



# STOCKPORT

METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

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Evidence to Support Claim	For Official Use	Date received: Application No:
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Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981

Please state "Yes" and "No" where applicable, and answer all questions as fully and accurately as possible. The object of this questionnaire is to get to the truth of the matter, whatever it may be. All evidence is open for public inspection and may be viewed by landowners.

Name.....  
Address.....  
Occupation .....

Daytime telephone number.....

Date of Birth (please complete this, it is essential to our enquiries) .....

Describe claimed path (please be as detailed as possible) and include a **signed plan or sketch** of the route with any relevant features / names.....

1. Do you regard the route in question as a Public Footpath, Bridleway or Vehicular Highway?  
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2. Why do regard the route as being of this status? .....

3(a) Have you used it:-

*\*Years during which you used the path. The table below allows you to indicate separate periods of use.*

	Yes	No	From	To	From	To	From	To
(i) on foot?								
(ii) on horseback?								
(iii) with a vehicle?								
(iv) on a bicycle?								

(b) How many times a year, ..... | ..... | .....  
on average  
(or, for example, *daily, weekly, monthly, occasionally*)?

(c) Where were you going From? .....  
To? .....

(d) For what purpose(s)? .....

(e) Did you use the route with other people, if so who with? Yes/No

4(a) Have you seen other people using the same route? Yes/No

(b) Were they on foot / horseback / in a vehicle / on a bicycle? (tick as appropriate)

(c) Were they local and / or known to you? Yes/No

- 5. On the route have there ever been stiles? Yes/No
- gates? Yes/No
- other furniture? Yes/No
- signs / notices? Yes/No
- obstructions? Yes/No

Please give details and indicate them on the plan .....

6. Please describe the surface of the route and if it has ever changed (e.g. been ploughed)

7. Have you ever

- (a) owned / occupied land over which the claimed path runs? Yes/No
- (b) worked for any owner / occupier of land affected by the claim? Yes/No
- (c) discussed the claimed route with the landowner / occupier? Yes/No
- (d) been related to/known any owner/occupier of the land concerned? Yes/No
- (e) had a private right to use the route in question? Yes/No -
- (f) visited or delivered goods to anyone living along the route? Yes/No

Please provide any details, including the land affected, dates, tenancy / occupancy conditions, how well known (e.g. by sight only, acquaintance, good friend) and nature of private right (e.g. access to property).....

8. Have you ever

- (a) sought permission to use the route?.....
- (b) been given permission to use the route?.....

Please provide details, including dates and nature of permission.....

9. Have you ever

- (a) been challenged or told the route was not public? Yes/No (give details).....
- (b) known of anyone else who has been challenged or told the route was not public? Yes/No (give details).....
- (c) been seen by the landowner or anyone in their employment when using the route? Yes/No (give details).....
- (d) stopped to talk to the landowner or anyone in their employment when using the route? Yes/No (give details).....

Please provide details, including dates and nature of challenge and nature of sightings by, or discussions with, landowner / employees.....

- 10.(a) Has the route always followed the same alignment? Yes/No
- (b) Did you always follow the same route? Yes/No

If the path changed course at any particular time, please indicate this on the plan and clarify when this change occurred.....

11. Have any features of the route changed during the time you have known it? Yes/No. If so, please provide details.....

- 12.(a) Is the route enclosed between boundaries? Yes/No
- (b) Did you use the whole width between the boundaries? Yes/No
- (c) If not, how much of the width is used? .....

- 13.(a) Would you be willing to give evidence at a Public Inquiry? Yes/No
- (b) If not, would you be willing to make a declaration on oath as to the truth of the  
        above information (Statutory Declaration)? Yes/No

*If you have any other information or documentary evidence (such as deeds, photographs or plans, details of other people whom you know to have used the route, local names for the route), please include details*

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**I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief the facts that I have stated are true.**

Signed.....

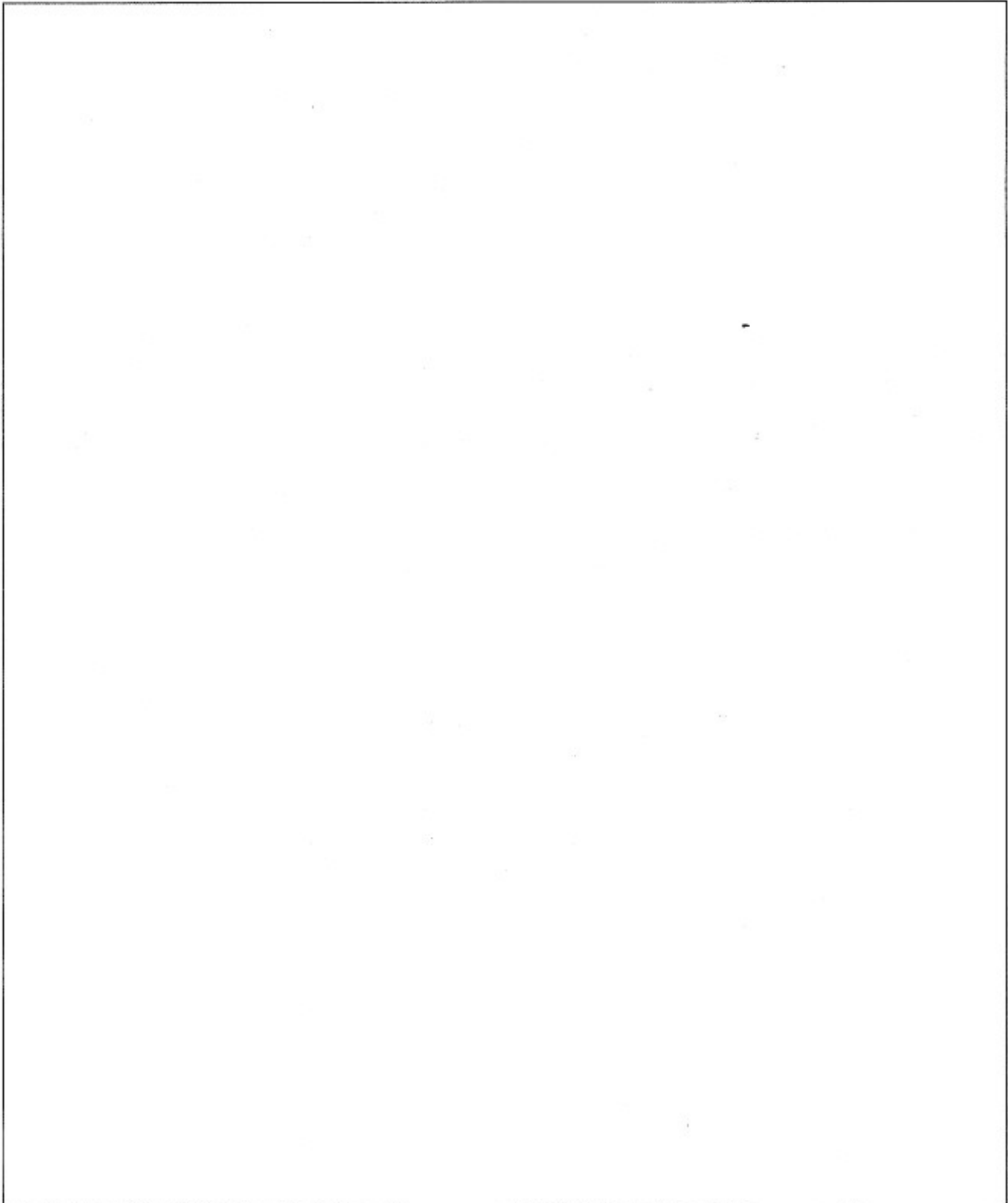
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Name of person taking statement (if completed by another person).....

Dated.....

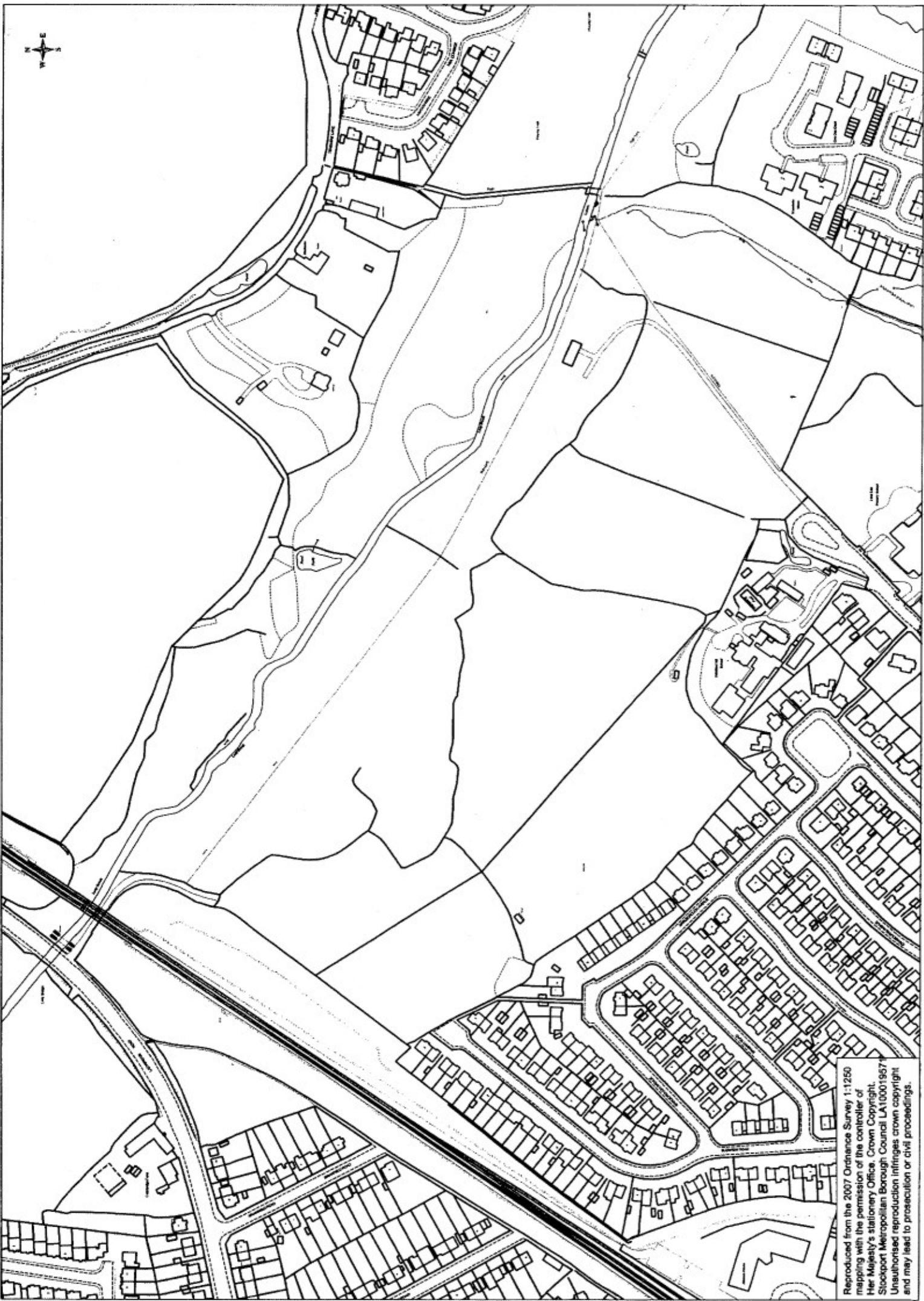
*Please return your user evidence form to the person co-ordinating the application / gathering the evidence and **with your signed sketch plan.***

*For further information contact the Public Rights of Way Unit, Phoenix House, Clough Road, Winsford, Cheshire, Tel: 01606 541801*  
*Sketch of the route*



*Signed:*

*Dated:*



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