



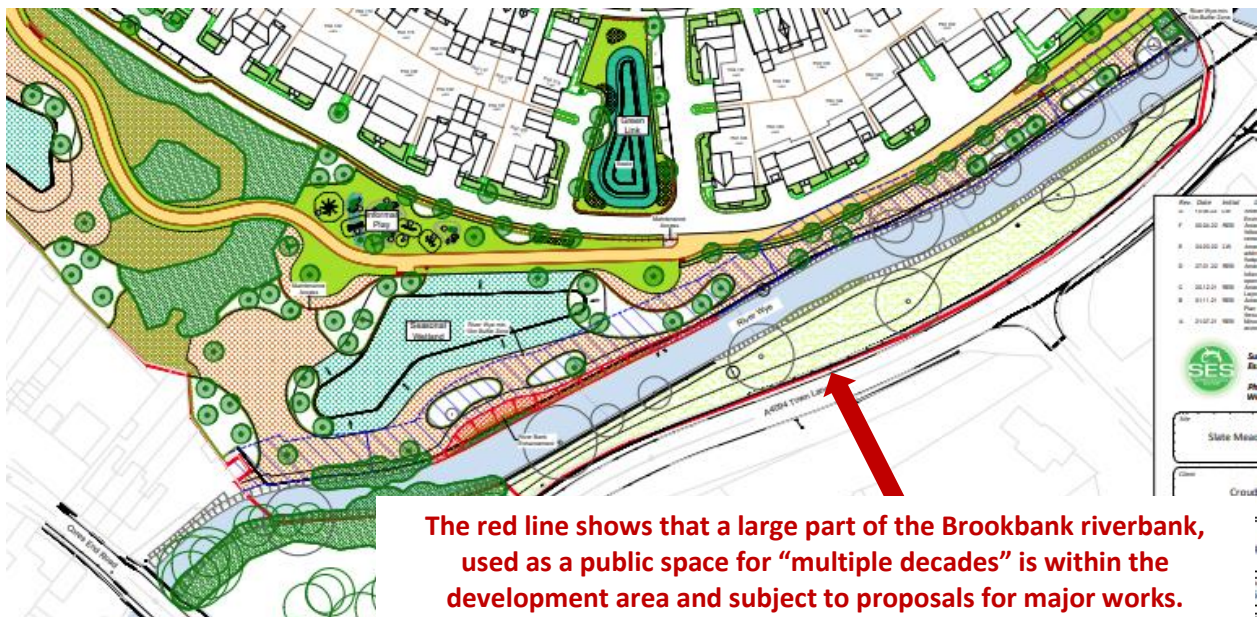
Slate Meadow

Protecting the Wye riverbank along Brookbank from potential development activities

Guide to completing the Public Rights of Way Application

The 25th May 2022 postings on the Bucks Planning Applications site by the **Developer for Slate Meadow** include maps and details showing that:

- Slate Meadow site ownership **includes a major part of the Designated Green Space on the Brookbank side of the River Wye.**
- The developer is proposing environment-changing modifications to the banks of the Wye - see map extract. (Land inside the **red line** is in the development.)
- In principle, the land could be declared “Private” with public access



restricted.

The red line shows that a large part of the Brookbank riverbank, used as a public space for “multiple decades” is within the development area and subject to proposals for major works.

Wooburn and Bourne End Parish Council is co-ordinating an Application for the Wye riverside area between the entry to Stratford Drive, along Brookbank to the Cores End roundabout, to be declared a **Public Right of Way**.

Under the **Wycombe District Local Plan**, this area is a **Designated Local Green Space**, but this may not be enough protection against potential developments.

We need to prove use for a full 20 years, we **do not need everyone to show they each used the way for 20 years** so long as there is good evidence of use throughout the 20-year period.

The Application Process

The Buckinghamshire Council Application process for a Public Right of Way (PROW) involves a detailed set of documents, with three parts.

Part 1 is a 5-page introduction to the process and confirmation of what must be done.

Residents may want to read this, but it is not essential.

Part 2 contains **Forms 1, 2 and 3** which the main applicant (in this case your Parish Council) must complete to identify the Right of Way and list the residents who individually have completed their personal Applications, which are Part 3.

No action is needed by Residents, but they should read, understand and agree with the content of Part 2.

Part 3 is the **Public Right of Way (PROW) User Evidence Statement**.

Each Resident participating in the Application must complete this form.

It contains 8 pages and its demands for evidence of your use of the proposed PROW are exacting. However, the **Parish Council is offering assistance** in four ways:

1. **This Guide**, which provides an overview of how to complete the Form.
2. **Pre-filling the definition of the location and character** of the proposed PROW, including the required Map. [**Note:** It is assumed that all participants will be concerned about the same Wye/Brookbank location, allowing a shared set of definitions to be used. However, if any Resident prefers to complete the details for themselves, a blank version of the form is available.]
3. **Assistance from Council Office staff and Councillors** in completing the Form, but the answers provided must be your own wording and you are required to sign the form personally.
4. **By supplying the “User” Application Form** in your preferred format, with or without the “prefilling” of locations details and map.

Your individual User Evidence forms will be gathered by the Council, for listing in the Part 2 form and submission as a single Application to the Buckinghamshire Council.

A copy of your individual Form can be provided by the Council Office for you to retain, and the whole Application will be a public document

Questions in the individual “User Evidence” Form

The first Part is your declaration of Name and Contact details and signing the “Statement of Truth”, that all of the facts you provide are true. [These details will **not** be made public.]

The second Part is about you and your use of the proposed Public Right of Way, including your Name and Address.

Note: The Map which is required will be pre-filled. But you can use your own map if you prefer.

Questions 1 to 4 require your personal answers.

Questions 5 to 10 will be pre-filled. But you can enter your own answers if you prefer.

Questions 11 to 16 and 18 require you to answer basically Yes/No, but you may need to add details for 14, 16 and 18.

Question 17 asks for anything else you wish to state. If “nothing”, say so.

Obtaining the “User Evidence” Forms if you wish to participate

You can request Forms from the Council Offices by contacting the Clerk, Mike Balbini, via email, the Parish website “Contact” tab, and by visiting.

The Clerk,
Wooburn & Bourne End Parish Council,
Council Offices, Town Lane,
Wooburn,
Buckinghamshire,
HP10 0PS.

Phone: 01628 522827

Email: clerk@wooburnparish.gov.uk

Web site: wooburnparish.gov.uk

Office Hours: Monday to Friday 9 am to 5 pm

Completed forms:

If you are able to deliver them to the Council Office, please do so. If not, tell the Clerk and he will arrange to collect them and send you a copy for your retention.