

APPENDIX D – User Evidence from users living outside of Bunyan’s Walk

1. Mr Preston of 16 Foster Road stated that he has lived in Harlington since 1963 and has always used the claimed route. Harlington Public Footpath No.1 runs adjacent to his property but it wasn’t metalled in the early days and due to the poor surface and the steep slope, he always chose to walk the claimed route. The claimed route is used as a route to school. The only time Mr Preston believes the route to be closed was earlier this year when the landowner erected a fence across the path. He has always considered the route to be public. Mr Preston is a member of the Parish Council and when this item was discussed, a lot of the members believed it was already on the Definitive Map as a Public Footpath. Mr Preston had lived briefly in Bunyan’s Walk in 1974 but before this time had used the claimed route. Mr Preston has never seen any notices on the route apart from one located on Churchills which he believed to say “*private drive*”.
2. Mr and Mrs Hull of 20 Wingate Road and Mr Stone of 10 Robinson Crescent were interviewed together. Mrs Hull stated that she lived at No.20 Wingate Road for 53 years, since July 1958. All three have walked the claimed route since living in the village. Mr Stone use to walk the route when there was a dairy in the village for 3-4 years before leaving school; it was a good cut through on his delivery round. All there interviewees knew Nimrod Clarke and would see him regularly when walking the claimed route, they never got stopped. They have never seen any private signs erected along the route and all three have believed the route is public. They all believed that prior to Bunyan’s Walk being built there was no access along the route as the field was full of green houses. The land now known as Churchills was just a drive way down to the Clarke’s bungalow.
3. Mrs Moriondo (one of the applicants) lives at No. 4 Churchills and has been using the claimed route for 15 years since she moved into her house in 1997. She has used the route both on foot and on her bicycle with her children. She uses the route regularly to go to the lower school, doctors, shops, pre-school and visiting friends. Mrs Moriondo is aware of the sign erected on Churchills stating “for residents of Bunyan’s Walk”. She has never been stopped when trying to use the way and used to speak to the landowners regularly as they were neighbours.