Do you consider yourself to be a local inhabitant in respect of the land?
10. During the time you have used the land, has the general pattern of use remained basically the same?
11. What recognisable facilities are available to the local inhabitants of your locality? <i>Please tick all boxes that apply and add any OTHER additional matters not covered.</i>

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| <input type="checkbox"/> SCHOOL CATCHMENT AREA | <input type="checkbox"/> AREA POLICEMAN |
| <input type="checkbox"/> LOCAL SCHOOL | <input type="checkbox"/> DOCTOR'S SURGERY |
| <input type="checkbox"/> RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES |
| <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY CENTRE | <input type="checkbox"/> NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH |
| <input type="checkbox"/> LOCAL CHURCH OR PLACE OF WORSHIP | <input type="checkbox"/> A CENTRAL FEATURE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SPORTS FACILITY | <input type="checkbox"/> SCOUT HUT |
| <input type="checkbox"/> LOCAL SHOPS | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (Please state) |

12. To your knowledge are there any public paths crossing the land?
13. How do/did you gain access to the land?
14. Why do you go on to this piece of land?
15. How often do/did you use the land (apart from the public paths)?
16. What activities do/did you take part in?
17. Does your immediate family use the land?

18. If so, what for?
19. Do you know of any community activities that take place or have taken place on the land?
19a. Please list them and state when and for how long they have taken place.
20. Do you participate in any of them?
21. Do any organisations use the land for sports or pastimes? If so please specify.
22. Do any seasonal activities take place on the land?
23. Please tick all the activities that you have seen taking place on the land.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> CHILDREN PLAYING | <input type="checkbox"/> FOOTBALL |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ROUNDERS | <input type="checkbox"/> CRICKET |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FISHING | <input type="checkbox"/> BIRD WATCHING |
| <input type="checkbox"/> DRAWING AND PAINTING | <input type="checkbox"/> PICNICKING |
| <input type="checkbox"/> DOG WALKING | <input type="checkbox"/> KITE FLYING |
| <input type="checkbox"/> TEAM GAMES | <input type="checkbox"/> PEOPLE WALKING |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PICKING BLACKBERRIES | <input type="checkbox"/> BONFIRE PARTIES |
| <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY CELEBRATIONS | <input type="checkbox"/> BICYCLE RIDING |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FETES | <input type="checkbox"/> CAROL SINGING |
| <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (Please state) | |

24. Do you know who is the owner of the land?
25. Do you know who is the occupier of the land?
26. Has the owner or occupier seen you on the land?

27. What did he or she say?	
28. Was permission ever sought by you for activities on the land?	
28a. If so, from whom and when.	
29. Did anyone ever give you permission to go onto the land?	
29a. If yes, when and the reason.	
30. Have you ever been prevented from using the land?	
30a. If yes, when and the reason.	
31. Has any attempt ever been made by notice or fencing or by any other means to prevent or discourage the use being made of the land by the local inhabitants?	
31a. If yes, give examples and dates.	
32. Do you have any photographs or any other evidence of use of the land by local inhabitants?	Yes/No
33. Are you willing to lend them to us?	Yes/No
34. If you have additional information please attach a separate statement.	Yes/No

<p>35. If you have knowledge of others who may be in a position to complete an evidence form, would you please write their names and addresses upon the reverse of this form.</p>	<p>Yes/No</p>
<p>36. I have carried on the activities referred to in this questionnaire for years without anybody trying to stop me and I believe the activity should be treated by the law as having a lawful origin.</p>	
<p>37. <i>I understand that the evidence form I have completed in relation to this application may become public knowledge and I authorise the applicant to disclose this form to anyone reasonably requiring access to this application.</i></p>	
<p>38. <i>I also understand that this evidence may be presented at a non-statutory inquiry and I authorise the applicant to use this form for that purpose.</i></p>	

Signed Date

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NOTES FOR THE INTERVIEWER

THE GROUNDS FOR REGISTRATION OF A TOWN OR VILLAGE GREEN

Commons Act 2006 section 15, Registration of greens

- (1) Any person may apply to the commons registration authority to register land to which the Part ie part 1 of the Commons Act 2006, registration applies as a town or village green in a case where subsection (2), (3) or (4) applies.
- (2) This subsection applies where –
 - (a) a significant number of the inhabitants of any locality, or of any neighbourhood within a locality, have indulged as of right in lawful sports and pastimes on the land for a period of at least 20 years; and
 - (b) they continue to do so at the time of application.
- (3) This subsection applies where –
 - (a) a significant number of the inhabitants of any locality, or of any neighbourhood within a locality, indulged as of right in lawful sports and pastimes on the land for a period of at least 20 years;
 - (b) they ceased to do so before the time of the application but after the commencement of this section; and
 - (c) the application is made within the period of two years beginning with the cessation referred to in paragraph (b).
- (4) This subsection applies (subject to subsection (5), where –
 - (a) a significant number of the inhabitants of any locality, or of any neighbourhood within a locality, indulged as of right in lawful sports and pastimes on the land for a period of at least 20 years;
 - (b) they ceased to do so before the commencement of this section; and
 - (c) the application is made within the period of five years beginning with the cessation referred to in paragraph (b).