



HOW TO APPLY FOR A GRANT FROM THE OPEN SPACES SOCIETY'S LEGAL-ACTION FUND

- 1 Members of the society may apply for a grant from the society's legal-action fund, to assist them in obtaining professional advice or in taking legal action. The application will be considered by one of our case officers, and for small, one-off grants a decision may be taken by the general secretary. For larger grants, the matter is referred to the board of trustees via the legal committee (made up of trustees). Please note that we normally make a contribution to an individual or group's case, we would rarely take on that case ourselves or fully fund it.
- 2 Individual or organisational members of the society requesting financial support must complete [an application form](#).
- 3 Please note that we need 21 days from the date on which we receive the application, as well as all the supporting documentation and information, to review your application.
- 4 The application will be judged against the following criteria:
 - a. It furthers the society's charitable objects, vision, mission and strategy.
 - b. Professional advice shows that a legal case has a more than 50 per cent chance of success.
 - c. The case has national or wider relevance than the immediate issue being addressed.
 - d. The case has the potential either (a) to set a good legal precedent or (b) to prevent a bad legal precedent from being set.
 - e. The land or path affected has public value or potential public value.
 - f. There is strong community support and/or a resolution to proceed by a local committee or group.
 - g. The case will not have adverse reputational implications for the society.
- 5 Should the society support a grant you will need to comply with our [terms of grant](#). You will be asked to confirm you have read and accept the standard terms of grant when applying.