

PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

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EVIDENCE OF USE ON FOOT

NAME: ANTHONY BELL
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POST CODE: BB4 8LJ
DATE OF BIRTH: 14.05.1970 OCCUPATION: HGV DRIVER

Route of Way: On the West side of the River Limey, from the Commercial St bridge running in a northerly direction approximately 150 metres upstream to the next footbridge where four "Public Right of Ways" converge.

From: Commercial St: (Grid Reference) SD 811272
Via: Loveclough Fold
To: Upstream footbridge: (Grid Reference) SD 812274

1) How long have you known the route? SINCE 1982

2) Have you used the above way on foot? YES ~~NO~~

If so:

(a) During which years? 1982 - 2004 -

(b) Where were you going to and from? I USED TO USE THIS ACCESS FOR FARM WORK BUT I NOW USE IT FOR ACCESS TO THE BOTTOM LODGE.

(c) For what purpose? FOR THE FARM WORK I USED FOR ACCESS TO CHECK UPON THE LIVESTOCK. NOW I USE IT TO GET MY FISHING TACKLE TO THE BANKSIDE

(d) How many times a year? 9-10 TIMES A YEAR

(e) Have you used the way by other means (Please tick all that apply)?

On horseback

✓ On motorcycle/in vehicle } FOR FARM ACCESS
✓ Other (State)

During which years? 1982 → 1985

3) Has the way always run over the same route? (If not give details and dates of any changes. Mark any changes or variations on an attached plan).

THIS ROAD HAS ALWAYS LEAD TO THE FARM AND TO THE LODGES
AND THE COUNTRYSIDE. THE ROAD ^{LAYOUT} ONLY CHANGED ^{SLIGHTLY} WHEN THE FARM + OUT BUILDING
WAS CONVERTED TO RESIDENTIAL.

4a) Have there, to your knowledge, been any stiles, gates or fences across the way?"

(If so/ state where the stiles, gates or fences stood and mark their locations on an attached plan).

THE ONLY GATES AND STILES I HAVE KNOWN ARE
LEADING UP TO THE LODGES AND THE GATE UP THE TRACK LEADING
UP THE SIDE OF RIVER HIGHER UP THE ROAD PAST THE HOUSES.

4b) Were any of the gates locked? (If so, state when and where they were, and mark them on an attached plan). NO

4c) Did any of the stiles, gates or fences prevent you from using the way on foot? if so, when? NO

5a) Have you worked for any landowner over which the route passes? If so, give dates of employment and name of employer. SCHOOL TIME TOURS FOR
MR JOHN BRIDGE 1982 → 1985.

5b) Have you been a tenant of any land over which the routes passes? If so/ give dates of tenancy and mark land rented on attached plan.

NO (THE ONLY INSTRUCTION WAS TO MAKE SURE DOGS
MUST BE KEPT ON A LEASH AND CLOSE THE GATES.)

6) If you have answered yes to 5a or 5b did you ever receive any instructions from the landowner as to the use of the way by the public? If so, what were they?

NO

7a) Have you ever been stopped or turned back when using this way on foot? NO

7b) Do you know or have you heard of anyone else having been stopped or turned back when using the way on foot? If so, state when the interruption took place and give particulars.

I HAVE HEARD OF RESIDENTS ON WHAT USED
TO BE THE FARM HAVE HAD A GRIPE ABOUT PEOPLE WALKING
PAST.

8) Were you ever told by any owner or tenant of the land crossed by the way, or by anyone in their employment, that the way was not a public right of way on foot? If so, state when and give particulars and dates.

NO

9) Have you ever seen notices such as 'Private', 'No Road', 'No Thoroughfare' or 'Trespassers will be Prosecuted' on or near the way? If so, what did the notices say? Mark the location of the notices on an attached plan.

NO

10) Have you ever asked permission to use the way? If so, who did you ask?

NO

11) Please give any other information that you think is relevant. Use a separate sheet if necessary.

THIS ROUTE HAS ALWAYS BEEN ACCESSIBLE
TO THE PUBLIC AND IN MY EYES ALWAYS WILL BE!

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

I ~~am not~~ am willing to attend a hearing, public inquiry or court to give evidence on this matter, if this should prove to be necessary.

Signature: Abell Date: 15-10-2007