

Witness Statement in Support of Town Green Application for

Stoke Lodge Parkland .

Miss Oonah Mary Carter.

14 Cheyne Road, Stoke Bishop, Bristol. BS9 2DH

Retired physiotherapist.

My mother, sister and I came to live in Cheyne Road in 1958. I moved away in 1960 and returned to settle here in 1980. Between 1960 and 1980 I only used the parkland on occasional visits but since 1980 I have walked in and through it frequently.

Although I don't have children or dogs I have often been aware of other people using the grounds for theirs. I've seen a wide range of both communal and individual sporting activities and constant visits by dog walkers throughout the year. In summer picnickers take advantage of it and some of the courses given at Stoke Lodge incorporate it.

I have never had any difficulty entering the area or met any opposition. It's beautiful, green, open land with some really glorious trees and much used by many people.

There is easy access on all sides and it would be an enormous loss to the neighbourhood if this access was restricted or removed. I sincerely hope that it can be kept as it is.

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

Signature.....

Date..... 01.02.11

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

NAME of Witness Print		OONAH MARY CARTER	
1	Your address when you used the land being claimed as "Town Green" and edged in red on Map "A"?	14 CHEYNE ROAD STOKE BISHOP	
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 PARKLAND	
7	Has the land, referred to in question 6, ever been known by any other name? If so what?	STOKE LODGE	
8	For how many years have you known about the Land edged in red on Map "A"?	53	
9	Between which years did you use the Land edged in red on Map "A"?	1958 - 2011	
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	Community centre	Community activities	
	✓	Sports facility ✓	A central feature	
	✓	Swimming pool	Scout hut ✓	
		Library	other	
	✓	Alt green space within easy walking	other	
	✓	Area police	other	
	✓	Doctors surgery	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		THROUGH OPENING AT END OF CHEYNE RD	
	WALK		FOR PLEASURE AND ACCESS TO STOKES LODGE AND WEST DENE	
	FREQUENTLY		WALKING	
	YES		WALKING	
	YES		GAMES & SOCIAL ACTIVITIES AMONGST YOUNG PEOPLE FOR MANY YEARS	
	NO			

