



# POLICY FOR ACCESS OVER NEWICK PARISH COUNCIL LAND

## Introduction

From time to time, the council receives approaches from owners of property adjacent to NPC owned land seeking access over that land. This Policy outlines the principles to be adopted.

## Policy

Pedestrian Access: Each application will be considered on its merits but unless there are special mitigating circumstances (e.g. loss of amenity to the population at large), agreement on a renewable annual basis will be granted on the following terms:

1. Access will be granted at an agreed specific location to the residents and family of the Applicant only and this will not give a general right of way.
2. Any new entrance should not exceed 1.2 metres in width and is to be gated to the same height and general style of the adjoining fence (whether owned by the Council or Applicant) at the Applicant's cost. The Applicant will also be responsible for its maintenance and, should the agreement be terminated for any reason, the Applicant will be responsible for restoration of the barrier in the style of the adjoining fence as it exists at the time of reinstatement. Designs for gates through brick or stone walls must receive prior Council agreement.
3. Should any hedge or vegetation on Council land need to be cut back, this will be done at the Applicant's expense and in a manner that is sympathetic to its surroundings.
4. Access will be granted on payment of a fee of £5 and is then renewable on an annual basis by payment of a fee of £5 by Standing Order due on 1<sup>st</sup> April. This agreement can be terminated by the Applicant with immediate effect or by the Council on 3 months notice. Non-payment within 14 days of the due date will be deemed as termination of the agreement. No refund will be made of the Annual fee if termination does not take place on 31<sup>st</sup> March.
5. The Applicant will be asked to sign a statement of acceptance of these terms.

Motor Vehicle Access: Whilst, generally, access over Council owned land will not be agreed for motor vehicles, each application should be considered on the basis of necessity, impact and financial benefit to the Council and, if agreed, special conditions will be written appropriate to the specific circumstances.

**Reviewed and Approved 26<sup>th</sup> January 2016**

Signed: .....  
Chairman  
Newick Parish Council