

IN THE MATTER OF
AN APPLICATION TO REGISTER LAND AT
STOKE LODGE PARKLAND AS
A TOWN OR VILLAGE GREEN
UNDER SECTION 15 OF THE COMMONS ACT 2006

BETWEEN:

MR D MAYER – APPLICANT

AND

BRISTOL CITY COUNCIL & ORS – OBJECTORS

Statement of: - PETER HOBBS
(BLOCK CAPITALS)

My Name is: - PETER F. HOBBS

My Address is: - 24 WOODLAND GROVE
BRISTOL
BS9 2BB

My occupation is: - Retired teacher + education officer

I will say as follows: -

1. Please refer to my Questionnaire attached and dated: - 1/4/16

2. Please refer also to my Statement attached and dated: - 27/1/12

I believe that the facts stated in these statements are true.

Signed Peter Hobbs

Dated 1.4.16

24 Woodland Grove
Stoke Bishop
Bristol
BS9 2BB

27.1.12

Application for Town Green status for Stoke Lodge playing field, Reg No 24.

I am writing in support of the proposal for Stoke Lodge to be granted Town Green Status "AS OF RIGHT".

Before we purchased our first house in 1973 we bought a sheet street map that marked all the open spaces in green, and looked for a suitable property within easy reach of as many green spaces as possible. This was because we rate the availability of green spaces within a city very highly. We bought our first house in Sea Mills, and 8 years later moved to the above address.

Since then we have seen the Clifton High School playing fields built upon (now Parry's Grove), the Smelting works playing fields built upon (now Queen's gate), and the University playing fields partially developed into floodlit all weather pitches and a sports hall. There have been numerous proposals over the years to "improve" or build upon Stoke Lodge but so far it has survived unscathed.

When our children lived at home we regularly took them to play informal games on Stoke Lodge, and when they were older they enjoyed the easy access available from Woodland Grove to meet their friends there and engage in impromptu games of football etc. We still enjoy strolling across the field and as I write can appreciate the view of the trees there from my window.

Each year the residents of Woodland Grove hold a community event (garden party or BBQ) which includes sports on Stoke Lodge field. It brings neighbours together in friendly competition and promotes community spirit and good neighbourliness. I chair our Neighbourhood Watch so appreciate the chance to see all members together. I also chair a Bristol charity which provides counselling and mental health support to children and young people so am highly aware of how privileged we are in this area compared with other areas of the city, but am equally aware of how open space is critically important for good mental (and physical) health.

I understand that the application meets the qualifying criteria but that we now have to demonstrate we use Stoke Lodge "as of right" rather than "by right".

As a very law abiding citizen, averse to any risk taking where the law may be concerned, I can assure all parties that our use of the playing field has always been "without secrecy", "without permission", and "without force".

I would therefore wish to urge the decision makers to grant Town Green status to Stoke Lodge.

Yours Sincerely
Peter F Hobbs

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

	NAME of Witness Print	PETER F. HOBBS
1	Your address when you used the land being claimed as "Town Green" and edged in red on Map "A"?	24 WOODLAND GROVE BRISTOL BS9 2BB
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.	Yes
6	By what name, if any, is The Land edged in red on Map "A" known?	Stoke Lodge Playing Field
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"?	45 years
9	Between which years did you use the Land edged in red on Map "A"?	1973 - 2016
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
	Local junior school	✓	Sports facility	✓	A central feature
	Local secondary school	✗	Swimming pool	✗	Scout hut
	Residents association	✓	Library	✓	other
	Neighbourhood watch	✓	Alt green space within easy walking distance	other for me as an active walker	
	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" (apart from use of any public paths on the Land)?				
18	What activities do/did you take part in on the Land edged in 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?				

Yes - although not a Prow

from west Dene, from Ebenezer Lane, from Shirehampton Rd., from Parry's Lane

on foot

to walk/exercise, taking grandchildren to playground,

fortnightly

children's games, walking in open space

Yes

as 18.

Yes

Woodland Grove Sports Day - approx annually for 30 yrs. Children's Football on Saturday for decades.

Yes - Sports Day

24	Do any organisations use the Land edged in red on Map "A" for sports or pastimes? If so, please specify.	childrens Football League			
25	Do any seasonal activities take place on the Land edged in red on Map "A"				
26	Please tick all the activities that you have seen taking place on the Land edged in red on Map "A"				
	Children playing	☒	Fetes		Bonfire parties
	Rounders	☒	Football	☒	Bicycle riding ☒
	Drawing and painting		Rugby		Carol singing
	Dog Walking	☒	Cricket	☒	other Sports Day ☒
	Team Games (Formal)	☒	Bird watching	☒	other
	Team Games (informal)	☒	Picnicking	☒	other
	Picking blackberries	☒	Kite flying	☒	other
	Community celebrations	☒	People walking	☒	other
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.				
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"?	Not by me personally or anyone I know			
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			

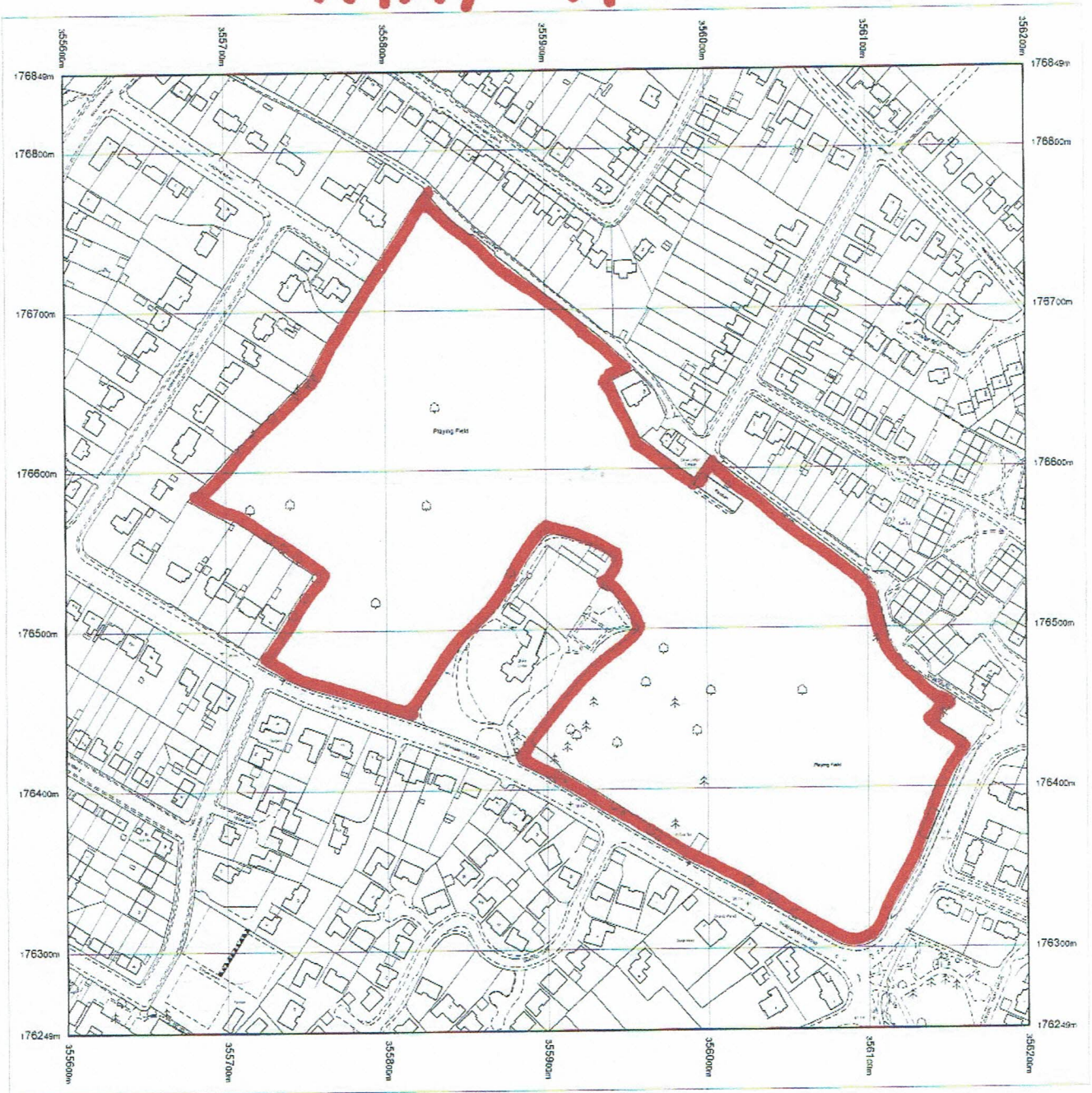
36	If yes, when and for what reason?	—
37	Has any attempt been made by any means to prevent or discourage the use being made of the Land edged in red on Map "A" by local inhabitants?	NO
38	If yes, give examples and dates	—
39	Are you aware of any signs or notices restricting access to the Land edged in red on Map "A" by local inhabitants?	NO
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?	—
42	If you have additional information please attach a separate 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	I have carried on the activities referred to in this questionnaire, on the Land edged in red on Map "A", for 43 43 years without anybody trying to stop me and I believe the activity should be treated by the law as having a lawful origin.	
45	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.	
46	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.	
47	Signed	Peter F. Hobbs
48	Name	PETER F. HOBBS
49	Date	1.4.11

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MAP 'A'



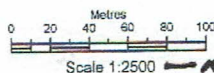
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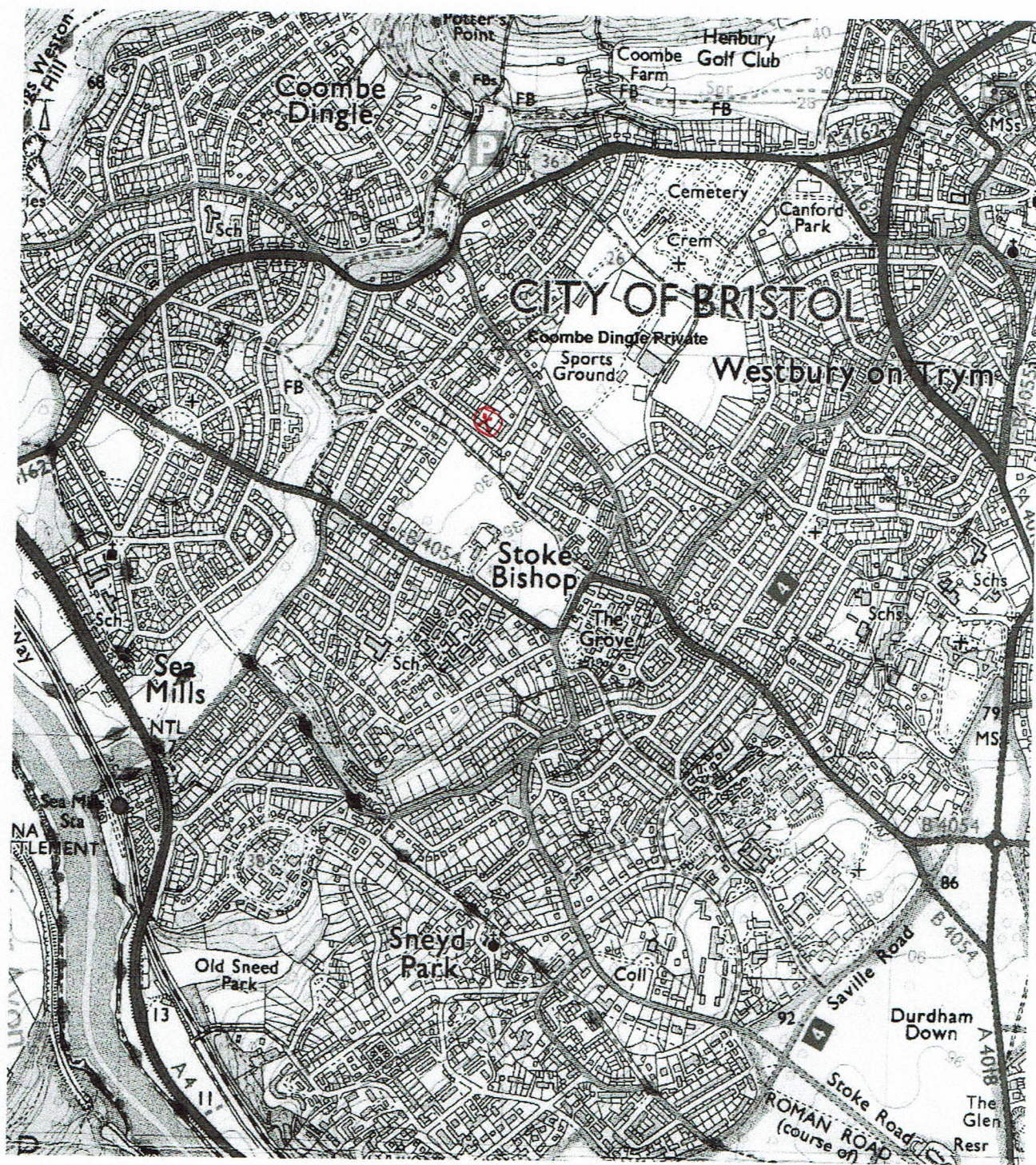
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Ed & Helen

Map "B" of locality surrounding Stoke Lodge Parkland



0 100 200 300 400 500



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