

Geograph Project Ltd  
Charity No 1145621

### **Conflict of Interest Policy**

All volunteers and Trustees of the charity will strive to avoid any conflict of interest between the interests of the charity on the one hand, and personal, professional, and business interests on the other. This includes avoiding actual conflicts of interest as well as the perception of conflicts of interest.

The purposes of this policy is to protect the integrity of the charity's decision-making process, to enable our members to have confidence in our integrity, and to protect the integrity and reputation of volunteers, staff and committee members.

Examples of conflicts of interest include:

- 1 A committee member who is also a user who must decide whether fees from users should be increased.
- 2 A committee member who is related to a member of staff and there is decision to be taken on staff pay and/or conditions.
- 3 A committee member who is also on the committee of another organisation that is competing for the same funding.
- 4 A committee member who has shares in a business that may be awarded a contract to do work or provide services for the organisation.

Upon appointment each committee member will make a full, written disclosure of interests, such as relationships, and posts held, that could potentially result in a conflict of interest. This written disclosure will be kept on file and will be updated as appropriate.

In the course of meetings or activities, committee members will disclose any interests in a transaction or decision where there may be a conflict between the organizations best interests and the committee members best interests or a conflict between the best interests of two organisations that the committee members is involved with.

\*Option 1: After disclosure, I understand that I may be asked to leave the room for the discussion and may not be able to take part in the decision depending on the judgement of the other committee members present at the time.

\*Option 2: After disclosure, I understand that I will be asked to leave the room for the discussion and will not be able to take part in the decision.

Approved by the Board of Trustees

Signed



Chair  
March 2023