WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL

HIGHWAYS ACT 1980 (as amended by Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000)

Application for permission to erect structures on a public footpath

(a) I of being the owner/occupier/lessee* of agricultural land over which part of the public footpath known as/numbered is routed, hereby making application for the consent of West Sussex County Council under Section 147 of the Highways Act 1980 to the erection of (No ) gate(s)/squeeze barrier(s)/kissing gate(s)/stile(s) at the location(s) shown on the attached plan on the route of the public footpath crossing the land. This application is made in order to secure that the use of the land for agriculture can be efficiently carried on by preventing the ingress and egress of animals;

or

*(b) I of being the owner/occupier/lessee* of land over which part of the public footpath known as/numbered is routed hereby make application for the consent of West Sussex County Council under Section 66(3) of the Highways Act 1980 as amended by Section 70(1) of the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 to the erection of (No ) gate(s)/barrier(s)/post(s)/rail(s)/fence(s) on the route of the public footpath at the location(s) shown on the attached plan for the purpose of safeguarding persons using the highway (the footpath).

Where application is made under (b) above the applicant should please give as much information as possible in support of the application.

Applicants should note that consent for any new stile will be granted only in the most exceptional circumstances, for example where the topography is such that one of the other above types of structure could not be safely provided.

* (Please delete as appropriate)
I understand:-

(1) that the County Council will make a site inspection of the footpath before a decision on this application is given;

(2) that if this application is in respect of a gate, each gate must be a minimum of 4 feet in width (1.22 metres) and fitted with a suitable latch, enabling it to be opened and closed by pedestrians without difficulty at all times

(3) that each structure would be of suitable materials, constructed to the dimensions required and would be my property and must be maintained by me;

(4) that upon receipt of consent all works must be completed by me to the satisfaction of the Head of Environmental and Economic Policy Services and that I will notify the County Council when the structure(s) is ready for inspection (see also para. 9) below;

(5) that any consent granted as a result of this application applies only while a legal need exists as described under paras (a) or (b) above;

(6) I attach a sketch showing the dimensions of the structure(s) I am proposing under this application;

(7) I confirm that each structure erected will be sited on land owned/occupied* by me;

(8) I confirm that to the best of my knowledge there are no private rights over the land which would be affected by my proposal(s);

(9) I confirm that where application is made under the provisions of Section 66 of the Highways Act 1980, I have no objection to the Council, should it so wish, erecting the structure itself and thereafter recovering from me the reasonable costs of so doing, which I undertake to pay. Otherwise I understand that I shall be acting as agent for the County Council in erecting the structure(s) for which consent has been given at my own expense subject to the conditions above.

Date: .................................................................

Signature: .................................................................

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* (Please delete as appropriate)