

**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 S257
STOPPING UP OR DIVERSION
OF FOOTPATH OR BRIDLEWAY**

IMPORTANT: READ THE GUIDANCE NOTES CORRESPONDING TO THE NUMBERS ON THE FORM

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SECTION 1 - PROPOSAL

I/We* _____

(1) of _____

(2) hereby request that the public footpath/bridleway* described in Section 4 (Part A) of this application and shown by a bold continuous line on the attached 1:2,500 scale Ordnance map extract:-

a) be stopped up*

OR

b) be stopped up and that in substitution an alternative highway be created over the land at

_____ as described in Section 4 (Part B) of this application, and shown by a bold broken line on the attached 1:2,500 scale Ordnance Survey map extract*

SECTION 2 - DEVELOPMENT INFORMATION

(3) a) What is the development affecting the footpath/bridleway? _____

(4) b) Has planning permission been granted for the development by Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council? YES/NO*

c) If so, please give the application reference number _____

d) On what date is the development affecting the footpath/bridleway expected to begin? _____

e) Name and address of developer _____

Contact Name: _____ Telephone Number _____

(5) f) Has the Highway Authority been asked to accept responsibility for maintenance of the proposed highway? YES/NO*

IMPORTANT

No authority for the stopping up of a footpath or bridleway is conferred unless and until a Stopping up or Diversion Order made under s257 of the above Act has been confirmed and, if appropriate, certified. Any preliminary obstruction or interference with the footpath or bridleway concerned is not only an offence but may make it impossible to proceed with the making of an Order.

SECTION 3 (PART A) - DESCRIPTION OF EXISTING FOOTPATH OR BRIDLEWAY

Section of Footpath/ Bridleway (6)	Description (7)	Definitive Width (8)	Limitations & Structures (indicate if authorised) (9)	Name and Address of each Owner/ Occupier/ Lessee and Rights of Statutory Undertakers (10) (11)

SECTION 3 (PART B) - DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED HIGHWAY

Section of Highway (12)	Status (13)	Description (14)	Proposed Width (15)	Proposed Limitations & Structures (16)	Name and Address of each Owner/ Occupier/ Lessee and Rights of Statutory Undertakers (17) (18)

SECTION 4 - STATEMENT OF REASONS

19 The reasons for this request are as follows:-

SECTION 5 – DECLARATION & AGREEMENT

I/We* understand that no authority for the stopping up or diversion of a footpath/bridleway* is conferred unless and until an Order made under s257 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 has been confirmed and, if appropriate, certified.

20 I/We* declare that the footpath(s)/bridleway(s)* to be stopped up or diverted is/are* in no way obstructed and that it/they* is/are* fully available to the public. I/we* undertake that it/they* shall in no way be obstructed before the Order comes into operation.

21 I/We* have read and understood the guidance notes which accompany this application form.

I/We* declare that to the best of my/our* knowledge and belief all the particulars given are true and accurate.

I/We* hereby agree:

- 22 (a) To a site visit by a group of Council Officers, Members and other interested parties to inspect the proposed routes on a pre-arranged date.
- (b) To make up the new lengths of footpath/bridleway* to such standard as is required by the Highway Authority or to meet the costs of the works
- (c) To reimburse to the District Council all expenses incurred by it in connection with the making of the Order, whether or not the Order is confirmed.
- (d) To the information supplied within and in support of this application being supplied to other parties as necessary in the context of the application and in accordance with the provisions of the Data Protection Act 1988 and the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

23 Date _____ Signature(s) _____

Address _____

_____ Postcode _____

Email address _____

Daytime telephone number(s) _____

SECTION 6 - PERMISSION TO INSPECT ROUTE

The Council will carry out consultations before determining your application. Whilst consultees are able to walk the existing route, they need permission to walk the proposed route(s).

- 24 - I give permission for consultees to inspect the proposed route(s) unaccompanied.*
- I give permission for consultees to inspect the proposed route(s) but they should contact _____ on telephone no. _____