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?

The site is uneven and alongside the main River Avon, and it may be unstable in parts due to bank erosion. It is overgrown in sections and there may be litter or harmful substances on the route. Suitable outdoor footwear should be worn, and gloves should be used to protect hands from brambles, etc. There may be human waste, drug paraphernalia, sharps etc. present on site. There may be rough sleepers present at the location.

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

There may be individuals walking dogs on the section of footpath west of the entrance from St Phillips Causeway near Avon Bridge. No other animals should be on site, nor any livestock.

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

The site may be partly seen from the adjacent highway, and runs behind a very populated and popular retail park. However it is hidden from view for most of its length owing to dense vegetation and buildings.

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?

Mobile phone signal is good at this location.

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

It is accessible for some length from the western entrance near Avon Bridge, but parts of the path have collapsed and/or become overgrown. It is inaccessible from the other end at Avonside Industrial Estate (via Kings Park Avenue) due to locked gates and debris.

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

Not to the knowledge of the OMA.

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

The reason for the Order to extinguish this route is due to its loss by erosion to the River Avon. Therefore sections of this route are inaccessible and dangerous, and there is no through route available. Care and caution should be taken when accessing the remaining sections of the route. It is recommended to use a buddy-system when visiting the site.