

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

**of
Thomas G. D. LEVINSON
4 Cote Park,
Westbury on Trym
Bristol BS9 2AD
(Retired)**

My wife, son, dogs and I moved to the above address in December 1979 and since that time have been frequent users of Stoke Lodge's playing fields for recreation. It is particularly convenient as it is only a few minutes' walk from our house. We go there on average twice a week, and sometimes twice a day.

Our main use has been dog-walking, and I used to take my son there to practice rugger and soccer. In addition, when he was young (20 years ago), it was the one place locally where we felt safe to let him go and play unsupervised with his friends.

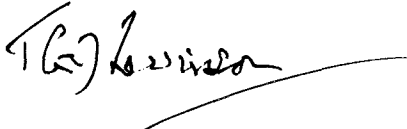
We usually enter from Parry's Lane or West Dene. Occasionally we come in or exit via Stoke Lodge house or Stoke Paddock.

We have never been denied access.

The main benefit to us is that Stoke Lodge is a beautiful open space within easy walking distance of our house, which has to our knowledge been available to the public for general recreational purposes as well as organised sports for at least 30 years.

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

Signed



Date

27/1/2011

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

NAME of Witness F. E. D. LEVINSOHN

1	Your address when you used the land being claimed as "Town Green" and edged in red on Map "A"?	4 COTE PARK BRISTOL BS9 2AD
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.	
6	By what name, if any, is The Land edged in red on Map "A" known?	STOKE LODGE
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"?	30
9	Between which years did you use the Land edged in red on Map "A"?	1980 - 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

Community centre		Community activities
Local infants school		A central feature
Local junior school	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Scout hut
Local secondary school		other
Residents association		other
Neighbourhood watch	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	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"?

via West Dene, Stoke Lodge house or Perry's Lane.

14 How do you gain access to the Land edged in red on Map "A"?

On foot

15 How do you travel to and from the Land edged in red on Map "A"?

To walk dog

16 Why do you go on to the Land edged in red on Map "A"?

Average 2x per week.

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)?

Dog walking, playing football/rugger with son

18 What activities do/did you take part in on the Land edged red on Map "A"?

Yes

19 Does your immediate family use the Land edged in red on Map "A"?

It's above

20 If so, for what?

Scout activities, football, rugby, cricket

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?

30 years +

23 Do/did you participate in any of them?

No

