



Essex County Council

Consent for a Structure on a Public Path

Highways Act 1980 Section 147

Parish..... Path Status & Number .....

Type of Structure .....

Please note that it should be the least restrictive option for the character of the path. Under the Equality Act 2010 there is a requirement to consider the needs of people with disabilities and restricted movement. Consent for stiles may only be granted in exceptional circumstances.

Any further details.....

e.g. specification or standard number, handles, latches, additional fencing, 2-way opening, self closing

The structure is to be located at the point marked X on the attached plan.

Grid Reference (8 figures) .....

Applicants Name .....

Address .....

Postcode: .....

Telephone ..... email.....

I am the landowner / lessee / tenant / licensee / occupier of the land in question. (please indicate which applies)

Purpose of structure.....

Please note that consent can only be given for a structure on land used for agricultural purposes, including forestry or keeping of horses, to prevent the ingress or egress of animals.

Name of Landowner if different .....

Address.....

Postcode .....

Construction Please tick one option only

a. I will undertake the construction myself and ensure that the structure will conform to the agreed standards and accept the responsibility for the ongoing maintenance of the structure to those standards and the liability therein. [ ]

or

b. I would like the Council to undertake the construction at my expense (subject to contractor availability) and I will thereafter accept the responsibility for the ongoing maintenance of the structure to the agreed standards and the liability therein. [ ]

**The Conditions**

- 1) The Applicant accepts the responsibility for maintenance of the structure to the standards specified in this document and the liability therein and any reasonable adjustments arising from changes to county and national standards, until such time as the structure is removed.
- 2) The Applicant undertakes to notify Essex County Council of any anticipated material changes relating to the ownership/occupancy and use of the land and any changes to the structure.
- 3) This authorisation covers only the structure as specified above and only for the period of the applicant's occupancy. Any additions (such as fencing wire, sheep netting, latches, springs), may constitute an unlawful obstruction unless prior authorisation has been given.
- 4) Gates must be capable of being opened at all times with reasonable ease by all lawful users of the route (e.g. on foot, cycle or horseback) as relevant.
- 5) Should any of the conditions under section 147 [Highways Act 1980], which allow the structure to be erected cease to exist, then the authorisation becomes void and the structure becomes an unlawful obstruction and must be removed.
- 6) If at any time the status of the route changes to that of a higher status this authorisation becomes void and should be reapplied for.
- 7) Essex County Council reserves the right to attach waymark discs or other approved signage to the structure.
- 8) The Applicant will control the growth of any vegetation immediately around or under the structures so as to maintain free passage.
- 9) The Applicant will make alternative access available if at all possible for Essex County Council contractors to access the right of way for the purpose of path maintenance.
- 10) Any failure of the Applicant to abide by these conditions may lead to the Council requiring the removal of the structure as an unlawful obstruction, under sections 143 or 333 [Highways Act 1980] and/or legal proceedings being commenced for the wilful and unlawful obstruction of the public highway under section 137 [Highways Act 1980]. Alternatively the Council may require that the structure be upgraded at the applicant's expense to one that is more convenient to the public.
- 11) This approval is a restriction on public rights and this document may be shown to any member of the public requesting it.
- 12) Other condition(s) specific to this case:  
*(e.g. securing a gate open during periods without stock)*

Signature of Applicant .....	Date .....
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<b>Inspection &amp; Authorisation</b>	
The structure has been inspected and conforms to the specified standards. Essex County Council, as Highway Authority and pursuant to Section 147 of the Highway Act 1980, hereby authorizes the erection of the structure.	
Signature of inspecting ECC Officer.....	Date .....
Print Name .....	Position .....
Signature of authorising ECC Officer.....	Date .....
Print Name .....	Position .....