

**APPENDIX C:
Summary of user evidence**

User	Period of use	Frequency of use	Type of use	Access	Comments
1	2002-2021	Occasionally	Dog walking	Not stated	"not for summer walks because of adders" "we saw folk in there walking from Beaver Road through a gap in the boundary"
2	1981 - present	Twice daily	Dog walking, wildlife observation, fresh air, meet others	Via pear orchard	
3	2002 – 2021	Daily	Dog walking, playing as a child, bike riding, shortcut to orchards	Via entrance opposite Juniper Close and opposite P+R by old barn	
4	2007 – 2021	Daily	Played as a child, dog walking, route to Hermitage Lane	Via entrance opposite Juniper Close	
5	2003 – present	Daily	Dog walking	From pavement in Beaver Road	
6	1998 – present	Occasionally	Walking alone or with dog	"a fence that was down, alongside Beaver Road"	"there was a wire fence that was continually broken down"
7	2001 – present	Varying times, weather dependent	Dog walking, children playing, fruit picking, nature walks	"opening from Beaver Road or from top of field by Corben Close"	
8	2012 – present	Weekly/daily	Dog walking	Various access points	
9	2000 – present	Occasionally	Dog walking, blackberrying	Via Beaver Road	
10	2000 – present	Occasionally	Dog walking, blackberrying	Via Beaver Road	
11	2017 – present	Weekly	Dog walking	Access from Beaver Road	
12	2010 – present	Daily with dog, now occasionally	Walking	Via A20, more recently via Godwin Road	
13	2012 – present	Monthly	Dog walking and leisure	Via A20 and footpath from Howard Drive to Hermitage Lane	Also used for playing as a child, 1970 - 1993
14	1999 – present	Monthly until 2011, now daily	Walking to Barming Train Station, riding bike, walking for exercise	"access from Beaver Road, near Juniper Close entrance"	
15	2015 – present	Variable, more in summer	Dog walking	"from Beaver Road opposite junction with Juniper Close and two other points"	
16	2002 – present	Daily	Dog walking, exercise	"from the field next to the orchard or from Beaver Road"	

17	2020 – present	Daily	Dog walking, nature spotting with children	“off Beaver Road and we use the field off Castor Park”	
18	2006 – present	Daily	Dog walking	“walked onto it”	Have lived in Maidstone for 30 years and used land as a child to play
19	1980 – 2002		Dog walking, ball games with children	“over fence”	
20	2004 - present	At least weekly	Walking with children, nature trails	“opposite Juniper Close”	
21	2002 – present	Daily	Dog walking	“from Beaver Road”	
22	2004 – 2021	Weekly	Walking dog or for pleasure	“path from land near Barming station”	
23	2003 – present	Weekly	Walking, dog walking, bike riding	<i>“via gap in fence along Beaver Road” “the fence was down every time I wanted access”</i>	<i>“I do remember hearing cattle from time to time although never saw any. From memory, these seemed to be coming from some distance and to the right of where I accessed the land”</i>
24	2000 – present	Weekly	Dog walking, blackberrying, nature observation	<i>“through break in fencing opposite ‘T’ junction (Beaver Road/Juniper Close)”</i>	
25	1956 – present	Daily	Dog walking, nature spotting with children	<i>“Beaver road broken fence or via pear orchards rear hermitage lane”</i>	
26	2002 – 2021	Daily	Dog walking, playing with children, birdwatching, wellbeing	<i>“through opening in fences to main field or via path from Beaver Road”</i>	
27	2002 – present	Occasionally	Dog walking, walking alone for exercise	<i>“from Beaver Road pavement unobstructed into the area”</i>	<i>“grass sometimes too wet and too long for dog”</i>
28	2014 – present	Monthly	Walks with pets, family and children	<i>“from Beaver Road”</i>	
29	2013 – present	Weekly	Walking and exploring with children, bird watching	<i>“a gap in the fence off Beaver Road/Juniper Close junction”</i>	
30	2017 – present	Thrice weekly	Dog walking	<i>“from the hole in the fence on Beaver Road and from the southern corner of the field”</i>	<i>“at times (summer) the vegetation becomes overgrown making access difficult”</i>
31	2000 – present	Weekly/ monthly	Dog walks and runs, nature observation with children, fruit picking	<i>“either opposite junction of Beaver Road at Juniper Close or via wooded area near pear orchard”</i>	
32	2000 – 2019	Variable – daily/ weekly	Played as children	<i>“woods near orchard and through fence in Beaver Road”</i>	
33	2001 – present	Bi-weekly	Walking	<i>“off Beaver Road (nr. Juniper Close) opening in fence”</i>	
34	2019 – present	Daily	Walking and health	<i>“it is open land”</i>	

35	2007 – present	Several times per week	Dog and general walks	<i>“gap in fence or via orchard”</i>	
36	2002 – present	Monthly	Dog walking, walking with children, blackberrying, bird watching	<i>“off Beaver Road”</i>	
37	1996 – present	Daily	Dog walking	<i>“through the broken fence”</i>	
38	2012 – 2021	Infrequently	Walking	<i>“walked”</i>	Used <i>“infrequently – very overgrown”</i>
39	2005 – present	Weekly	Dog walking, blackberrying, family walks	<i>“footpath from Beaver Road”</i>	
40	2019 – present	Occasionally	Family walks	<i>“footpath from Beaver Road”</i>	
41	2021 – present	Weekly	Walking, cycling	<i>“through the trodden path near the alleyway to Beaver Road”</i>	
42	2002 – present	Regularly	Dog walking, bird watching	<i>“open access – no fencing to rear”</i>	
43	2001 – present	Monthly	Dog walking	Via Juniper Close and orchard	
44	2010 – present	Daily	Dog walking, walking	Beaver Road	
45	2006 – present	Weekly	Walking, running, dog walking	From Beaver Road	
46	2016 – present	Daily	Walking, running, dog walking	<i>“walking”</i>	
47	2000 – present	Occasionally	Dog walking, walking with children	Access from various points	
48	1999 - ?	Not stated	Not states	Not stated	<i>“when I moved here in 1999 we used to use the land for bonfires and celebrations, some children’s parties”</i>
49	1993 – present	Weekly	Dog walking, wildlife watching	<i>“through several gaps in the perimeter fence on the SE and SW sides”</i>	Between 1992 – 2000, top field was used for cow pasture but cows frequently escaped due to poor condition of fencing. Met the landowner whilst dog walking a few times and spoke to him; he seemed happy the locals were taking an interest in the area.
50	2016 – present	Not stated	Teaching grandchildren about wildlife and nature	Beaver Road	
51	1998 – present	Weekly	Walking	<i>“small access on Beaver Road”</i>	
52	2011 – present	Occasionally	Dog walking	<i>“large gap in hedge”</i>	

53	1998 – present	Weekly	Walking	<i>“track”</i>	
54	2011 – present	Daily	Dog walking, bird watching, mindfulness	<i>“the field below the orchard from Beaver Road”</i>	
55	2007 – 2020	Daily	Dog walking	<i>“there is a gap around the edge, from the path or through orchards”</i>	
56	2001 – present	Daily	Dog walking, playing with friends	<i>“through the fence that was open”</i>	
57	1998 – present	Daily/ monthly	Family walks, dog walking	<i>“walked through gap in the fence opposite Juniper Close entrance”</i>	
58	1976 - present	Monthly	Dog walking	<i>“via gap in fence”</i>	Not resident in the area – moved away 1993.
59	1998 – present	Weekly	Walking	Not stated	
60	2012 – present	2/3 times weekly	Dog walking	<i>“along the footpath on Beaver Road near the top of Beaver Road on the right”</i>	
61	2000 – 2020	Weekly	Dog walking, kite flying, cycling, fruit picking”	<i>“various access points at top of field, lower field and directly off Beaver Road”</i>	<i>“farmer had cattle grazing on the land until the new Castor development commenced construction” [NB Castor Park development completed late 2017]</i>
62	2001 – present	Once/twice weekly	Birdwatching, foraging and recreational walking	<i>“from Beaver opposite Juniper Close”</i>	
63	2001 – present	Once/twice weekly	Birdwatching, foraging and walking	<i>“from Beaver Road opposite Juniper Close”</i>	

Notes:

User evidence questionnaires were completed in 2021; therefore, where 2021 is stated above it does not mean that users have ceased using the land, but simply replicates the wording on the evidence questionnaire.

The twenty-year material period is 2001 to 2021.