

# **EVIDENCE QUESTIONNAIRE IN SUPPORT OF REGISTRATION AS A TOWN OR VILLAGE GREEN**

*Evidence Form based on that produced by the Open Spaces Society*

## Note to witness filling in the form:-

- 1) Please fill in this form personally and sign it yourself at the end.
- 2) Please attach a map to this Evidence Form showing the land claimed as a Village Green and showing the address(es) where you live/have lived whilst using the land marked with an "X".
- 3) Please also mark on the map the area<sup>1</sup> to which you believe the right to use the land belongs (e.g. a particular housing estate, ward or parish).
- 4) In addition to signing the form you must ALSO sign the map attached.
- 5) If you need further room for your answers, please continue on an additional sheet marking the number of the question appropriately. Please ensure any extra sheets are firmly attached to your Evidence Form.
- 6) **The information provided in this form will become public knowledge and be provided to the Land Owner. The data is collected by Gloucestershire County Council in accordance with the data protection principles in the Data Protection Act 1998. The purpose for collecting the data is to enable the County Council to investigate the claim for a Town or Village Green in accordance with the Commons Act 2006.**

<b>NAME</b>			
<b>ADDRESS</b>			
<b>POSTCODE</b>		<b>TELEPHONE NO.</b>	

<sup>1</sup> this is technically known as the locality or neighbourhood.

## **1. Please fill in the following table:-**

Address(es) where you live(d) – including postcode(s) – when you used the Land	Date(s) of Residence	
	From	To
(1)		
(2)		

## **2. By what name is the Land claimed known?**

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## **3. Has it ever to your knowledge been known by any other name: If so, what name?**

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**4. How many years have you known the Land?**

From \_\_\_\_\_ To \_\_\_\_\_

**5. Between which years did you use it:**

From \_\_\_\_\_ To \_\_\_\_\_

**6. Do you consider yourself to be a local inhabitant in respect of the Land?**

\_\_\_\_\_

**7. Are you able to give to name the area (locality) where this user evidence comes from?  
If so what is it called/known as.**

\_\_\_\_\_

**8. During the time you have used the Land, has the general pattern of use remained basically the same?**

\_\_\_\_\_

**9. To your knowledge are there any public paths (e.g. public footpaths or bridleways) crossing the Land?**

\_\_\_\_\_

**10. How and where did/do you gain access to the Land?**

\_\_\_\_\_

**11. Why did/do you go on to this piece of Land?**

\_\_\_\_\_

**12. How often have/did/do you use[d] the Land (apart from the public paths)?  
*If different frequency for different periods of time please specify.***

\_\_\_\_\_

**13. What activities have you taken part on the land during the years you have used the it?**

\_\_\_\_\_

**14. Do you know of any community activities that take place or have taken place on the Land?**

\_\_\_\_\_

**15. Please list them and state when and for how long they have taken place.**

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**16. Do you participate in any of them?**

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**17. Do any organisations use the Land for sports or pastimes? If so please specify.**

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**18. Do any seasonal activities take place on the Land?**

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**19. Please tick all the activities that you have seen taking place on the Land.**

<input type="checkbox"/> 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"/> Fêtes	<input type="checkbox"/> Carol Singing
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please state) _____	

**20. Do you know who is the current owner(s) / occupier(s) of the Land and how did you discover this information?**

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**21. Are you aware of any other owner(s) / occupier(s) of the Land, past or present? Please give details including dates.**

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**22. Are you or were you an employee of any of the owner(s) / occupier(s)? If so give details.**

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**23. Are you or were you a tenant of any of the owner(s) / occupier(s)? If so give details.**

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**24. Have any of the owner(s) / occupier(s) seen you on the Land?**

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**25. Was your alleged right to be on the Land challenged?**

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**26. Was permission ever sought by you for activities on the Land?**

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**27. If so, from whom?**

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**28. Did anyone ever give you permission to go onto the Land?**

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**29. If yes, when and the reason?**

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**30. Have you ever been prevented from using the Land?**

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**31. If yes, when and the reason?**

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**32. 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?**

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**33. If yes, give examples.**

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**34. Do you have any photographs or any other evidence of use of the Land by local inhabitants? If yes please provide dates**

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**35 If you have any other information which you believe to be relevant, please provide details.**

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***Important Information – How your information will be used***

The information you give in this Evidence Questionnaire will be submitted to and used by the County Council when it decides about the actions to take following the submission of an application for a new Town and Village Green. It will include a full copy of your comments, including your personal details, such as your name (including your signature), address, telephone number and e-mail address in the documents placed on deposit for public inspection and disclosed to any objectors.

The County Council must also always refer the decision of whether the land which is the subject of the application is to be registered as a Town or Village Green to a Committee and when this happens; the contents of this Evidence Questionnaire (excluding your personal details) may be available on the County Council's website, within the committee papers.

The process by which a new Town or Village Green is determined is public, therefore, the County Council will also have to disclose your Evidence Questionnaire as part of the application process and you should be aware this information will become part of public domain.

Please can you indicate below if you whether consent to your personal details being disclosed i.e. name (including your signature), address, telephone number and e-mail address.

Please note that if you include personal or identifiable details in the **Comments/Body of your response** then the County Council cannot guarantee that these details will not be disclosed. You are **strongly** advised to read through your comments to ensure that there is no personal information included.

**Declaration of Truth**

I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief the facts that I have stated are true and that I consent/do not consent\* to my personal details (including my name address telephone number and e-mail address) being put into the public domain.

\*If you do not consent, please set out below which of your personal details you wish to be removed (please note this may affect the weight of your evidence).

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form duly completed and signed, with a signed map and any other evidence to:

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