

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?

Parts of the site are uneven and there are steep drops. The route crosses a river by a ford and this may be impassable after wet weather. Recommend waterproof walking boots.

Parts of the route are very overgrown with trip hazards, tree branches at head height, blackthorn, brambles and nettles (in season). It may not be possible to access the whole route without cutting equipment. Recommend covered arms and legs. Wire and barbed wire are present near the ford.

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

Ponies sometime graze the western end of the route but these were not dangerous when visited.

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

Whilst not very far from other highways / rights of way, the route is overgrown and partly sunken, a user would not be visible from nearby highways.

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?

Vodafone signal good. EE signal moderate.

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

No, the route is very overgrown in places and undergrowth cutting would be needed to access the complete route. The ford has been washed out over many years and is deep in places. It is best to visit when water levels are low, and to cross where the river passes between two adjacent trees. The western end of the route (A) is currently obstructed by sheep hurdles and other metal-work. At point B the route is obstructed by a very overgrown barrier and from B – C – D the route is overgrown with trees and undergrowth.

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

Not to my knowledge.

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

In season, ticks may be present and might carry Lyme Disease. Recommend check for ticks within 12 hours of visit and remove.

Wild parsnip may grow along part of the route. Recommend skin is kept covered to avoid photo-sensitive rash following contact with sap.

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