

Form A.

MID & EAST ANTRIM BOROUGH COUNCIL  
PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY INVESTIGATION INITIATION APPLICATION FORM  
Access to the Countryside (NI) Order 1983

File Ref: (for office use only) \_\_\_\_\_

I/We (i) \_\_\_\_\_

of (ii) \_\_\_\_\_

**have read and understood “Public Right of Way Route Status Investigation: A Guide to the Investigation Procedure” and hereby apply to have the status of the route running**

from:

(iii) \_\_\_\_\_ map ref. \_\_\_\_\_

to (iv) \_\_\_\_\_ map ref. \_\_\_\_\_

investigated. Please show the route on the attached map. Please ensure that this is a sufficiently good copy so that it can be photocopied by Council.

I/We have provided copies of the following documentary evidence (including statements of witnesses) in support of this application:

(v) \_\_\_\_\_

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

- (i) insert name/s of applicant/s
- (ii) insert address of applicant  
(one address for all)
- (iii) insert starting point of route
- (iv) insert finishing point of route
- (v) insert list of documents

Please complete and return this form to: Mid and East Antrim Borough Council, Parks & Open Spaces, Museum & Civic Centre, 11 Antrim Street, Carrickfergus, BT38 7DG.  
T: (028) 93358232 or E: parks@midandeantrim.gov.uk

## NOTES TO THE PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY INVESTIGATION APPLICANT

Enquirers should note that the Public Right of Way Investigation Procedure can be lengthy and complex. Plenty of time should be allowed for the process to run its course. It should be recognised that evidence is unlikely ever to be complete as new sources may remain to **be discovered. However, Council aims to reach a decision ..... from the date of** application. The process can be helped by enquirers undertaking their own research, but Council will not comment on the value of individual pieces of evidence provided by enquirers. The Council is only obliged to assert a public right of way where it is satisfied that an alleged right of way is in fact a public right of way and there is no real dispute as to its status.

USER EVIDENCE: Witness Evidence Forms form the basis of user evidence. As many as possible should be submitted, fully completed by members of the public.

### USEFUL SOURCES OF DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

Documentary evidence can be researched from a number of sources depending upon the specifics of the route in question. The following are some suggestions:

- a) Ordnance Survey maps (recent or past). It should be noted however, that the representation on an OS map of a path, track or other way as a topographical feature is not evidence that the route is, or is not, a public right of way.
- b) OS Memoirs (through the Public Records Office)
- c) Title Deeds (through the Register of Deeds)
- d) Land Registry maps (through Land Registry)
- e) Private Estate records (through the Public Records Office) Court Proceedings (as above)
- f) Local Newspaper Articles (past) (Local Libraries or Public Records Office)
- g) Records of Government Departments e.g. Roads, Water, Planning, Agriculture.
- h) Records of other bodies e.g. Housing Executive
- i) Old Railway/Canal Plans and Schedules
- j) Documentation held by local history societies

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