

Health and safety at the site questionnaire

The Inspector will visit the site and will need to know what safety equipment and protective clothing to bring. The following questions indicate the type of information the Inspector will need about the site. Please supply any additional information on a separate sheet of paper.

1. Is the site uneven or does it present any other known risks? Is special footwear or any other Personal Protection Equipment required?

The currently recorded section of Bridleway 33 is over uneven grassy terrain once it has left the stone bridge over the river. On the day of this Health and Safety Assessment site visit, following heavy rainfall onto already saturated ground, the recorded section of Bridleway 33 is flooded and inaccessible. **The section of Bridleway 33 subject to the Order is on higher ground along a well maintained metalled surface track and is unaffected by saturated/flooded ground.**

2. Is there any likelihood of exposure to pets or other animals which may present a risk to the safety of the Inspector?

On two out of five separate site visits, several dogs have been met running free around the farm yard area. They bark to alert their owners to the presence of people. The objector whose property is bisected by the Order route has a dog who, when in the garden, barks. The garden is fully encompassed by an open railing fence. On the day of this Health and Safety Assessment site visit, no dogs were present.

3. Is the site remote and/or can it be seen from other highways or rights of way?

The site is at the end of a single lane highway, Rowden Mill Lane. Rowden Mill Lane is not a through road and ends in the farmyard of Rowden Mill Farm. The Order route runs along the final section of the privately owned Lane and meets at the junctions of Bridleway 6 and the existing recorded section of Bridleway 33.

4. Does the site have a good mobile phone signal or is there easy access to a public telephone should the emergency services be required?

Rowden Mill Farm and the metalled track, along which the Order route runs, is rural. On the day of the Health and Safety assessment site visit two mobile telephone providers were available. One showed a weak 2 bar signal (Vodafone) and the second provider (iD – part of the 3 network) had a 4 bar signal. There was no 4G availability. There is no public telephone in the area.

5. Is the right of way easily accessible? Will arrangements for access by the Inspector need to be made in advance?

The Order route is easily accessed at the end of Rowden Mill Lane. Parking is available in a roadside gateway (if not flooded), or, on Rowden Mill Farm. The resident of the farm, Mr Young, is contactable if parking on the farm is required: 01963 23392

6. Are there any dangerous pieces of equipment or substances stored at any point along the right of way?

Along the eastern side of the Order route are a number of disused pieces of farm equipment and machinery as well as some building rubble. It is alongside, but not actually on, the Order route.

7. If there is any other relevant information which the Inspector should be aware of that is not covered in this questionnaire?

The Order route runs along the final section of Rowden Mill Lane, a track which is under the ownership of Rowden Mill Farm. Rowden Mill Farm is owned by two brothers, Messers Young, neither of whom live on site. A third brother lives on site in a bungalow and is agreeable to the presence of the Decision Making Authority on site. Rowden Mill Lane bisects the two parcels owned by the objector, Mr and Mrs Taylor. The parcels owned by the objector are enclosed by open railed fencing. Mr Taylor engaged in amicable conversation from his garden with the investigating Officer and Rights of Way Ranger on the initial site visit. Mr Taylor has not been present on subsequent site visits.

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