

Witness Statement in support of

Town Green Application for Stoke Lodge Parkland

Mrs. Irmgard K. M. Bansall

7, Cheyne Road, Stoke Bishop, Bristol BS9 2DH

Widow

My husband and I moved to Cheyne Road in the autumn of 1965. Our first daughter was born then. My husband had to reach Severside very quickly, especially during an emergency. He was an engineer with ICI and we did not like to live in Thornbury. I had not yet have a driving licence and had to rely on public transport. The importance to live here became very quickly clear to us:

1. Public trans-port -
2. Not far from the workplace
- and 3. "The Playing Field (Stoke Lodge Parkland)

There was always the opportunity to get out of the house and have a quick walk without having to drive or <sup>make</sup> (along bus jouney. Then we had 2 daughters and all through those years we had family walks or the girls went out alone to play with their friends and sometimes take a picnic. I remember very well the 25th anni-versary of the Queen. We had a cricket match between Stoke Paddock Road and Cheyne Road in the field and afterwards a sumptuous picnic and a toast. -

My mother tongue is German. Before we came to Bristol, we spent 2 years in Argentina, thus my Spanish was better than my English. Now having 2 children to bring them up as British citizens, I had to brush up my forgotten school English. It was Stoke Lodge that came to my rescue: there were courses in English O-Level and English LitPrature. Later when both girls were at school, I remembered my Spanish, and again it was Stoke Lodge that offered courses.

Now my grandchildren, 2 boys, come and visit me. We have walks or they play foot ball, fly akite or chase each other.

During all those years I have never been denied access to the field. in fact, I cannot imagine life without this lovely green field and its old and beautiful trees, nor life without the house of Stke Lodge. The mere existence of both has done a great deal to form a community, just naturally. Meeting people in the neighbourhood, outdoors and on courses at the Lodge to talk, to discuss and exchange views and opinions.

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

Signature: ... *Mugs & Bawall* ...

Date: ..... *7. Feb. 2011* .....

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

NAME of Witness Print		IRMGARD BANSALL	
1	Your address when you used the land being claimed as "Town Green" and edged in red on Map "A"?	7, Cheyne Rd., Stoke Bishop Bristol BS9 2DH	
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?	Same	
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?	"The Playing Field"	
7	Has the land, referred to in question 6, ever been known by any other name? If so what?	Stoke Lodge	
8	For how many years have you known about the Land edged in red on Map "A"?	45 years	
9	Between which years did you use the Land edged in red on Map "A"?	all 29 or 30 years	
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>Stone Lodge HS.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Local secondary school</td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> <td>Swimming pool</td> <td></td> <td>Scout hut</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Residents association</td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> <td>Library</td> <td></td> <td>other</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Neighbourhood watch</td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> <td>Alt green space within easy walking</td> <td></td> <td>other</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Neighbourhood Partnership</td> <td></td> <td>Area police</td> <td></td> <td>other</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Local place of worship</td> <td></td> <td>Doctors surgery</td> <td></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	Stone Lodge HS.	Local secondary school	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Swimming pool		Scout hut		Residents association	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Library		other		Neighbourhood watch	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Alt green space within easy walking		other		Neighbourhood Partnership		Area police		other		Local place of worship		Doctors surgery		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"?	Through a gap at the end of my road																																										
15	How do you travel to and from the Land edged in red on Map "A"?	Walking																																										
16	Why do you go on to the Land edged in red on Map "A"?	To walk, play with my grand children																																										
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)	at least 3 times a week																																										
18	What activities do/did you take part in on the Land edged red on Map "A"?	walking, reading, horse																																										
19	Does your immediate family use the Land edged in red on Map "A"?	Yes																																										
20	If so, for what?	to walk and play																																										
21	Do you know of any community activities that take place or have taken place on the Land edged in red on Map "A"?	Sport activities by Chelsea Junior School																																										
22	If so please list them and state when and for how long they have taken place?	Football, Rugby, Golf putting																																										
23	Do/did you participate in any of them?	No																																										

24	Do any organisations use the Land edged in red on Map "A" for sports or pastimes? If so, please specify.	Structures of Stoke Lodge Hts.	
25	Do any seasonal activities take place on the Land edged in red on Map "A"	Bird watching, painting, Tai Chi	
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"/>	Fetes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Bonfire parties
	Rounders <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Football <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Bicycle riding
	Drawing and painting <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Rugby <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Carol singing
	Dog Walking <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cricket <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	other
	Team Games (Formal) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Bird watching <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	other
	Team Games (informal) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Picnicking <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	other
	Picking blackberries <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Kite flying <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	other
	Community celebrations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	People walking <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	other
27	Do you know the name of the owner of the Land edged in red on Map "A"? And if so please state.	No	
28	Do you know the name of the occupier of the Land edged in red on Map "A"? And if so please state.	No	
29	Has the owner or occupier seen you on the Land edged in red on Map "A"?	Not to my knowledge	
30	What did they say? If anything?	?	
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?	/	
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?	/	
35	Have you ever been prevented from using the Land edged in red on Map "A"?	No	

