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Witness Statement in support of  
Town Green Application  
for Stoke Lodge Parkland

**Full Name: Richard John Hall of No 1 Stoke Lodge Cottages West Dene Stoke bishop  
Bristol BS9 2BH**

*Occupation: Retired Graphic Design Manager of Imperial Tobacco Ltd.*

We first used the parkland in September 1999 when we moved to our current address. We have never been denied access.

### **Activities**

*Walking around the perimeter several times a week for exercise.*

*Playing games with children and grandchildren*

*Sitting out on chairs or rugs to benefit from late sunshine, usually on a summer's evening.*

*Picnics with family and friends.*

*Walking dogs of family and friends.*

*Crossing the area to access Shirehampton Lane for bus or shopping.*

*Watching a game of cricket or football.*

*Use of Stoke Lodge for Art, French and Italian classes.*

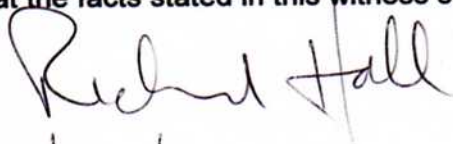
I access the parkland directly from West Dene or my garden gate.

Enjoyment of mature specimen trees and wildlife, especially birds, associated with the combination of open grassland, trees and hedgerows. Also this area featured in a wild life documentary by the BBC Natural History Department about the diversity of wildlife in an urban setting.

Social interaction with the many people who frequent this Parkland on a regular basis.

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

Signature



Date

1/02/2021

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

NAME of Witness  
Print

RICHARD HALL

Your address when you used the land being claimed as "Town Green" and edged in red on Map "A"?

1, STROKE LODGE COTTAGES  
BRISTOL  
BS9 2BH.

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

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

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

Please confirm that you have marked the location of your house on Map "B" with an X.

YES

By what name, if any, is The Land edged in red on Map "A" known?

STROKE LODGE PLAYING FIELDS

Has the land, referred to in question 6, ever been known by any other name? If so what?

STROKE LODGE PARKLAND

For how many years have you known about the Land edged in red on Map "A"?

11 YEARS

Between which years did you use the Land edged in red on Map "A"?

FROM 1999 TO DATE

Do you consider yourself to be a local inhabitant in respect of the Land edged in red on Map "A"?

YES

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	CREMATORIUM
	Neighbourhood watch	Alt green space within easy walking	other	✓
	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"?			
18	(apart from use of any public paths on the Land)			
19	What activities do/did you take part in on the Land edged red on Map "A"?			
20	Does your immediate family use the Land edged in red on Map "A"?			
21	If so, for what?			
22	Do you know of any community activities that take place or have taken place on the Land edged in red on Map "A"?			
23	If so please list them and state when and for how long they have taken place?			
24	Do/did you participate in any of them?			

DON'T KNOW

THROUGH GARDEN GATE - DIRECTLY ONTO FIELDS

ON FOOT

WALK, EXERCISE, SOCIAL INTERACTION.

DAILY

WALKING, PLAYING GAMES WITH GRANDCHILDREN EXERCISING DOGS.

YES


see 18 above

Football / Cricket  
Outdoor drawing & painting. Instruction into Arboriculture

YES

24	Do any organisations use the Land edged in red on Map "A" for sports or pastimes? If so, please specify.	Footballers Cotnam School. University
25	Do any seasonal activities take place on the Land edged in red on Map "A"	Sports Day - Company Sports Event
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"/> - TV "Casualty" Filming
	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	
	other Hot Air Balloon Emergency landing	
	other Model Aeroplanes	
	other Dog Training	
	other Jogging	
	other Building Snowmen	
27	Do you know the name of the owner of the Land edged in red on Map "A"? And if so please state.	Bruster 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 SCHOOL
29	Has the owner or occupier seen you on the Land edged in red on Map "A"?	YES
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"?	NOT DIRECTLY - but I do have access through my gate.
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?	Not as far as I know
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 - New sign at Stoke hedge house put up recently
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 <input type="text" value="11"/> 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	RICHARD HALL
49	Date	2/2/2011

