

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: - DAVID BAKER
(BLOCK CAPITALS)

My Name is: - DAVID BAKER

My Address is: - 29 WOODLAND GROVE
BRISTOL
BS9 2BD

My occupation is: - RETIRED

I will say as follows: -

1. Please refer to my Questionnaire attached and dated: - 15th March 2016

2. Please refer also to my Statement attached and dated: - 12th January 2012

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

Signed 

Dated..... 15th March 2016

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Jenny & David Baker
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Thursday, 12 January 2012

Dear,

We are writing in support of the proposition that the open space of Stoke Lodge should be designated as Town Green Status in view of the long established use of the open space by so many people over so many years.

We have lived in Woodland Grove since 1974 and like so many residents whose houses are adjacent to Stoke Lodge have garden gates opening on to Stoke Lodge. Access to Stoke Lodge and use of the open spaces has been universally available to the adults and children residing around Stoke Lodge as well as to the hundreds of other people living in the area and beyond, who have during our 37 years' experience and observation used Stoke Lodge without secrecy, without permission and without force.

Many groups and individuals from the local community have enjoyed using Stoke Lodge for a variety of formal and informal constructive and healthy recreational activities. They have all used Stoke Lodge in a responsible way. We have listed some of the current uses to emphasise the widespread use of Stoke Lodge without secrecy, without permission and without force.

"Power Walkers" usually ladies, from keep fit or weight watchers,
Athletes training by running around the perimeter or sprints across the field
Dog walking
Families and individuals strolling across and around the field
Family Picnics
Hot air balloon landings
Informal cricket, rounders, football and rugby games with parents playing with their children
Informal football played by scratch teams or small groups of teenagers
Informal sports as part of Woodland Grove BBQ Day
One to one sports coaching (by which a local boy became Glos CCC 2nd XI wicket keeper)
Outdoor sketching – from Stoke Lodge Adult Learning Art Classes
Picking blackberries, mulberries and walnuts
Scouts, Guides and Brownies having outdoor meetings
Walking to Shirehampton Road shops across the field via Stoke Paddock Road
Walking to Stoke Bishop village shops across the field via Druid Hill
Walking to Stoke Lodge for Adult Learning Classes

We very much hope that the information we have supplied goes to support the proposition that Stoke Lodge has for generations, been used by the community for recreational purposes and that this should continue to be the case.

Yours Faithfully,

Jenny and David Baker

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

	NAME of Witness Print	DAVID BAKER
1	Your address when you used the land being claimed as "Town Green" and edged in red on Map "A"?	29 WOODLAND GROVE BRISTOL BS9 2BD
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"	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
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"?	43 YEARS
9	Between which years did you use the Land edged in red on Map "A"?	1973 - 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? <i>Please tick all boxes that apply and add any other additional matters not covered</i>				
	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		VILLAGE HALL
	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 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

FROM MY BACK GARDEN GATE

ON FOOT

WALKING, RECREATION, SHOPPING

DAILY

WALKING, DOG-WALKING, SPORTS -
TRAINING, BACK-ERRY PICKING ETC.

YES

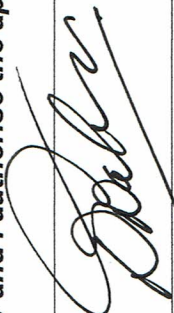
WALKING, SHOPPING

YES

SPORTS, RACES, ROUNDELS FOR
WOODLAND GROVE CELEBRATIONS

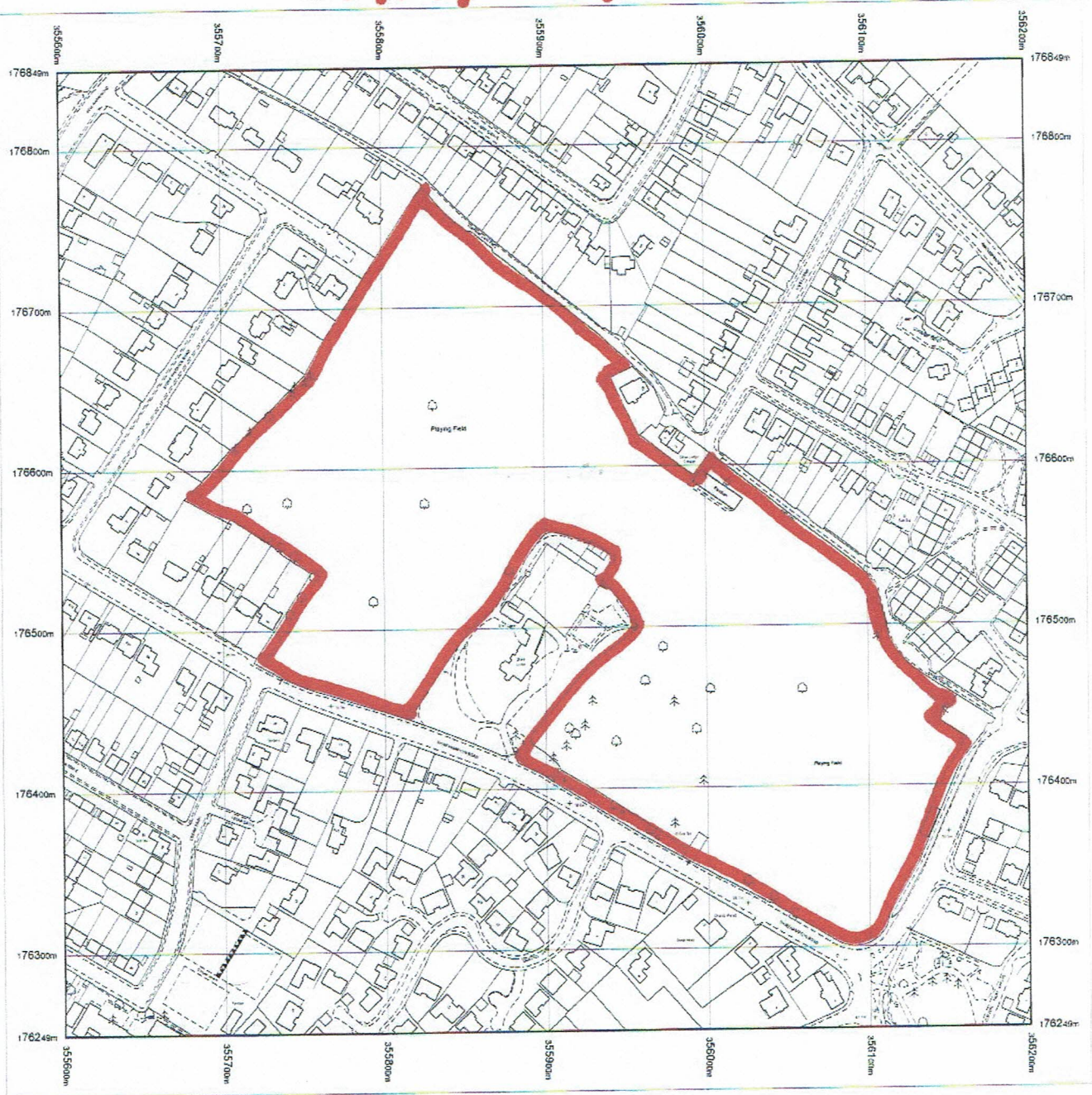
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24	Do any organisations use the Land edged in red on Map "A" for sports or pastimes? If so, please specify.	LOCAL BROWNIES & GUIDES NATURE WALKS, WIDE GAMES, SPORTS BLACKBERRY & WALNUT PICKING			
25	Do any seasonal activities take place on the Land 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
	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.	BRISTOL CITY COUNCIL			
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?	NO			
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			

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?	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)	
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 xx 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	
48	Name	DAVID BAKER
49	Date	15th March 2016



MAP 'A'



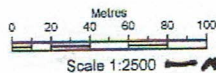
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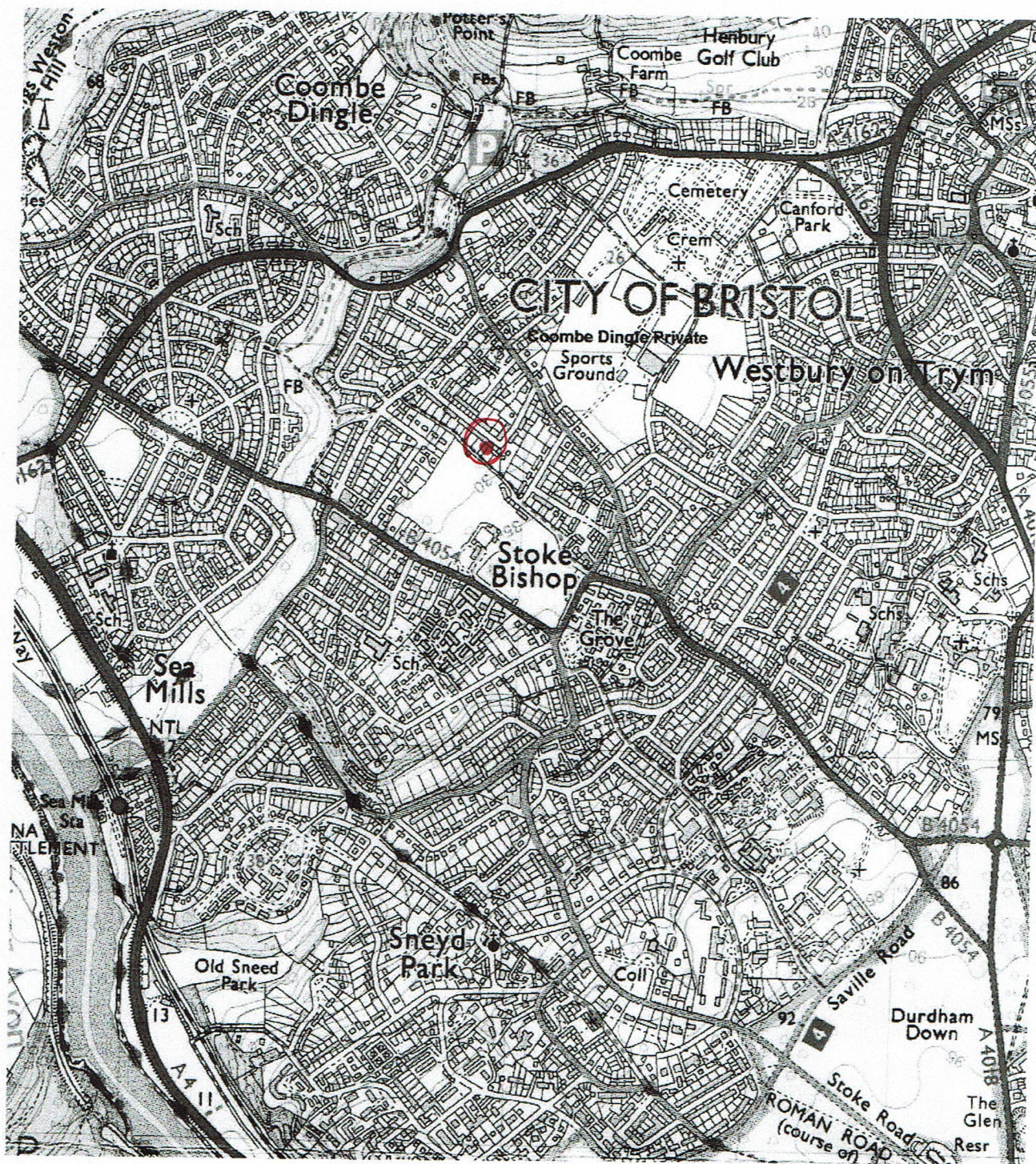
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Map "B" of locality surrounding Stoke Lodge Parkland



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