

## Structure to Witness Statement

1. Insert Heading;  
**Witness Statement in support of**  
**Town Green Application for Stoke Lodge Parkland**
2. Full Name Christopher John Elson
3. Current address 14 Belvedere Road, Bristol BS6 7JQ
4. Occupation Emeritus Professor of Immunology
5. Please describe in your own words as much information and details of fact as possible, this must not include any rumour or exaggeration, and should include your knowledge of:
  - a. When you or your family started to use Stoke Lodge Parklands and/or the House?

I have run on Stoke Lodge Parklands for almost 40 years.

- b. During this period were you ever denied access, and if so by whom?

No

- c. What variety of activities you and your family have been involved in on the Parkland?

Walking and running. I still run on the Parkland about 3 times /week. During the Summer months, when light permits, I am coach to a group of athletes who train on the Parklands once a week. Stoke Lodge has the advantage that the perimeter is almost exactly 1 mile, it has some gentle inclines and it's an uplifting place to train

- d. If as a group what was the name of the group

The group is composed of athletes from Bristol & West Athletic Club, and Westbury Harriers as well as students from Bristol University.

- e. How you travelled to and from the site and which access you used?

We meet at Bristol Universities Coombe Dingle Sports complex and jog to Stoke Lodge. Entrance is by the changing rooms.

- f. Do you have any evidence of your use of Stoke Lodge including photographs, letters, press cuttings, etc, that we could copy and include in our application?

No

g. What do you value most about Stoke Lodge?

*see above*

h. Any other relevant information that demonstrates ongoing community use.

6. Include closing statement:

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

Signature: .C.J Elson.....*C.J. Elson*.....

Date: ....9/2/2011.....

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

	NAME of Witness Print	CHRISTOPHER JOHN ELSON.	
1	Your address when you used the land being claimed as "Town Green" and edged in red on Map "A"?	14, Belvedere Road, BRISTOL BS6 7JQ	
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.	✓	
6	By what name, if any, is The Land edged in red on Map "A" known?	Stoke Lodge Parkland	
7	Has the land, referred to in question 6, ever been known by any other name? If so what?	Stoke Lodge Playing Fields	
8	For how many years have you known about the Land edged in red on Map "A"?	39	
9	Between which years did you use the Land edged in red on Map "A"?	1972 - present	
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
✓	Sports facility	A central feature
✓	Swimming pool	Scout hut
✓	Library	other
✓	All green space within easy walking	other
	Area police	other
✓	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?

ON FOOT OR BY CAR

TO RUN WALK OR COACH  
MY RUNNING GROUP

MOST DAYS

SEE 16

YES

WALKING OR RUNNING

YES

BROWNIES FOOTBALL, RUGBY  
CRICKET, WALKERS, RUNNERS

YES

RUNNING CLUBS

24	Do any organisations use the Land edged in red on Map "A" for sports or pastimes? If so, please specify.	YES RUNNING GROUPS FROM LOCAL
25	Do any seasonal activities take place on the Land edged in red on Map "A"	YES
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 type="checkbox"/>
	Football	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Rugby	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Cricket	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Bird watching	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Picnicking	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Kite flying	<input type="checkbox"/>
	People walking	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Bonfire parties	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Bicycle riding	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Carol singing	<input type="checkbox"/>
	other	RUNNING!
	other	<input type="checkbox"/>
	other	<input type="checkbox"/>
	other	<input type="checkbox"/>
	other	<input type="checkbox"/>
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.	NO
29	Has the owner or occupier seen you on the Land edged in red on Map "A"?	
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

