

## Parkland

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Occupation Company Director

My family and I came to live in Briercliffe Road in 1984. My son was then 5 and we regularly used the playing fields at weekends. These fields were where my son first learnt to ride his bike without stabilisers. We have played ball games, flown kites, looked for "creatures" in the hedgerows and collected damsons.

Now I use the playing fields to jog around and I still collect damsons. I have the pleasure of overlooking these fields and I enjoy watching the birds, especially the owls, and the bats. It's also great to see the young people playing their various organised sports as they really seem to enjoy them. It's even more gratifying to see a handful of youngsters just enjoying the fields, making their own games, kicking a ball, or just sitting under the trees chatting.

I have, in the past, played rounders and entered the various running events organized by Woodland Grove residents.


Several years ago a few of us instigated a South Dene versus West Dene annual cricket match, which is greatly enjoyed by many neighbours, a great event to bring the neighbours together, many of whom had not even met each other before.

It would be a great pity if all these events were to cease. Each day I look at these fields and never tire of doing so. The beauty of the trees, especially at sunset is a joy. I do hope the whole community can continue to enjoy these fields for generations to come.

In all the years I have been using the fields I have never sought permission so to do, nor have I ever been asked to leave.

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

Graham Wright



Date:


4/2/2011

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

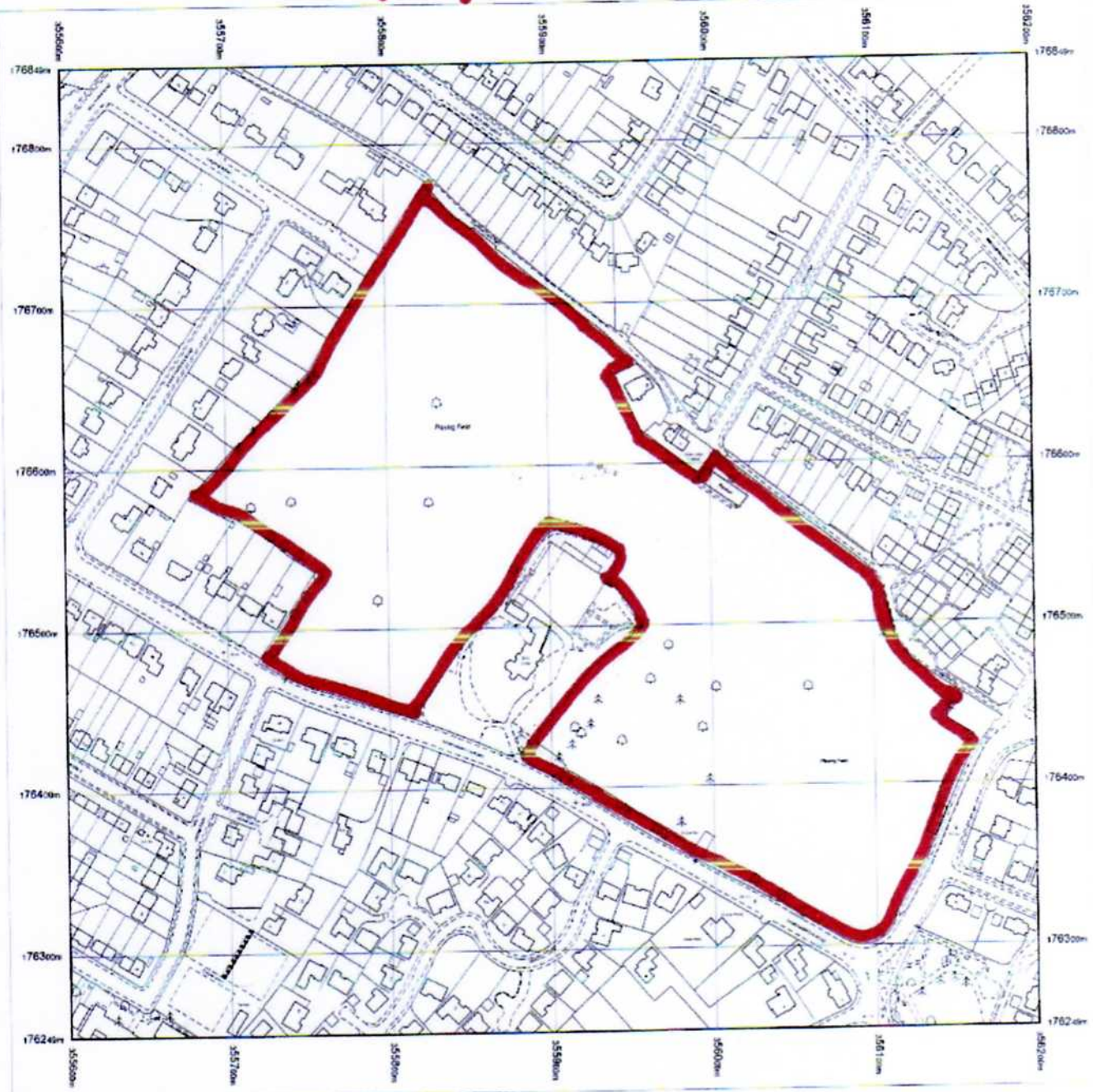
	NAME of Witness Print	
1	GRAHAM WRIGHT	24, BAUERCLIFFE RD 24, WEST DENE BRISTOL AND BRISTOL BS9 2DB BS9 2BA
2	Your address when you knew the land edged in red on Map "A" was being used by the local inhabitants? If different from 1 above?	As Above
3	Did you sign the map "A" attached to confirm your understanding 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 PLAYING FIELDS
7	Has the land, referred to in question 6, ever been known by any other name? If so what?	STOKE LODGE PARKLAND
8	For how many years have you known about the Land edged in red on Map "A"?	26 YEARS
9	Between which years did you see the Land edged in red on Map "A"?	1984 TO DATE
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	<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>Local infants school</td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> <td>Community centre</td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> <td>Community activities</td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Local junior school</td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> <td>Sports facility</td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> <td>A central feature</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Local secondary school</td> <td></td> <td>Swimming pool</td> <td></td> <td>Scout hut</td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Residents association</td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> <td>Library</td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> <td>other</td> <td>Adult Education</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Neighbourhood watch</td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> <td>Alt green space within easy walking</td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> <td>other</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Neighbourhood Partnership</td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> <td>Area police</td> <td></td> <td>other</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Local place of worship</td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> <td>Doctors surgery</td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> <td>other</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	Local infants school	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Community centre	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Community activities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Local junior school	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sports facility	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	A central feature		Local secondary school		Swimming pool		Scout hut	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Residents association	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Library	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	other	Adult Education	Neighbourhood watch	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Alt green space within easy walking	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	other		Neighbourhood Partnership	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Area police		other		Local place of worship	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Doctors surgery	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	other		
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13	To your knowledge are there any public paths crossing the Land edged in red on Map "A"?		No																																									
14	How do you gain access to the Land edged in red on Map "A"?		Various/perimeter access points																																									
15	How do you travel to and from the Land edged in red on Map "A"?		Walk																																									
16	Why do you go on to the Land edged in red on Map "A"?		Jogging, teaching children to ride bikes kite flying fruit picking, ransden, cricket, football																																									
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)		Most weeks																																									
18	What activities do/did you take part in on the Land edged red on Map "A"?		As No 16																																									
19	Does your immediate family use the Land edged in red on Map "A"?		YES																																									
20	If so, for what?		Walking, picnics, running																																									
21	Do you know of any community activities that take place or have taken place on the Land edged in red on Map "A"?		Woodland Grove Parties - Annual since before South Dene v West Dene Cricket Match - Annual -																																									
22	If so please list them and state when and for how long they have taken place?		instigated several years ago																																									
23	Do/did you participate in any of them?		YES																																									

24	Do any organisations use the Land edged in red on Map "A" for sports or pastimes? If so, please specify.	FOOTBALL & CRICKET CLUBS
25	Do any seasonal activities take place on the Land edged in red on Map "A"	FOOTBALL, CRICKET Snowballing & Sledding
26	Please tick all the activities that you have seen taking place on the Land edged in red on Map "A"	
	Children playing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Rounders	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Drawing and painting	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Dog Walking	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Team Games (Formal)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Team Games (informal)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Picking blackberries	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Community celebrations	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Fetes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Football	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Rugby	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Cricket	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Bird watching	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Picnicking	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Kite flying	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	People walking	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Bonfire parties	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Bicycle riding	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Carol singing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	other	JOGGING
	other	GOLF
	other	GUIDED WALKS / TREE IDENTIFICATION
	other	
	other	
27	Do you know the name of the owner of the Land edged in red on Map "A"? And if so please state.	BRISTOL CITY COUNCIL
28	Do you know the name of the occupier of the Land edged in red on Map "A"? And if so please state.	UNSURE ? B.C.C. or University Cotnam
29	Has the owner or occupier seen you on the Land edged in red on Map "A"?	No idea
30	What did they say? If anything?	Nothing
31	Was permission ever sought by you for activities on the Land edged in red on Map "A"?	No
32	If so, from whom and when?	N/A
33	Did anyone ever give you permission to go onto the Land edged in red on Map "A"?	No
34	If yes, when and for what reason?	N/A
35	Have you ever been prevented from using the Land edged in red on Map "A"?	No

36	If yes, when and for what reason?	N/A
37	Has any attempt been made by any means to prevent or discourage the use being made of the Land edged in red on Map "A" by local inhabitants?	No
38	If yes, give examples and dates	N/A
39	Are you aware of any signs or notices restricting access to the Land edged in red on Map "A" by local inhabitants?	YES
40	Do you have any photographs or any other evidence of use of the Land edged in red on Map "A" by local inhabitants?	No
41	Are you willing to allow us to copy them for use as part of our application?	N/A
42	If you have additional information please attach a separate statement? (witness statement etc)	see att'd statement
43	If you have knowledge of others who may be in a position to complete an evidence form, would you please write their names and addresses upon the reverse of this form.	
44	<b>I have carried on the activities referred to in this questionnaire, on the Land edged in red on Map "A", for <del>30</del> 36 years without anybody trying to stop me and I believe the activity should be treated by the law as having a lawful origin.</b>	
45	<b>I understand that the evidence form I have completed in relation to this application may become public knowledge and I authorise the applicant to disclose this form to anyone reasonably requiring access to this application.</b>	
46	<b>I also understand that this evidence may be presented at a non-statutory inquiry and I authorise the applicant to use this form for that purpose.</b>	
47	Signed	
48	Name	BENJAMIN WRIGHT
49	Date	4/2/2011

# MAP 'A'



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