

This guidance applies to anyone making a Definitive Map Modification Order (DMMO) application for or on behalf of the BHS, whether based on historical / documentary evidence or user evidence.

More advice is available on [www.bhs.org.uk/accessadvice](http://www.bhs.org.uk/accessadvice).

**IMPORTANT** This guidance is general and does not aim to cover every variation in circumstances. Where it is being relied upon, The Society strongly recommends seeking its advice specific to the site.

When researching and preparing applications to record a route on the definitive map, it is usual practice to identify owners and occupiers of the land over which the route(s) run. If you become aware that the route would cross, or otherwise affect, land owned or occupied by a British Horse Society Approved Premises, please inform us at [access@bhs.org.uk](mailto:access@bhs.org.uk) before taking any further action.

Although it does not prevent an application being pursued, as an equestrian business that is already working with the BHS, it is important that we have the opportunity to informally explain the process to the Approved Premises in advance of the application being made. The Access Team will liaise with our Approvals department so that they can inform the owner of the premises of the issue and, if necessary, put them in contact with us. We can then explain to the premises the intended application, the processes involved and the evidence that we have to date to support the application. It is vital that in such situations, an Approved Centre has assurance that the BHS will help them in understanding any processes and in following the necessary procedures.

BHS Access Team  
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