

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: - GRAHAM WRIBIT
(BLOCK CAPITALS)

My Name is: - GRAHAM WRIBIT

My Address is: - 24, WEST DENE

My occupation is: - RETIRED.

I will say as follows: -

1. Please refer to my Questionnaire attached and dated: - 29/3/2016
2. Please refer also to my Statement attached and dated: - 29/3/2016

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

Signed 

Dated..... 29/3/2016

Witness Statement in support of

Town Green Application for Stoke Lodge Parkland

Graham Wright

24 West Dene, Stoke Bishop, Bristol, BS9 2BQ

Occupation Retired

My family and I first started to use Stoke Lodge playing field in 1984 when we lived at 24 Briercliffe Road, Stoke Bishop. In 1994 we moved to 24 West Dene (although the house is actually on Ebenezer Lane and so directly adjoins Stoke Lodge playing field).

We have always enjoyed using the field for a variety of family and community activities and at no time have been challenged on our use of the field or asked to leave.

Access to the field has been via Cheyne road, Ebenezer lane (by the pavilion and breaks in the hedging), and Stoke lodge house.

Over the years I have used the field for walking my children to school, ball games (especially on my children's birthdays when we would take them and their friends onto the field for games), kite flying, teaching my children how to ride a bicycle. Using it as a short cut to the bus stop, dentist and shops. Also clearing brambles and nettles from the field side of my fence and cutting back the wild clematis to stop it from choking the hawthorn tree that forms part of the Ebenezer Lane hedge row. When in season, fruit picking (damsons, sloes, and mulberries) usually prompted by a shout from my wife "Quick Graham get the step ladder the damsons are ready".

I have also on occasions picked up litter left after organised sporting events and teenage parties.

For a short while I helped at the the local cub pack in Kewstoke Road occasionally taking them onto the field for games and educational activities.

As a community we have used the field for annual street parties, cricket matches and national celebrations including the Royal Wedding in 2011 and the Queen's Diamond jubilee in 2012.

During the past 32 years I've enjoyed the freedom that my family, friends and neighbours have had to use the Stoke lodge playing field as and when we wished without anybody every saying "You are not allowed"!

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



29/3/2016

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

	NAME of Witness Print	GRATHAM WRIGHT
1	Your address when you used the land being claimed as "Town Green" and edged in red on Map "A"?	24, BRIERCLIFFE ROAD, STOKE BISHOP 24, WEST DENE, STOKE BISHOP
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"	CONFIRMED
5	Please confirm that you have marked the location of your house on Map "B" with an X.	CONFIRMED
6	By what name, if any, is The Land edged in red on Map "A" known?	THE FIELD
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"?	32
9	Between which years did you use the Land edged in red on Map "A"?	FROM 1984 TO 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			
Local infants school	✓	Community centre	✓	Community activities	✓
Local junior school	✓	Sports facility	✓	A central feature	X
Local secondary school	X	Swimming pool	X	Scout hut	✓
Residents association	✓	Library	✓	other	
Neighbourhood watch	✓	Alt green space within easy walking	✓	other	
Neighbourhood Partnership	✓	Area police	X	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 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?				

NO

VIA CHEYNE ROAD
EBENEZER LANE STAKE LODGE HOUSE

BY FOOT

Exercise, Access to local shops, brs, etc
Fruit picking, clearing brambles, collecting litter

walking children to school, playing games,
teaching cubs about wildlife/kees etc.

Yes

Exercise, dog walking


Street Parties,
Cricket matches - South Dene v West Dene

Woodland Grove Annual Party - we were first invited in
1973 but event happened before then.

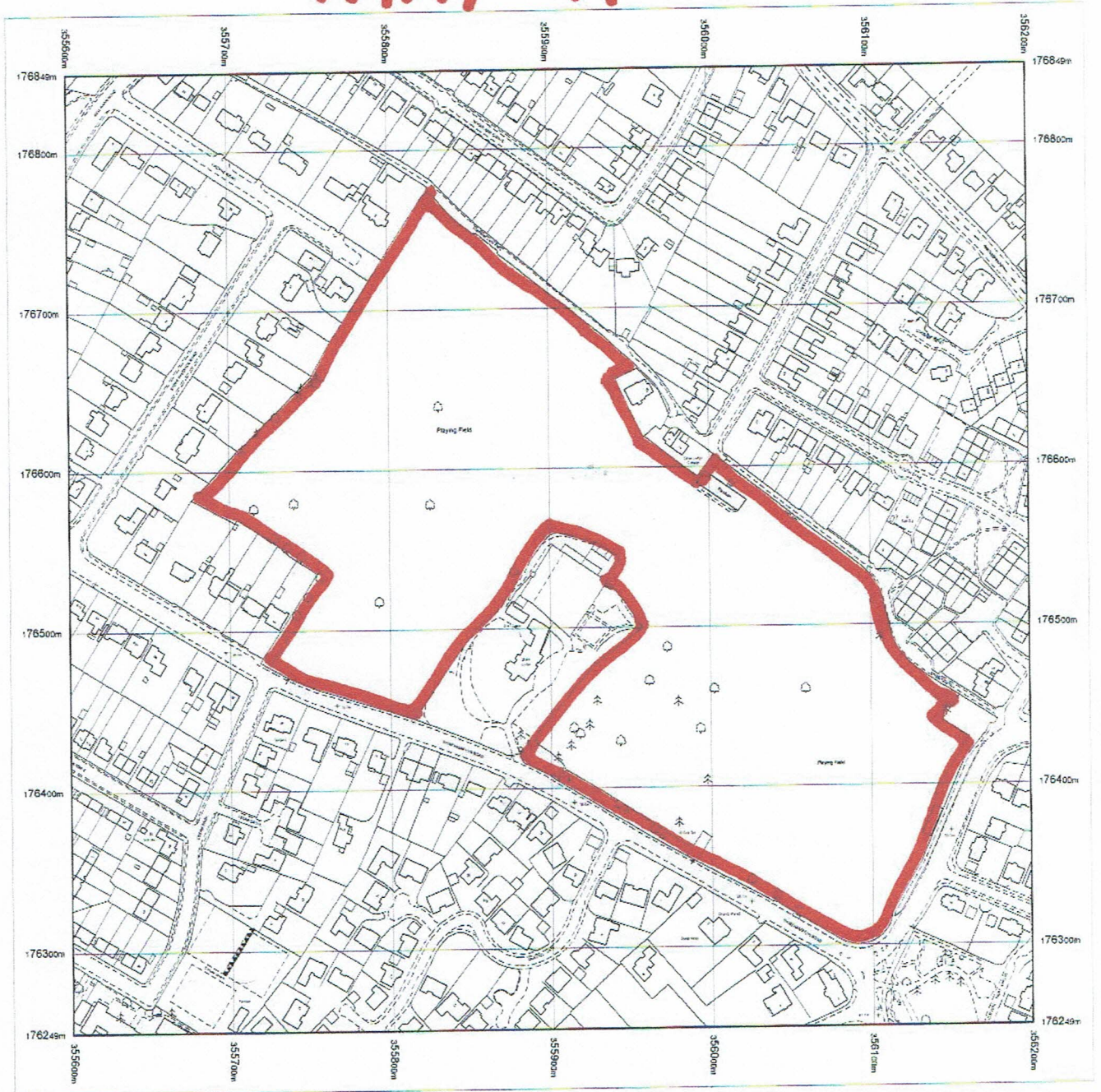
South Dene v West Dene cricket match - 2005 - 2009
Royal Celebrations - 2011, 2012

yes - all.

24	Do any organisations use the Land edged in red on Map "A" for sports or pastimes? If so, please specify.	Yes - childrens' football - Shire Cotts - Catham School. Bristol University
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	other	camping
	other	barbeques
	other	litter picking
	other	training guide dogs
	other	other
27	Do you know the name of the owner of the Land edged in red on Map "A"? And if so please state.	Yes - 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.	Not sure what is meant by "occupier"
29	Has the owner or occupier seen you on the Land edged in red on Map "A"?	Yes, Bristol City Council Employees
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"?	No
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?	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?	yes
40	Do you have any photographs or any other evidence of use of the Land edged in red on Map "A" by local inhabitants?	yes
41	Are you willing to allow us to copy them for use as part of our application?	yes
42	If you have additional information please attach a separate statement? (witness statement etc)	att'd
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 30 years without anybody trying to stop me and I believe the activity should be treated by the law as having a lawful origin.	30
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	
48	Name	GRAHAM WRIGHT
49	Date	29/3/2016

MAP 'A'



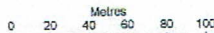
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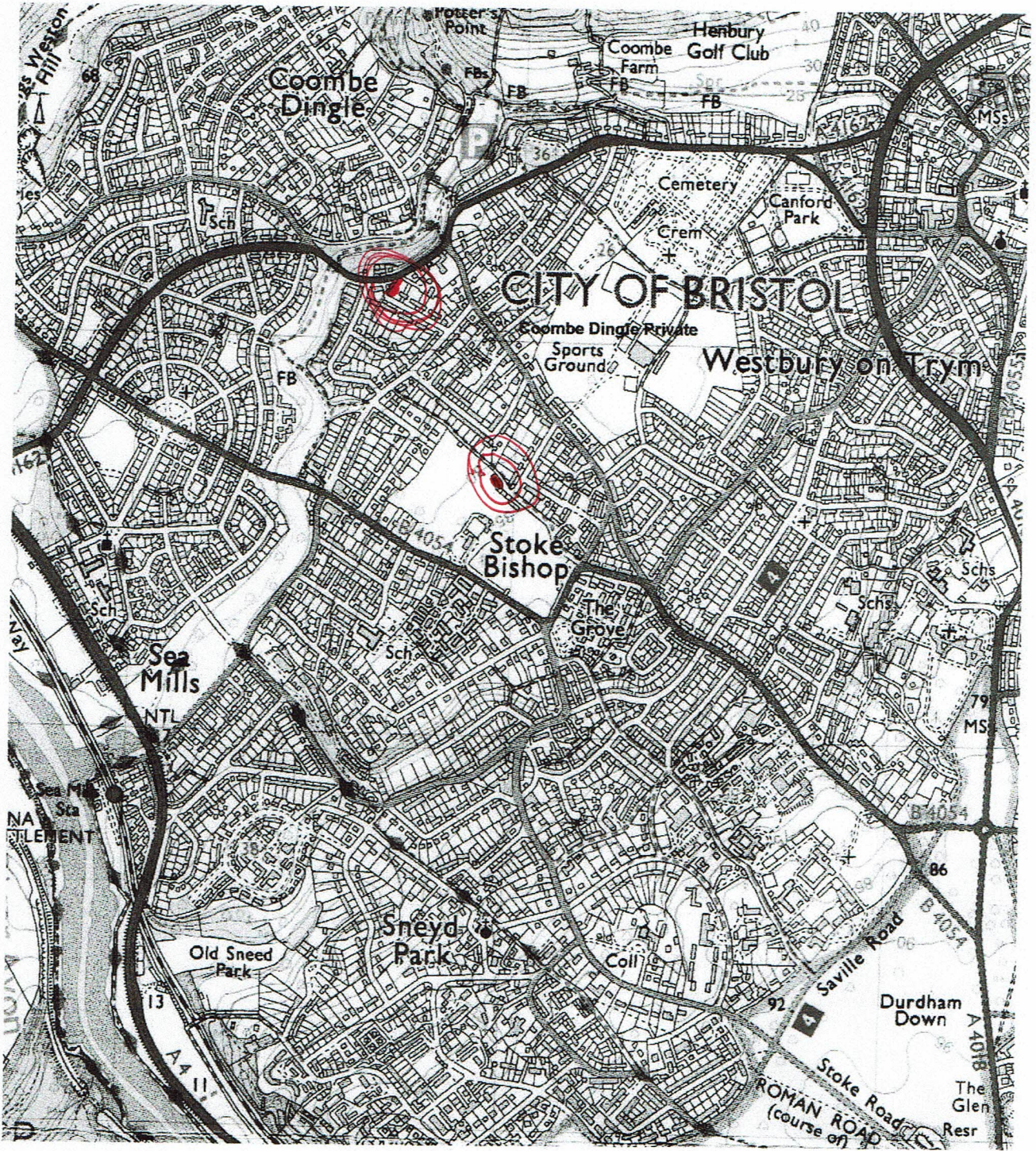
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Map "B" of locality surrounding Stoke Lodge Parkland



0 100 200 300 400 500



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JULY 1997
<<143>>

CHILDRENS BIRTHDAY PARTY

PLAYING
ROUNDERS.



JULY 1994 <<144>> WOODLAND GROVE ANNUAL PARTY.



JULY 1997 - CHILDREN'S BIRTHDAY PARTY PLAYING ROUNDERS

