

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: - Andrew SHAW
(BLOCK CAPITALS)

My Name is: - Andrew Shaw.

My Address is: - 13, Belle Broom Rd,
STOKE BISHOP,
BRISTOL, BS9 2DA.

My occupation is: - RETIRED CHARTERED QUANTITY SURVEYOR.

I will say as follows: -

1. Please refer to my Questionnaire attached and dated: -
2. Please refer also to my Statement attached and dated: -

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

Signed 

Dated..... 23/3/16

Witness Statement in support of the**Town Green Application for Stoke Lodge Parkland****Name:** Andrew Shaw**Current Address:** 13 Bell Barn Road, Stoke Bishop, Bristol BS9 2DA.**Occupation:** Retired Chartered Quantity Surveyor**Statement:** We moved to Bell Barn Road in June 1983. We have 3 sons who were then 11, 9 and 4 years old respectively.

Over the following years we all used Stoke Lodge very regularly. We entered it generally by walking along the footpath running from Bell Barn Road and adjacent to the field. We also used the entrance from Cheyne Road.

Our activities included informal football and cricket, Frisbee and walking. Our sons had friends who lived close to or adjacent to Stoke Lodge and in school holidays would be on Stoke Lodge almost every day. They continued to use Stoke Lodge regularly until they left home at the age of 18.

Between 1983 and 1995 I was an active runner and used Stoke Lodge as an important area to train on grass rather than hard pavements.

In 1995 we acquired a Border Collie dog and used Stoke Lodge 2 or 3 times a day for walks and dog training. This continued until her death in 2010.

In recent years we have used it for walking and more recently taking grandchildren to the new play area.

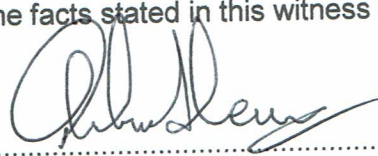
There have never been any signs where we entered Stoke Lodge on well used paths. I can only remember one fairly dilapidated sign facing the car park and can't remember what it said.

We have never been challenged or advised that we were not allowed or needed permission.

Our previous house had been very close to Blaise Castle house with easy access and we had regularly used the open area for play. When we arrived at Bell Barn Road Stoke Lodge appeared to be the same as Blaise and we used it in a similar way.

Stoke Lodge is a lovely green and informal space. Its use by local sports teams adds to its character. It needs to remain in its current form for the use by all.

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

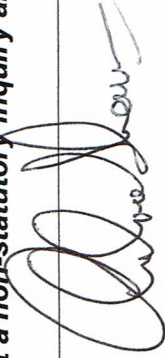
Signature: 

Date: 21/3/16

Save Stoke Lodge Parkland - Application for Town Green Registration – Evidence Questionnaire	
NAME of Witness Print	
1	Your address when you used the land being claimed as "Town Green" and edged in red on Map "A"? ANDREW SUKAW 13, BEL BARR RD, STOKE BISHOV, BESSTON. B59 2DA
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
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"? 33 YEARS
9	Between which years did you use the Land edged in red on Map "A"? 1983 – 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	✓	other
	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"?			No	
14	How do you gain access to the Land edged in red on Map "A"?			GENERALLY FROM DUNDEE FOOTPATH OFF BELL BARN RD	
15	How do you travel to and from the Land edged in red on Map "A"?			WALK	
16	Why do you go on to the Land edged in red on Map "A"?			WALKING, PLAYING GAMES WITH 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)			2 NO W GROUNDCHILDREN, RUNNING, DOG WALKING	
18	What activities do/did you take part in on the Land edged in red on Map "A"?			ABOUT EVERY DAY, SOMETIMES TWICE A DAY FOOTBALL, CRICKET WITH OUR FAMILY.	
19	Does your immediate family use the Land edged in red on Map "A"?			1983 - 2000 - very often 2000 - 2016 - when in BRISTOL.	
20	If so, for what?			FAMILY FOOTBALL, CRICKET, FRISBEE	
21	Do you know of any community activities that take place or have taken place on the Land edged in red on Map "A"?			FAMILY PICNICS, CHILDRENS GAMES YES.	
22	If so please list them and state when and for how long they have taken place?			FAMILY PICNICS, FRISBEE, RUNNING BLACKBERRY PICKING, DOG WALKING, WALKING. ALL VARIOUS TIMES YES.	
23	Do/did you participate in any of them?				

24	Do any organisations use the Land edged in red on Map "A" for sports or pastimes? If so, please specify.	YES
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	☒
	Rounders	☒
	Drawing and painting	☒
	Dog Walking	☒
	Team Games (Formal)	☒
	Team Games (informal)	☒
	Picking blackberries	☒
	Community celebrations	☒
	Fetes	☒
	Football	☒
	Rugby	☒
	Cricket	☒
	Bird watching	☒
	Picnicking	☒
	Kite flying	☒
	People walking	☒
	Bonfire parties	☒
	Bicycle riding	☒
	Carol singing	☒
	other	☒
	other	☒
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	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. BOSTON 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.	YES, BOSTON CITY COUNCIL.
29	Has the owner or occupier seen you on the Land edged in red on Map "A"?	DON'T KNOW.
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?	
33	Did anyone ever give you permission to go onto the Land edged in red on Map "A"?	DID NOT THINK WE NEEDED PERMISSION
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

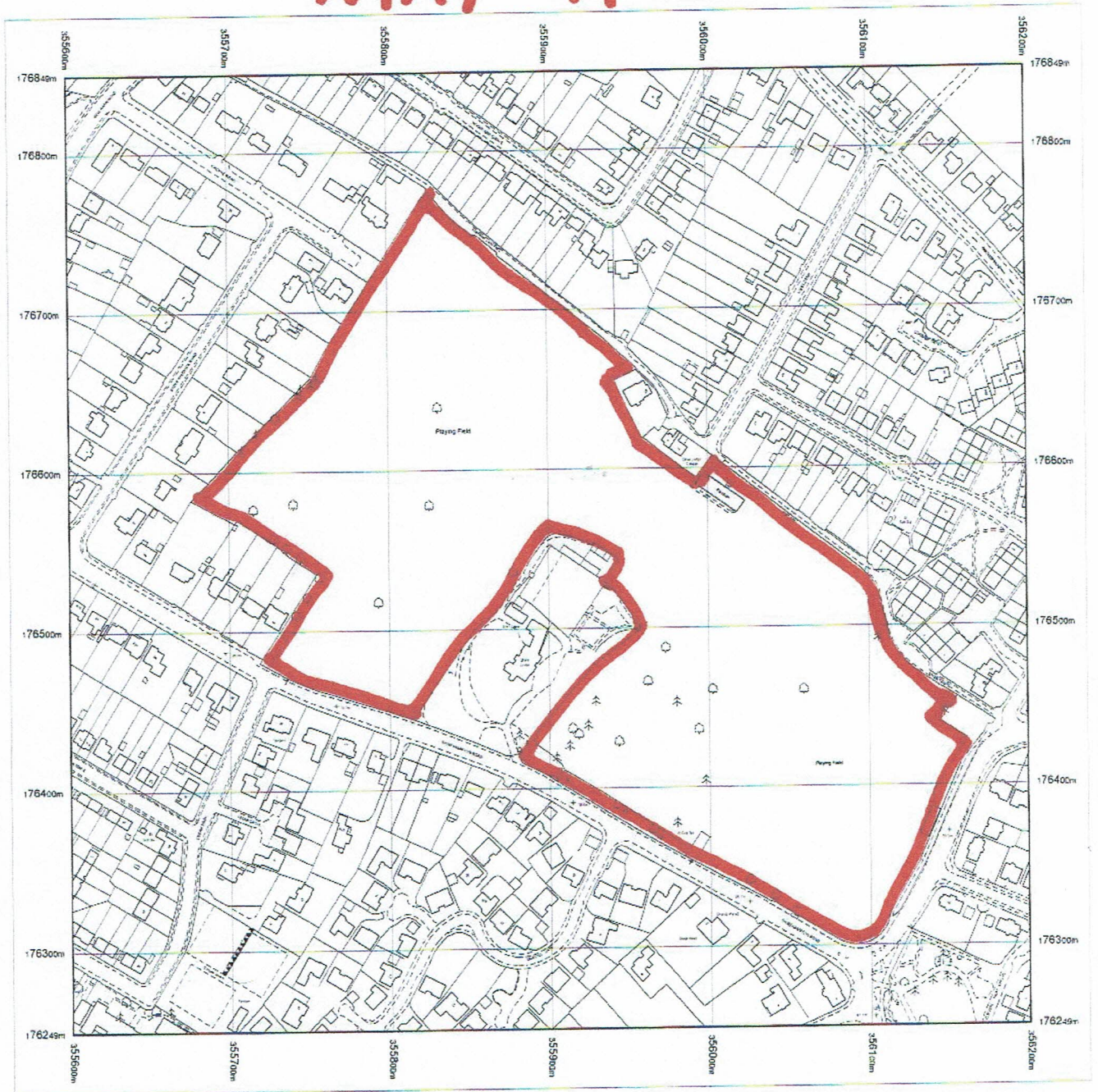
36	If yes, when and for what reason?	
37	Has any attempt been made by any means to prevent or discourage the use being made of the Land edged in red on Map "A" by local inhabitants?	Not Tame 1 in aware of
38	If yes, give examples and dates	
39	Are you aware of any signs or notices restricting access to the Land edged in red on Map "A" by local inhabitants?	Yes. One Sign by House.
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 33 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	Andrew Shaw
49	Date	14/3/16.

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MAP 'A'



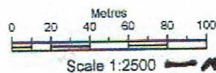
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