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WITNESS STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF TOWN GREEN

APPLICATION FOR STOKE LODGE PARKLAND

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I moved to Chepstow Road - a stone's throw from Stoke Lodge - with my family 37 years ago largely because of the quality of the environment including Stoke Lodge, and we have all benefited greatly from the healthy exercise which it offers.

As a public health physician I am particularly concerned by the growing epidemic of obesity and I have deplored the loss of all the other green space in our locality during this time. It is vital to preserve the remaining recreational facilities in these playing fields. We can all testify to the extensive use of the fields by local residents of all ages - notably the elderly and the young - as well as sports enthusiasts throughout the city. It would be directly contrary to the spirit of the age and to government policy if access to these lungs of Stoke Bishop were to be denied to us all. None of us has ever been denied access in almost four decades. I trust that enlightened good sense will prevail in preserving this public asset.

I believe that the facts stated in this witness statement are true.

Alexander Macara

Save Stoke Lodge Parkland - Application for Town Green Registration - Evidence Questionnaire

	NAME of Witness Print	
1	Your address when you used the land being claimed as "Town Green" and edged in red on Map "A"?	
2	Your address when you knew the land edged in red on Map "A" was being used by the local inhabitants? If different from 1 above?	
3	Did you sign the map "A" attached to confirm your understanding of the extent of The Land being claimed? As "Town Green" edged in Red? And relates to the evidence	YES
4	Confirm your agreement that the Locality or Neighbourhood is the Political Ward of Stoke Bishop plus parts of Westbury on Trym, Sea Mills and Coombe Dingle. Map "B"	YES
5	Please confirm that you have marked the location of your house on Map "B" with an X.	YES
6	By what name, if any, is The Land edged in red on Map "A" known?	STOKE LODGE
7	Has the land, referred to in question 6, ever been known by any other name? If so what?	NOT TO ME
8	For how many years have you known about the Land edged in red on Map "A"?	OVER 40
9	Between which years did you use the Land edged in red on Map "A"?	1974 to DATA
10	Do you consider yourself to be a local inhabitant in respect of the Land edged in red on Map "A"?	YES
11	During the time you have used the Land edged in red on Map "A", has the general pattern of use remained basically the same?	YES

12		What recognisable facilities are available to the local inhabitants of your locality? Please tick all boxes that apply and add any other additional matters not covered	
	Local infants school	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Community centre
	Local junior school	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sports facility
	Local secondary school		Swimming pool
	Residents association		Library
	Neighbourhood watch	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Alt green space within easy walking
	Neighbourhood Partnership	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Area police
	Local place of worship		Doctors surgery
	Community activities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	other
	A central feature		other
	Scout hut		other
	other		other
	other		other
	other		other
13	To your knowledge are there any public paths crossing the Land edged in red on Map "A"?		
14	How do you gain access to the Land edged in red on Map "A"?		
15	How do you travel to and from the Land edged in red on Map "A"?		
16	Why do you go on to the Land edged in red on Map "A"?		
17	How often do/did you use the Land edged in red on Map "A" (apart from use of any public paths on the Land)		
18	What activities do/did you take part in on the Land edged red on Map "A"?		
19	Does your immediate family use the Land edged in red on Map "A"?		
20	If so, for what?		
21	Do you know of any community activities that take place or have taken place on the Land edged in red on Map "A"?		
22	If so please list them and state when and for how long they have taken place?		
23	Do/did you participate in any of them?		

NO

DIRECTLY FROM HOME IN CHEYNE ROAD

ON FOOT

TO WALK AND ENJOY THE AREA

REGULARLY AND FREQUENTLY

WALKING: EXERCISING DOGS

YES

AS 18

NUM GROUS - Gg, ORGANISED SPORTS, OVER 40+ YEARS, INFORMAL SPORTS, PLEASURES, SPECIAL CELEBRATIONS

ONLY AS A SPECTATOR FOR MOST SUCH AS TUB HEE

