



Dereham Town Council

Claiming South Green Steps as a Public Right of Way.

In March 2024, residents of South Green Gardens raised concerns that the steps leading to the Rugby Field and Allotments, were poorly maintained and becoming a hazard. On investigation, it became apparent that there was no authority responsible for maintaining the steps.

So that the steps can be considered for maintenance by a public authority, the steps need first need to be Claimed as a Public Right of Way. The Town Council has agreed to lead the process for making an official claim.

To claim the steps as a Public Right of Way the Town Council will need to provide evidence that they have been used openly and without permission being given, for more than 20 years, but the longer the better.

The Town Council needs residents to provide evidence of how they have used the route, it doesn't matter if you have not used the steps for the whole of the 20 years, simply state the length of time you have used the steps for. Some people will be able to provide evidence of more than 20 years, some will be less, all the evidence will add together to be part of the claim.

Claim forms are enclosed for residents to complete and return to Dereham Town Council, Assembly Rooms, Quebec Street, Dereham. NR19 2TX.

So that the Claims can be progressed all completed evidence forms need to be returned to Dereham Town Council by the 30th September 2024.

If you have any questions regarding completing the forms, please contact the Town Council offices on 01362 693821.

Norfolk County Council
Public Rights Of Way - User Evidence Form

Important – The aim is simply to establish the truth. Please answer all the questions and give as much detailed information in your answers as possible – even if you feel that such information does not support the application. This is of particular importance if your statement is to be of maximum benefit. If necessary, continue your answers on an extra sheet of paper.

Your evidence may be examined at public inquiry and therefore please consider your answers carefully.

Name (Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms)

Address.....

.....Postcode

Telephone Number:

Email:

Date of Birth..... Occupation

The Applicant will show you a map of the claimed right of way which should be attached to your evidence form. If the route shown is not the route you have used please change the map or add a different map to show the route you have taken. All the details on this form should also be about the route you have used, even if that is different.

Route you have taken

To and From South Green Gardens Dereham, Grid reference TF98945 12269 and Dereham Footpath 12, Grid reference 98934 12267 (outlined in red on the plan overleaf)

If an Order is made, the Council must then make this form available for viewing to any person who asks for it. If you do not wish this to happen do not complete this form. Before an Order is made, or if we decide to make no Order, the Council can only make the form available to others if you consent. However, if an appeal against a decision not to make an Order is made to the Planning Inspectorate ALL evidence of use forms have to be submitted.

Do you consent to a copy of this form being available to people who ask to see it at any time even if the Council has not made an Order?

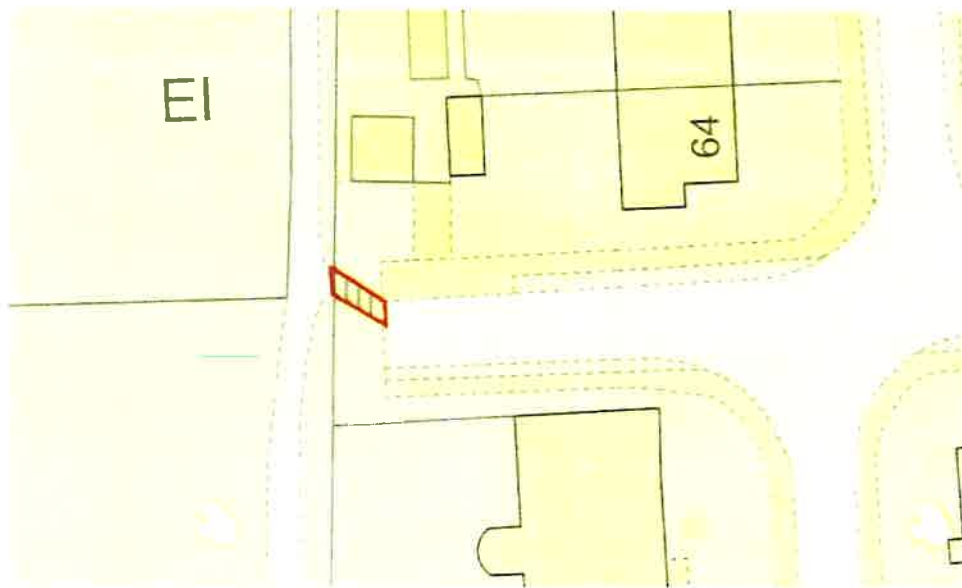
Yes, I consent

No, I do not consent

You are entitled to access any information held on you by Norfolk County Council in relation to this application

Claimed Route outlined in red

To and From South Green Gardens Dereham, Grid reference TF98945 12269 and Dereham Footpath 12, Grid reference 98934 12267.



Section A : Use Of The Route	
<p>1. Have you used the whole of the route claimed?</p>	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><i>If 'no' please change the map or add a different map to show the route you have taken.</i></p>
<p>2. During which years did you use the route? (if not sure please give approximate dates)</p>	
<p>3. a) Where were you going to and coming from? (Please use road names if possible eg 'From The Street to Norwich Rd')</p> <p>b) Why did you use the route? (eg To get from home to school, as a short cut, for berry picking etc)</p>	<p>a)</p> <p>b)</p>
<p>4. How often did you use the route? (eg daily, weekly, monthly or other – please state)</p>	
<p>5. How did you use the route? (eg on foot, on horseback, on a bicycle, cart, in a motor vehicle- please state what you did most often)</p>	
<p>6. Were you ever given permission to use the route? (if so, by who, how often and when).</p>	

Section A : Use Of The Route	
<p>7. When you used the route were you the owner or occupier (eg by renting) of any land next to the route or land over which the route runs?</p>	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> If 'yes' please give details.</p>
<p>8. Have you ever worked for an owner or occupier of land crossed by the route?</p>	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> If 'yes' please give details.</p>
<p>9. Have you ever been stopped or turned back when using the route? (if so, by who, when and where on the route)</p>	
<p>10. a) Have you <u>seen</u> other people using the route? b) If so, how often? c) If so, how many people? d) If so, how? (eg on foot, by bike, on horseback)</p>	<p>a) Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> b) every time I've used the route/occasionally/seldom c) Individuals/groups d) On Foot/Bicycle/Horseback/vehicle</p>

Section B : Details Of The Route	
<p>1. a) What type of surface did the route have when you were using it (eg tarmac, gravel, grass)? Did this change at any time?</p> <p>b) How wide (approx) was the route during your use (including any verges)? If it varied, please specify</p>	
<p>2. Has the route always followed the same line? (if not, please give details and include date of change)</p>	
<p>3. Have there ever been any stiles or gates (locked or unlocked) on the route? (if so, please give details and clearly mark the position on your attached map)</p>	
<p>4. Have you ever seen any Notices or Signs on the route? (if so, please give details of e.g. the wording on the Notice/Sign, where and when you saw the Notice etc and clearly mark their position on your attached map)</p>	
<p>5. Has the route ever been blocked or unusable? (if so, please give details)</p>	

Section C : Further Information

Please provide any further information that you feel is important.

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Section D

I confirm that to the best of my knowledge the information I have given in this form is correct **and that the map I attach shows the route I have used and is signed by me.**

Signed

Dated

Person taking this Statement (if applicable)

If the matter goes to public inquiry are you willing to attend to support the application (please tick) : yes no