

Statement in support of the Registration of the Well area within Berkswell Village as a green under the Commons Act 2006

Name		
Address		
Post code		Phone number

This statement is with reference to the land known as the “well area”, within Berkswell village. It comprises the land surrounding the historic well adjacent to Church Lane and land which has a track through it starting from Lavender Hall Lane. The area is shown in the map below and marked with a blue edge.



I confirm that I currently live in the parish of Berkswell or Balsall and have used the land, from time to time, for recreational purposes and for walking between Church Lane and Lavender Hall Lane. Berkswell village, within which the above piece of land is situated, is the historic centre of Berkswell Parish and provides a primary school, the church, village hall (Reading Rooms), the Bear public house and recreational facilities some or all which I use from time to time. The Well is a significant listed monument within the village of Berkswell and is open to all residents and visitors to the parish. As such it forms an important part of the heritage of the village conservation area and contributes to its recreational value. The name of the village comes from this ancient well.

I confirm that the land has been open to public access for as long as I have known the land, as has the historic well within it. I confirm that as far as I am aware, that no one owns the land and I have never been stopped from entering the land except for safety reasons by public authorities/utilities

undertaking maintenance/repair work within the bounds of the land. I have openly used the land for recreational purposes and there are no notices prohibiting access

I advise that for a period in excess of 20 years that I have accessed the land shown on the map for recreational purposes such as walking, to view the well and to just enjoy the peace and quiet of this location. There is a public seat and litter bin on this land. I assert that I have seen many other people using this land for similar recreational purposes for all of the years that I have accessed and used the land. Children play in this area and dogs are walked. The Berkswell fete uses the area.

I advise that the northern grassed portion beyond Bercul House is solely used by pedestrians and those using mobility aids who have unrestricted access. That portion has been protected from vehicles for as long as I can remember by posts/fencing to keep the ancient well from harm. The southern part of the land is used both by those on foot and as a vehicular access to garages, home(s) owned by the Berkswell Charities and to Bercul House. It is also used as access to the allotments. There is no public footpath.

I confirm that the use of the land has remained unchanged all of the time that I have used it.

Additional comments

I confirm that I use the land (Frequency ✓ as appropriate)			
Daily		More than once a month	
Several times a week		Periodically	
Weekly			

I first started to access and use this land in	(insert year)
I would be prepared to give oral evidence at the inquiry:	YES / NO (delete inapplicable)

I confirm that that which I have asserted/confirmed within this statement is true to the best of my knowledge. I understand that this form will be presented as evidence and may become public knowledge. I authorise the applicant to disclose this form to anyone reasonably requiring access to this application. I also understand that this evidence may be presented at a non-statutory inquiry and I authorise the applicant to use this form for that purpose.

Signed:	Date:
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