

**APPLICATION FOR A MODIFICATION ORDER TO ADD A LENGTH OF PUBLIC FOOTPATH
IN THE PARISH OF WOODMANCOTE**

SUMMARY OF PUBLIC PATH EVIDENCE FORMS SUBMITTED IN 2006

No	Name	Address of Witness	Period of time covered	Frequency of Use	Purpose of Use	Other Remarks	Comments (by Director of Environment)
1	Miss Shara A. H. Spragg	18 Bushcombe Close, Woodmancote, Cheltenham	N/A	N/A	N/A	Witness has not used the claimed route but believes it to be a public footpath. Witness says that recently the route has been obstructed by a tall hawthorn hedge that has been planted at the Bushcombe Rd end and locked double gates at the Station Rd end. Witness says permission was given to the original house owners to use the path by estate agents Young and Gilling. She adds, "This path is invaluable to the residents and the regular users of the village hall and playing fields. It is even more important as there is NO footpath on Bushcombe Lane which is narrow and has become even busier and more dangerous with industrial units in Butts Lane and recent residential development in Station Road". Witness says the route is used by mothers and toddlers daily, Cubs, Beavers, Scouts etc. weekly, Parish, W.I. and Horticulture monthly etc.	Witness has marked the claimed route on the map

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2	Mrs M. J. George	4 Bushcombe Close, Woodmancote, Cheltenham	1960 to 1965	Twice weekly	From home in Bushcombe Close to Station Road and the village on foot as access to the village and to catch the bus	Witness notes a 5-bar gate at the Station Road end and says now the route is unusable. Witness states that permission to use the route was understood as the land was purposely left by the builders of the then 20 surrounding bungalows. She adds that the path was invaluable as the road was a "sea of mud" but is now used less as more people have cars. She says the path is needed as traffic in Bushcombe Lane is heavy and the lane is narrow, steep and twisting with no footpath on either side.	Witness has marked the claimed route on the map
3	Brian F. G. Jewell	9 Bushcombe Close, Woodmancote	1961 to 1970 (approx)	Approximately 50 times a year	On foot from Bushcombe Close to Station Road and to Bishops Cleeve taking children to school and to catch bus to Cheltenham	Witness notes a 5-bar gate at the Station Road end of the claimed route and obstructions by the extension of gardens of properties in Bushcombe Lane. He says he has been given permission to use the route. Witness adds "The path should be reopened to particularly allow access to and from Station Rd as an alternative to the increasing hazards for pedestrians in Bushcombe Lane".	Witness has marked the claimed route on the map, but following a slightly straighter alignment and has signified a wider width

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4	Kathleen Axten	14 Bushcombe Close, Woodmancote	1961 to 1970 approx.	About once a week	On foot from Bushcombe Close to Station Road and vice versa to catch a bus and for shopping and walking	Witness notes a 5-bar gate at the Station Road end of the path "but one could open it". She says it was obstructed when it was fenced by the owners of 'Beldon'. Witness states she was given permission to use the claimed route by Leckhampton Estates who owned the land/path and built the 20 bungalows in Bushcombe Close.	Witness has marked the claimed route on the map
5	David Ellwood	16 Bushcombe Close, Woodmancote, Cheltenham	1960 to 1972	Numerous	On foot from "residential address" to Station Road to go to bus stop or walk to Bishops Cleeve	Witness states that neighbouring properties have encroached onto the claimed path. He assumed it was a right of way. Witness adds, "The path was used to avoid using Bushcombe Lane, which had/has no footpath. Consider that today's traffic increase on Bushcombe Lane makes this access more than ever desirable".	Witness has marked the claimed route on the map but following a slightly straighter alignment