

Claimed Footpaths running between Valebrook Close and Public Footpath HF43, Folkstone

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APPENDIX B

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Mrs C P BUCK (Form submitted with application)	End of Valebrook Close to the northern end of HF43 (pre-typed on form). The plan only shows the first section alongside Valebrook Close to the stile.	1993 - 2008	Occasionally	Going for a walk			Nov/Dec2008 – fence erected across entrance. The man who erected the fence stated that it was not a public way on the map when it was pointed out to him that he had closed it off.	Stile at end of path onto the next field	
Mrs S A BUCK (Interviewed)	From Valebrook Close to the woods and Public Footpath HB4 The land was open as there were no fences, would have headed towards Valesstone Close but would not necessarily have walked adjacent to No.65 Valebrook Close- would take the easiest route across open land.	2002/3 – 2005-2008	3 times during the entire period – once to get to the woods - twice to get to the Britannia on Horn Street	To get to the pub on Horn Street and to gain access to the woods	In some places there were worn paths, but the route to Valesstone Close was across open land and there was not a defined route	Sometimes saw people, can view the route from house. Children would play in the area. Father-in-law would use the route approx. 2-3 times per year from 1994 - 2001. Used a variety of routes across the land.	Would have only used the route during Autumn/Winter due to it being overgrown at other times. The route was fenced off approximately 3-5 years ago.	There was a footpath sign at Valebrook Close – thought it was a footpath because of the sign.	No defined width, the routes crossed open ground with no defined boundaries
Mr D R BUSHHELL (Interviewed)	1) From HB4 to Valebrook Close or Packhard Wood 2) From Pond Hill using existing Footpath and into Packhard Wood 3) From Valebrook Close to existing Footpath HF43	1958 – 1998 1958 – 1970 on a bicycle (variety of routes including route 1)	Occasionally on foot – after 1980 would use the route a couple of times per year Weekly on a bicycle	As a child exploring the countryside and woods. As an adult going for a walk, taking the dog for a walk Very occasionally would use route 1 when returning to Horn Street when visiting friends. 1968 – 1972 – worked for Casebourne Farm who leased the land	Routes 1 and 3 were well worn. Route 2 was not well worn and was very boggy.	Cannot recall seeing people when actually using the routes, but did see people when visiting friends at Valebrook Close.	Did not use the routes as frequently after having children as they were muddy/boggy.	There was a sleeper bridge along route 1 made up of 3 8ft sleepers - however was told by locals that this was removed approx. 4 years ago.	There were no identifiable widths, they were trodden footpaths
Mrs D CARTER (Form submitted with application plus additional letter and plan)	End of Valebrook Close to the northern end of HF43 (pre-typed on form). The plan supplied with the user evidence form only shows the first section alongside No.65 Valebrook Close to the stile. However subsequent plan shows a path from beside No.65 Valebrook Close to the woodland.	1966 - 2009	Occasionally, but more in summer months. When first moved to the area used quite a lot, due to showing young children the wildlife.	Recreation		Children use the path to gain access to the woodland beyond Local residents, people out walking and the army when out on a march used the route instead of Horn Street	Barbed wire fence	There is still a footpath sign at the path entrance	

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Mrs R A CHRISTIAN (Interviewed)	1) From Valebrook Close along the western side of boundary to connect with the Footpath from Horn Street leading to Pond Hill Road. (Unsure of the exact route taken to meet the footpath). 2) From Valebrook Close around the rear of No.65 and No.63 in order to reach No.61.	Route 1 - 1981/82 - 1985 Route 2 - 1981/82 - 2008	Route 1 - 3 times per week Route 2 - couple of times per year	Used route 1 to get to work and used route 2 to get to the rear of No.61 to maintain the hedge.	Was a worn path, could see the path from Horn Street and where you needed to head.	Never saw anyone when using the route, however saw people from house use the route from Valebrook Close on a monthly basis.	The entrance at Valebrook Close was obstructed by a fence and barbed wire.	There was a stile located at the boundary with the rear of No.65 Valebrook Close. Stile became worse over time and then you could just walk around it.	Did not have a defined width for the first section. The first section was double fenced and was wide enough for two people to pass and for pushchairs.
Mrs S DOOLAN (Form submitted with application)	End of Valebrook Close to the northern end of HF43 (pre-typed on form). The plan only shows the first section alongside Valebrook Close to the stile.	1978-1985 to 2008 Used the route with grandparents as a child, but not sure of dates	Occasionally	Walking for pleasure/exploring the countryside			Fencing put up	Footpath sign in place as of w/c 16/02/2009	
Mr D J FISHER (Interviewed)	From Valebrook Close alongside No.65. At the rear of No.65 would enter the woods and walk adjacent to the fence on the eastern side until you met with the Footpath	1999 - 2008	1999 to beg 2008 - monthly Beg of 2008 to Nov 2008 - daily	Recreation Dog walking from beginning of 2008 until the route was closed in November 2008.	Identifiable by the footpath sign	Occasionally saw people, also since moving to Valebrook Close in 2008, frequently saw people.	Would have to climb over fence to connect with existing Footpath. The route was fenced off on 29 Nov 2008. Prior to this time the landowner dug drainage ditches and builders rubble was deposited on the land, however this did not stop use.	There was a footpath sign at Valebrook close, do not expect a footpath sign to be there if it was not a footpath. - since 1999	The route did not have a defined width.
Mrs L J FOX (Form submitted with application)	End of Valebrook Close to the northern end of HF43 (pre-typed on form). The plan only shows the first section alongside Valebrook Close to the stile.	2007 - 2008	Occasionally	Leisure walking			Fence was erected in 2008		
Mr P G GILL (Interviewed)	From Valebrook Close there was a double fenced area, past existing houses and then through wooded area which had a derelict building in it. Would then climb the hill to point B (existing footpath).	1984 - 2008	1984 to 1997 - daily. 1997 to 2008 - occasional use.	To access the plot of land to the south of Valebrook Close to exercise the dog. Also to access the land to the east for recreation. Would not always use the entire length of the route, would cut across land to join footpath from Horn Street. Would always use first section from Valebrook Close	First section from Valebrook Close was double fenced, thereafter was not identifiable.	Since 1984, sometimes saw children using the route/land and dog walkers.	Beyond the first section the route tended to vary as it would get overgrown in the spring, so would follow where people had trampled it down.	There was a stile at the end of the first section. There was a public footpath sign - assumed it was a footpath because of the sign	First section was less than a metre, the second section did not have a defined width.

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Mr D GOLDUP (Interviewed)	Path started beside No.65, followed boundary to stile, over stile and then it was an open field, and there was a track within the grass. Would also cut into the woods and join up with the recorded footpath.	1980 - 2008	Monthly	Short cut to the pub on Horn Street To get to Pond Hill Road Recreational walks Would take children for walks	The first section from Valebrook Close to the stile was wide. Beyond the stile, there was a worn track where people had walked.	From 1980 - 2008 would see other members of the public using the route every time.	The route has been fenced and there is barbed wire May have had to slightly change route depended on how boggy the land was.	There was a stile at the end of the first section adjacent to No.65. Over time the stile became broken and was not repaired, you could walk around it. There was a Footpath sign at Valebrook Close - when you see a footpath sign you automatically think that you can use it.	Originally the section adjacent to No.65 was the width of a car - approx 2.5 metres. Over time became narrower as it was overgrown. Beyond stile, there was no defined width as it was open ground. At least 4ft wide
Mr R M HEALD (Interviewed)	From Valebrook Close adjacent to No.65, would walk inside the woodland area to connect with HF43	1951 - 1998	1951 to 1953 - once per month during summer months 1970 to 1978 - weekly 1978 to 1998 - as and when necessary as part of work	1951 to 1953 - To get to Sandgate and Folkestone seafronts. 1970 to 1978 - worked for Prudential and every Friday would walk path in both directions to visit clients at Valebrook Close 1978 to 1998 - worked in the ambulance service and was on occasions (approx.5) called to attend to someone who had injured themselves whilst playing in the woods.	The path was clearly defined by a stile and was well compacted by use.	1951 to 1953 - every time 1970 to 1978 - sometimes		Think there was a wooden stile which was in a poor state of repair - only recall during 1970 to 1978. There was a fingerpost which was erected approx. late 1980's. Before this there was a waymark disc.	
Mr N IRVEN (Form submitted with application)	End of Valebrook Close to the northern end of HF43 (pre-typed on form). The plan only shows the first section alongside Valebrook Close to the stile.	16.01.99 - Oct 2008	Weekly	Walking with the children or separately			Only now are there obstructions		
Mr D KESBY (Interviewed)	1) From Valebrook Close to the stile and walked through a swampy area along fence line to the gate 2) From stile, bear left into the woods, past old vicarage to the orchard and existing length of footpath. 3) From Horn Street and HB4, over bridge to the gate leading into the woods.	Route 1 - 1956 to 2007 Route 2 - 1956 to 2007 Route 3 - 1956 to 1967	Route 1 - rarely Route 2 - 2-3 times per week Route 3 - monthly	To get from Pond Hill to Valebrook Close. To get to and from Horn Street and the woods.	1) Identifiable by following fence line 2) Identifiable by usage 3) Main identification was by metal bridge	Since 1956 - Occasionally saw people struggling to use route 1 Most times saw people on route 2 Occasionally saw people using route 3, generally used route 3 with school friends.	After a wet period route 1 was almost impossible to use, preferred to use route 2 as it was on higher ground. Route 1 became overgrown and very muddy, therefore began to use route 2 more.	When houses were built - wooden gate, believe it was put in by MOD, this was replaced with the stile leading to the field There was a step into the woods to connect with path 2 and the existing footpath Metal gate in fence line Metal bridge (1956 - 1967) There was a fingerpost at Valebrook Close, believe it was erected by Keith Tynan (Kent Highways, Shepway DC) - approx. 20-25 years ago.	The first section from Valebrook Close adjacent to No.65 was a wide track with a gate - wide enough for a Land Rover After the stile the paths were like sheep tracks

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Mrs R PAIN (Interviewed)	From Valebrook Close adjacent to No.65. Would then either walk towards Pond Hill on the western side of the boundary or towards Horn Street. Would use a variety of routes.	2001 - 2010	Daily in the summer Other times, weekly	Short cut to Horn Street Nice walk Children enjoyed playing in the area and gaining access to the rope swing in the woods. The owner of the pigs gave Mrs Pain's children permission to go and see them - since December 2009.	Worn track on the ground for the first section from Valebrook Close and the section leading to Horn Street.	Since 2000 - sometimes saw other people	In relation to the first section, the more overgrown it became the further away from the boundary you had to walk  When the new owners purchased the land approx. 3 to 4 years ago, lots of builder's rubble was deposited and so had to walk around this.  There is now fencing across the path.  Unable to walk adjacent to the fence line now as there are pig pens.  Stopped using the route in the last few months as it is so overgrown. Also told by someone that maybe trespassing by climbing over fence.	Since 2000 - sleepers over drains, at various places - not difficult to find a place to cross  Mar/Apr 2010 - erected a gate and fence to stop the pigs from escaping  There was a footpath sign by No.65 Valebrook Close - since 2000	No defined widths
Mr M F TOLHURST (Interviewed)	Beside No.65 Valebrook Close to the stile (located at the old Hythe boundary line) across bridge (has now been removed) to either Valesstone Close or Horn Street. Also from stile in Paekhard Wood Would take a variety of routes	1977 - 2006	2-3 times per week (one or other of the routes)	To gain access to the lower end of Horn Street To gain access to Valesstone Close Was a useful shortcut when visiting friends and family The whole family would use the routes and the children would play in Paekhard Wood - Mrs Tolhurst would use the route into the woods weekly - good place for children to play	There was a worn track on all routes, the woods were a play area for the children	Since 1977 - sometimes	The current owner cleared the land, removed the bridge and then fenced the route.  Current landowner has also added extra drainage streams which have made the route impossible to use - approx. 2006.  Between 2006 and 2008 could still use the route to the woods, fence was erected across access in 2008.  Challenged by landowner in 2006, shortly after this the land was cleared and it was not possible to use the routes.  In the last 10 years, the first section adjacent to No.65 was too overgrown to use - easier to use in the winter months when the vegetation was less.  Saw that a barbed wire fence had been erected across the route in 2008	Since 1977 - stile located at the Hythe boundary fence  Since 1977 - bridge made up of wooden sleepers  Approx. 1983:- Yellow waymark on fence at start of path by Valebrook Close. Also a yellow waymark on stile. Footpath fingerpost at Valebrook Close	The first section from Valebrook Close was always fenced along both sides - 3ft. There was the footpath and adjacent to that there was an 8ft wide vehicle access used by the MOD. Beyond the stile, there was no defined width.
Mrs G W WATTS (Interviewed)	From Valesstone Close beside No.65, would then turn east and walk through the woods to the area behind Valebrook Close. Would also continue south and walk into the woods.	1966 - 1998	4 or 5 times per year	Leisure, would access the woods to go blackberrying. Would use the route with children and grandchildren	The first section from Valebrook Close was fenced until the stile, it was clear and not overgrown - you could see there was a pathway. From the stile it was an open area.	Occasionally saw people, live opposite the route and so would see people using the route. Since it has been closed (2008), see people trying to access the route.	Since 1966 - stile at the end of the first section, junction where the route ran east and south.	Wide enough to wheel a wheelbarrow. The path ran between the No.65 and the fingerpost.	

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Mr C WINTER (Form submitted with application)	End of Valebrook Close to the northern end of HF43 (pre-typed on form). The plan only shows the first section alongside Valebrook Close to the stile.	1967 - 2008	Occasionally	Leisure and walking			Barbed wire fencing barring access		
Mrs D WINTER (Interviewed)	From Valebrook Close by the footpath sign. Would use a variety of routes to access the woods, other footpaths, the footpath leading to Horn Street - the land was all open. Have recorded a number of routes on the plan, but would use a variety of routes across the open land.	1980 - 2008	Weekly during the summer/dry season	Lovely to roam around To get to the pub Shortcut to Valestone Close To get to the woods and Pond Hill Road.	The first section from Valebrook Close until the stile was identifiable by the footpath sign and the fact that there was a stile. After the stile, the routes were not identifiable until you met the recorded routes and the footpath to the barracks.	Since 1980 - most times - dog walkers, women with children, soldiers, children	The land was boggy at times, was better to use the route adjacent to the boundary as it was less boggy - during the winter you could not use the routes very easily as it was a bog and you could get stuck.  The land was fenced off in 2008	Since 1980 - wooden stile, the stile was on the boundary into the woods - there was a low fence along eastern boundary to prevent the cows escaping from the woods and coming onto the land. The cows often got stuck in the boggy areas before the fence.  Tree Preservation Orders were put on some of the trees and so Notices were erected to this effect on various trees.	There was no defined width as the area was all open