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Retired.

Witness Statement in support of
Town Green Application for Stoke Lodge Parkland.

My introduction to Stoke Lodge Parkland was as a pupil at Cedar Park Primary school in the early 1950s.

We had our sports days there, & as a new arrival from Ilford, Essex this large green space was a revelation.

Sports days were followed by impromptu cricket matches, kite flying, "conkering" & friendly 'gettogethers'. All the time the parkland was open and welcoming.

Many years later I had children of my own and it was their turn, cricket in the summer & rugby practise in the winter months. Often we would wander up & watch the organised cricket & soccer matches. As we lived just off David Hill, access was easy via Parrys Lane.

In later years, not being so energetic, blackberrying and strolling around the park is a special pleasure.

I feel that if Stoke Lodge Parkland was developed, the community would lose a valuable part of our heritage as well as a wild life centre and "green lung" for the city.

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

ARGos 5/2/11.

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

	NAME of Witness Print MR. A. R. Goss	
1	Your address when you used the land being claimed as "Town Green" and edged in red on Map "A"?	1 SUNNYSIDE STAKE BISHOP BRISTOL BS9 1BQ
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?	At 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, I agree.
5	Please confirm that you have marked the location of your house on Map "B" with an X.	
6	By what name, if any, is The Land edged in red on Map "A" known?	STAKE Lodge Playing fields.
7	Has the land, referred to in question 6, ever been known by any other name? If so what?	X
8	For how many years have you known about the Land edged in red on Map "A"?	58 years.
9	Between which years did you use the Land edged in red on Map "A"?	From early 50's
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?	More restricted

12	<p>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</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td data-bbox="87 22 167 2004">Local infants school</td> <td data-bbox="167 22 247 2004"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> <td data-bbox="247 22 375 2004">Community centre</td> <td data-bbox="375 22 454 2004"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> <td data-bbox="454 22 534 2004">Community activities</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="87 22 167 2004">Local junior school</td> <td data-bbox="167 22 247 2004"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> <td data-bbox="247 22 375 2004">Sports facility</td> <td data-bbox="375 22 454 2004"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> <td data-bbox="454 22 534 2004">A central feature</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="87 22 167 2004">Local secondary school</td> <td data-bbox="167 22 247 2004"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> <td data-bbox="247 22 375 2004">Swimming pool</td> <td data-bbox="375 22 454 2004"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> <td data-bbox="454 22 534 2004">Scout hut</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="87 22 167 2004">Residents association</td> <td data-bbox="167 22 247 2004"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> <td data-bbox="247 22 375 2004">Library</td> <td data-bbox="375 22 454 2004"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> <td data-bbox="454 22 534 2004">other</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="87 22 167 2004">Neighbourhood watch</td> <td data-bbox="167 22 247 2004"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> <td data-bbox="247 22 375 2004">Alt green space within easy walking</td> <td data-bbox="375 22 454 2004">Downs?</td> <td data-bbox="454 22 534 2004">other</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="87 22 167 2004">Neighbourhood Partnership</td> <td data-bbox="167 22 247 2004"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> <td data-bbox="247 22 375 2004">Area police</td> <td data-bbox="375 22 454 2004"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> <td data-bbox="454 22 534 2004">other</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="87 22 167 2004">Local place of worship</td> <td data-bbox="167 22 247 2004"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> <td data-bbox="247 22 375 2004">Doctors surgery</td> <td data-bbox="375 22 454 2004"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> <td data-bbox="454 22 534 2004">other</td> </tr> </table>	Local infants school	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Community centre	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Community activities	Local junior school	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sports facility	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	A central feature	Local secondary school	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Swimming pool	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Scout hut	Residents association	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Library	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	other	Neighbourhood watch	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Alt green space within easy walking	Downs?	other	Neighbourhood Partnership	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Area police	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	other	Local place of worship	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Doctors surgery	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	other	None to my knowledge.
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13	To your knowledge are there any public paths crossing the Land edged in red on Map "A"?	None to my knowledge.																																			
14	How do you gain access to the Land edged in red on Map "A"?	Through gate on Parrys Lane (when open) via Shirehampton Rd.																																			
15	How do you travel to and from the Land edged in red on Map "A"?	Walk. (200 yds)																																			
16	Why do you go on to the Land edged in red on Map "A"?	For walks, peace & quiet.																																			
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)	More in the past when children at home Maybe 10-12 times per year.																																			
18	What activities do/did you take part in on the Land edged red on Map "A"?	Cricket, "conkers" blackberries.																																			
19	Does your immediate family use the Land edged in red on Map "A"?	Not any more.																																			
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"?	Sports.																																			
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?																																				

