**S.257 TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1980**

**APPLICATION FOR AN EXTINGUISHMENT AND/OR DIVERSION OF A PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY**

**FOR DEVELOPMENT PURPOSES**

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](mailto:publicrightsofway@walsall.gov.uk).

**This application is made in accordance with section 257 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990** for the extinguishment and/ or diversion of the Public Right of Way, described in Part 3 below.

The application for the diversion is made on the grounds that the existing path or way should be extinguished and/or diverted to allow development to take place in accordance with any planning permission granted.

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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. PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT** |
| 1. Has a planning application been made? **Yes/ No**   If **yes**, please provide the planning reference: |
| 1. Has a planning decision notice issued? **Yes/ No**   If **yes**, please submit a copy of the decision notice and a copy of the approved layout, when submitting your application.  If **no**, please provide a proposed site layout and confirm when you anticipate a decision will be received by?  *NB consultations on a proposed order can be undertaken alongside planning consultations, but an order cannot be confirmed until a planning decision notice has been issued.* |
| 1. Has any development commenced on site? **Yes/ No**   If **yes**, please describe the development already completed.  ***NB.*** *The path* ***must*** *remain free from obstructions with no development being completed along the line of the path until the Order has been confirmed in the case of an extinguishment order, or in the case of a diversion order until the order has been confirmed and new path installed and certified.* |
| **3. PUBLIC RIGHT(S) OF WAY TO BE EXTINGUISHED AND/OR DIVERTED TO ENABLE THE APPROVED DEVELOPMENT TO BE IMPLEMENTED**  **Please complete all sections below which apply – one application may be used for all extinguishment(s), diversion(s) and area(s) of public right of way to be retained and/or improved, and wherever possible, this will be incorporated into one Order.** |
| 1. Has the proposed extinguishment and diversion order previously been discussed with Public Rights of Way? **Yes/ No**   If **yes**, please provide brief details of any discussions: |
| **EXTINGUISHMENT**  ***Please complete this section if the public rights of way are proposed to be extinguished (closed permanently) and no new or revised public rights of way are to be provided. NB. Where a new alternative path or way is proposed on adopted road this would be an extinguishment, so use this section.***   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. 2. 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). Is this existing highway or proposed new adopted highway? Please include grid references. |
| **DIVERSION**  ***Please complete this section if the public rights of way are proposed to be altered permanently onto a new alignment through the application site. NB the new alignment must connect to highway to provide a through route.***   1. Please describe all areas of public right of way which require diversion, including the path reference, start point, end point, length, width, description of the path surface features along the route (such as bridges, gates, stiles, street lighting, etc) 2. Please give a detailed description of proposed new diverted public rights of way to be provided, including the, start point, end point, length, width, features along the route (such as bridges, gates, stiles, street lighting, etc) |
| **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 and improved, including the path reference(s) (if known), start point, end point, length, and width. Please include grid references. Please describe the existing surface and street furniture along the route (such as bridges, gates, stiles, street lighting etc) and the proposed path surface and street furniture after improvements.   *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, including the site red outline to include: 2. For an extinguishment, all areas of public rights of way to be extinguished, alternative routes following closure and areas of public right of way to be retained and improved. 3. For a diversion, all areas of public rights of way to be closed, new diverted paths and areas of public rights of way to be retained and approved. |

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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 diverted, proposed new route and land directly adjoining these routes is owned by the applicant? **Yes/ No**   Please list all additional 3rd party land owners, 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.   |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | Name and address | Description of land within their ownership (e.g. area of path to be extinguished, proposed new route, 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. | |  |  |  |  | |  |  |  |  | |  |  |  |  | |  |  |  |  | |  |  |  |  | |  |  |  |  | |  |  |  |  |   *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 or diverted 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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| **PAYMENT AND DECLARATION**  **Please read the following information 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. * The full costs of installation and maintenance of fencing and signs required as part of the Order * N.B. Statutory agencies may have apparatus located within the highway and requirements to secure continued access for maintenance. You are responsible for identifying any apparatus, securing any requirements in relation to this and for all associated costs.   \*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 * 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.   **\*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 returned to** [**PublicRightsofWay@Walsall.gov.uk**](mailto: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 methods  Please 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](mailto:PublicRightsofWay@walsall.gov.uk). We will arrange an invoice upon receipt. * Payment code “6411 4111513 97201, PROW Order” must be quoted when making payment. |
| Enquiries  Please call 07415 234156 or email [publicrightsofway@walsall.gov.uk](mailto:publicrightsofway@walsall.gov.uk) if you have any enquiries on the above. |