**S.118 HIGHWAY ACT 1980**

**APPLICATION FOR AN EXTINGUISHMENT OF A PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY**

**ON THE GROUNDS THAT THE PATH/ WAY IS NOT NEEDED FOR PUBLIC USE**

The following questions are to be answered in **full**.

Guidance and pre-application advice is available from Public Rights of Way on 07415 234156 or publicrightsofway@walsall.gov.uk.

**This application is made in accordance with section 118 of the Highways Act 1980** for the extinguishment of the Public Right of Way, described in Part 3 below.

The application extinguishment is made on the grounds that the existing path or way is not needed for public use.

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| **1. APPLICATION SITE** |
| (a) Site name, address and postcode |
| 1. Main contact name address postcode, telephone and e-mail (if different to the above)
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| **2. PUBLIC RIGHT(S) OF WAY TO BE EXTINGUISHED****Please complete all sections below which apply – one application may be used for all extinguishment(s).** |
| 1. Has the proposed extinguishment order previously been discussed with Public Rights of Way? **Yes/ No**

If **yes**, please provide details of any discussions: |
| **EXTINGUISHMENT*****Please complete this section for all public rights of way which are proposed to be extinguished (closed permanently).***1. Please describe all areas of public right of way which require extinguishment including the path reference(s) (if known), start point, end point, length, width, street furniture along the route (such as bridges, gates, stiles, street lighting etc). Please include grid references.
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| **ALTERNATIVE PATH OR WAY FOR USE AFTER EXTINGUISHMENT**1. Please describe the alternative highway that will be available after extinguishment including any path reference(s) (if known) and/or street name(s), start point, end point, length, width, street furniture along the route (such as bridges, gates, stiles, street lighting etc)? Please include grid references.
2. Please detail any proposed improvements to the alternative route described in (c) above
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| **AREAS OF PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY TO BE RETAINED AND IMPROVED**1. Please describe all areas of public right of way which are proposed to be retained, including the path reference(s) (if known), start point, end point, length, width existing surface and street furniture (such as bridges, gates, stiles, street lighting etc). Please include grid references.
2. Please describe any proposed improvements to the areas to be retained described in point (e) above.

*NB details of specific improvements will require agreement with Public Rights of Way, and may require inclusion within a S278 Agreement. Please provide details of any previous correspondence or agreements in relation to this. Works must be completed by contractors who are accredited to work in the highway, or the councils appointed contractors.* |
| **ORDER MAP**1. Please provide as an attachment to this application, a proposed map showing the proposed changes to the public rights of way to a scale of not less than 1:2500, to include:
2. All areas of public rights of way to be extinguished;
3. Alternative routes that will be following closure;
4. And areas of public right of way to be retained and improved.
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| **4. LAND OWNERSHIP** |
| 1. Please confirm whether all of the land upon which the areas of public right of way to be extinguished lies and land directly adjoining the area to be extinguished is owned by the applicant? **Yes/ No**

Please list all additional 3rd party land owners, along with occupiers and lessees, the extent of their ownership and their interest in the below table. A plan should be attached showing the extent of their ownership in relation to the proposed order.

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| Name and address | Description of land within their ownership (e.g. area of path to be extinguished, or adjoining land).  | Their interest in the land (e.g. owner, occupier or lessee). | Has their consent been obtained? If yes please attach a copy of the consent to this application, or give details if no. |
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*NB if other 3rd parties own land affected by the order the applicant is responsible for ensuring consent. Failure to do so may result in delays and affect the order decision.* |

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| **5. STATUTORY APPARATUS** |
| 1. Please provide details of any apparatus located within the public right of way to be extinguished and confirm any requirements statutory undertakers may have to ensure continued access for maintenance. Please attach copies of plans, agreements and correspondence in relation to this

*NB if statutory apparatus is present and requires diversion, or easements are requested, the applicant is responsible for ensuring the requirements are met and covering all costs associated with this. Failure to do so may result in delays and affect the order decision.* |

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| **6. DECLARATION** **Please read the following section carefully.**  |
| **Authority for extinguishments**\*I/We the undersigned understand that no authority for the stopping up/diversion of any Right of Way is conferred unless confirmed by the Council/Secretary of State. \*I/We declare that the Right of Way to be diverted is in no way obstructed and shall be in no way be obstructed before the Order is confirmed. *(Other than historic obstructions, or obstructions authorised by temporary closure or permits to work in the highway).***Objections to the Order** \*I/We recognise that if objections are received to a published Order, the Council may: * Request that the Secretary of State determine the Order
* Represent the case at Public Inquiry, hearing or through written representations
* Request that the applicant represents his/herself at Public Inquiry, hearing or written representation.

**Cost of the application – The legislation** \*I/We understand that the Walsall Metropolitan Borough Council is entitled to recover the costs incurred in the making of a Public Path Order under “The Local Authority (Recovery of costs of PPO’s) Regulations 1993” as amended by The Local Authorities (charges for Overseas Assistance and Public Path Orders) Regulations 1996”.**Costs-Payment and requirement** \*I/We undertake to pay the associated costs and expenses incurred by Walsall Metropolitan Borough Council. * Any compensation which may become payable as a consequence of the extinguishment coming into operation.
* The costs of any works necessary in consequence of the coming into operation of the Order so that the alternative route may be brought up to the necessary standard.
* The full costs of investigating, making and confirming the Order.

\*I/We understand that these costs will remain payable should the Council resolve not to make the Order or the Order is not confirmed for any reason other than those specified below. If more than one Order is required to achieve your aim then additional costs will occur. \*I/We are aware that, although at present the **minimum** costs of a straight forward application (which has received no objection) are approximately £4,000 for an Extinguishment Order and £5,500 for an Order requiring Certification. This figure is for each order and cannot be guaranteed. Payment is due as follows:* £2,756 initial fee upon receipt and validation of application, prior to making and advertising Order
* £1,653 prior to confirmation and advertisement of confirmation of an unopposed Order
* £1,653 prior to certification that works in the highway/ new route have been completed, only where applicable.

Additional fees may be payable where a high level of investigation is necessary or, where objections are received and an Order is submitted to the Secretary of State for determination. You will be advised of the additional costs when applicable**Reduction of costs/waiver** \*I/We understand that no charge or reduced charges will be made in the following circumstances: * No charge will be made if the Order could not be confirmed because it had been invalidly made;
* No charge will be made where the Council fails to confirm the Order to which no objection has been made or, if there are unresolved objections, the Council fails to submit the Order to the Secretary of State for confirmation except when the applicant has not paid an invoice raised by the Council;
* No charge will be made if the Order has been sought by the Council because it is considered that it would be in the interests of the public for the Order to be made.

**\*I/We confirm that the existing pathway subject to this application is unobstructed;****\*I/We confirm that the extinguishment is being made on the grounds that the path/ way is not needed for public use;****\*I/We confirm that I/we have read and understood the above declaration**. Signed \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Dated\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **NB,** Where an \*appears, please delete the option(s) which is/are not applicable. **This form should be completed in full and submitted with relevant plans and supporting information to** **PublicRightsofWay@Walsall.gov.uk****.** An order can only be made and taken forward once it has been demonstrated that the legal criteria is met. An incomplete application may mean that statutory requirements cannot be demonstrated and result in the application being returned with a request for additional information, or refused. |
| Payment methodsPlease make the initial £2756 payment when submitting your application. Payment can be made by: * Cheque, made payable to Walsall Council and posted to Public Rights of Way Walsall Council, Civic Centre Darwall Street, WS1 1DG,
* Card payment over the telephone, by calling 01922 650322.
* Supplying a Purchase Order to PublicRightsofWay@walsall.gov.uk. We will arrange an invoice upon receipt.
* Payment code “6411 4111513 97201, PROW Order” must be quoted when making payment.
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| EnquiriesPlease call 07415 234156 or email publicrightsofway@walsall.gov.uk if you have any enquiries on the above. |