

**WITNESS STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF TOWN GREEN APPLICATION  
for STROKE LODGE PARKLAND.**

**Name:** Andrew Nicholas Morrison Barnes

**Address:** 20 West Dene Stoke Bishop Bristol BS9 2BQ

**Occupation:** Retired (formerly Technical Manager with Unilever)

Use of Stoke Lodge Parkland and house:

I moved to 20 West Dene in May 1989 and have lived here continuously with my wife and two children since then. Our children were 4 and 2 when we moved here and we have all used the Parkland in various ways.

It was an added bonus to have such an amenity 30 metres from the house with access at the end of West Dene which in our experience has never been closed. In very rough chronological order we have used the parkland and house for the following:

- Children learning to ride their bikes
- Birthday parties involving games
- Walking to the shops on Shirehampton Road / Druids Hill
- Our son played football with Shire Colts when it was their home ground
- At different times rugby, football, cricket and rounders practice took place albeit with parents providing very amateur coaching.
- The children could arrange to meet their friends "on the field" for informal games of football or simply to chat.
- Kite flying
- I took up jogging and did many laps of the field while building up to eventually do 10 Bristol Half Marathons
- The rest of the family have also used it for jogging and my wife still regularly walks 3 - 4 circuits with neighbours.
- My wife and I have attended several Adult Education Courses over the years at the Lodge.
- Taking advantage of the relative darkness of the site I have used it for a range of observations to support the distance learning astronomy courses I have done
- The Sunday morning walk to get the Sunday paper is across the parkland
- There have been occasional "street" events on the field including cricket and rounders matches.

Having lost the two playing field areas adjacent to Stoke Lodge to housing it is important to retain this open space and bring an end to the uncertainty that has surrounded its future ever since we have been here. The lack of clarity over who has day to day responsibility for its maintenance also needs to be resolved so that issues such as litter and the control of dog walkers can be addressed.

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

Signature



Date

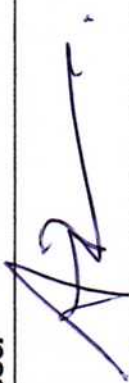
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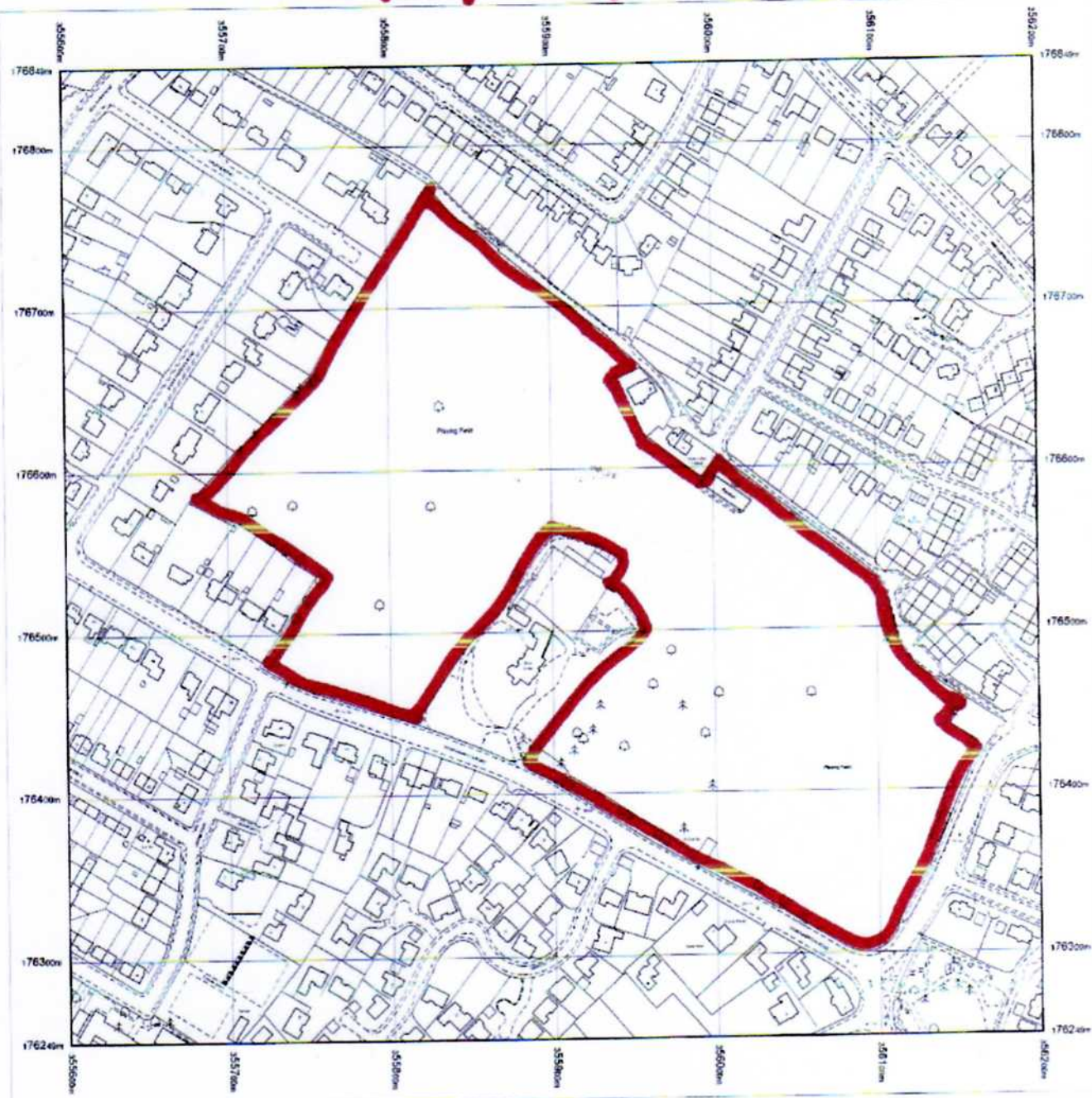
NAME of Witness Print		ANDREW BARNES
1	Your address when you used the land being claimed as "Town Green" and edged in red on Map "A"?	ANDREW 201 WEST DENE BRISTOL BS9 2BQ
2	Your address when you knew the land edged in red on Map "A" was being used by the local inhabitants? If different from 1 above?	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?	No
8	For how many years have you known about the Land edged in red on Map "A"?	21 YEARS
9	Between which years did you use the Land edged in red on Map "A"?	FROM 1989 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	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
Local junior school	✓	Sports facility	✓	A central feature
Local secondary school	✓	Swimming pool	✓	Scout hut
Residents association		Library	✓	other PRE SCHOOL GROUPS
Neighbourhood watch		Airt green space within easy walking	✓	other ADULT EDUCATION
Neighbourhood Partnership	✓	Area police	✓	other
Local place of worship	✓	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 <del>WALL</del> IN WALL
				WALK
				WALKING, JOGGING, ACCESS TO STOPS ASTRONOMY
				2-3 X WEEKLY
				NO FORMAL ACTIVITIES
				YES
				WALKING
				YES
				JUNIOR FOOTBALL COTTAM SCHOOL SPORTS UNIVERSITY BRISBANE LINE SPORTS
				NO

24	Do any organisations use the Land edged in red on Map "A" for sports or pastimes? If so, please specify.	BRISTOL & WIDE SPORTS CRICKET CLUBS COTTAM SHIRE COLTS ADULT EDUCATION
25	Do any seasonal activities take place on the Land edged in red on Map "A"	LINKS TO SPORT.
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 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 type="checkbox"/>
	Football	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Rugby	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Cricket	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Bird watching	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Picnicking	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Kite flying	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	People walking	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Bonfire parties	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Bicycle riding	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Carol singing	<input type="checkbox"/>
	other	ATHLETICS
	other	JOGGING
	other	
	other	
	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.	COTTAM UNIVERSITY (BRISTOL)
29	Has the owner or occupier seen you on the Land edged in red on Map "A"?	PROBABLY
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 RESTRICTIONS FOR PEDESTRIANS
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 (COVERS USE NOT ACCESS TO FIELD)
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 (REFERS TO REPEALED LAW)
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	I have carried on the activities referred to in this questionnaire, on the Land edged in red on Map "A", for <del>XXXXX</del> years without anybody trying to stop me and I believe the activity should be treated by the law as having a lawful origin.	
45	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.	
46	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.	
47	Signed	
48	Name	A.M. BARNES
49	Date	3/2/11.

# MAP 'A'



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