

WITNESS STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF
TOWN GREEN APPLICATION FOR STOKE LODGE PARKLAND

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Occupation: Receptionist

When the family moved into Bristol from Keynsham in 1982 I became aware of Stoke Lodge and walked our two irish setters on the playing fields. On no occasion was I denied access, felt I shouldn't be there or questioned by anyone. I was aware of other dog walkers and children playing in the field. I have found it a safe place to walk whereas as a woman often walking alone Blaise Woods can be a little too secluded for comfort.

Both my sons have met friends for impromptu games of football and we have enjoyed taking our young grand daughters for walks and ball games over the years. I have found that people are considerate to other users – we have always cleared up after our dogs and found other dog walkers do the same.

Having lived in Stoke Bishop continuously since 1982 I and my family have walked to the fields and have not therefore had to resort to the car to reach an open space suitable for walking.

I have also used Stoke Lodge House for Spanish lessons and Art lessons which has been a great local facility not requiring car travel. During some art classes we have used the parkland as a subject for our drawing and painting.

Just living nearby it is great to see the parkland being used for sport, football and cricket and also children playing in a safe environment. I often see elderly people, some with sticks, walking there as it is relatively flat and safe.

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

Signed
S Hayes

Date
26.1.2011

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

NAME of Witness Print		SUSAN HAYES
1	Your address when you used the land being claimed as "Town Green" and edged in red on Map "A"?	3 STOKES PARK ROAD LATER SINCE 1997 21 PARRYS GROVE
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.	STOKES LODGE
6	By what name, if any, is The Land edged in red on Map "A" known?	NOT AWARE
7	Has the land, referred to in question 6, ever been known by any other name? If so what?	28 Years
8	For how many years have you known about the Land edged in red on Map "A"?	1982 - Present Day
9	Between which years did you use the Land edged in red on Map "A"?	YES
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		
	Community centre	Community activities	
	Local infants school <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	A central feature <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	Local junior school <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Scout hut <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	Local secondary school <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	other	
	Residents association <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	other	
	Neighbourhood watch	other	
	Neighbourhood Partnership	other	
	Local place of worship <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	other	
	Sports facility		
	Swimming pool		
	Library		
	Alt green space within easy walking		
	Area police		
	Doctors surgery		
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"?	Entrance on Purnys Lane	
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"?	Walk - Dog Walk - Grandchildren	
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)	Daily	
18	What activities do/did you take part in on the Land edged red on Map "A"?	Walking	
19	Does your immediate family use the Land edged in red on Map "A"?	Yes	
20	If so, for what?	Walking - Dog Walk - Football	
21	Do you know of any community activities that take place or have taken place on the Land edged in red on Map "A"?	Childrens Football - Cubs + Scouts Cricket	
22	If so please list them and state when and for how long they have taken place?	As above	
23	Do/did you participate in any of them?	NO	

