

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: - *MARTIN BENNETT*
(BLOCK CAPITALS)

My Name is: - *Martin Bennett*

My Address is: - *1 West Dene*
Bristol BS9 2BQ

My occupation is: - *Photographer*

I will say as follows: -

1. Please refer to my Questionnaire attached and dated: - *25/2/16*

2. Please refer also to my Statement attached and dated: - *23/1/12*

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

Signed *MRB*

Dated *29/3/16*

Susan Mayer

From: Martin Bennett [m.bennett@me.com]
Sent: 23 January 2012 13:08
To: stoke.lodge@hotmail.co.uk
Cc: Susan Mayer
Subject: Correction- Informal

>
> RE:
> Stoke Lodge Parkland
> Stoke Bishop
> Bristol
>
> To Whom it may concern,
>
I have been using Stoke Lodge Parkland
unfettered for over 15 years .
> During that length time i have walked , run, kicked a footy, flown a kite ,have rode
my bike around, as well as picked walnuts,plums and blackberries with my family . We
have had family picnics in the summer and make snowmen and snowball fights in the
winter with hundreds of other families with their kids .There are so many different
parts of the Parkland that offer so many different experience to enjoy as i have just
mentioned.
> At no stage did i consider it anything other than parkland. No one has ever asked us
to move on and nobody in any official capacity approach us and we have entered the
park from many different entrances that are not signed. So have always used the Stoke
Lodge Parkland "as of right" as it is the only piece of community land at our disposal
.
>
> There have also had several informal community cricket matches between neighbouring
streets of West Dene v South Dene in the past with a picnic and we tried to organise
one last year but the weather went against us but they have really have brought
together the community over the years.
>
> This is not a normal flat piece of parkland as well but a beautiful landscape with
magnificent trees and is parkland that all Bristolians should be proud to have and one
that we use on a daily basis whether that be walking to school , playing after school
or playing on the weekend.
>
> As many other local spaces have been sold off for housing or made into sports
complex's that are barely used (e.g. Portway Rugby Centre , Westbury Fields and the
National Smelting ground for housing) , to hear that a attempt to take our local park
away from the community is beyond belief really especially as we have no alternative
in the ward of Stoke Bishop .
> It is the only park in the ward of Stoke Bishop so don't the Council have a legal
obligation to provide us with a park under the Green Spaces charter .
>
> I would be quiet happy to give my views at any forum at length as i can't stress
enough what a big part of our life Stoke Lodge Parkland is to me and my family.
> My daughter refers to it as the "The park at the end of the street" and we look
forward to many more years of fun at the together at "The Park " at Stoke Lodge.
>
> Yours
>
> Martin Bennett
> 1 West Dene
> Stoke Bishop
> BS9 2BQ



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

	NAME of Witness Print	MARTIN BENNETT
1	Your address when you used the land being claimed as "Town Green" and edged in red on Map "A"?	1 West Dene Stoke B. Shop BS4 2BQ
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?	7 Park View Terrace St George BSS.
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 Parkland
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"?	18 years
9	Between which years did you use the Land edged in red on Map "A"?	1996 – 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
	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"?			
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?			

West Dene or Cheyne Rd
Walk or Bike

Recreation, walk to school/shops

Everyday in Summer, 4 times in winter

Hockey Football, Kite Fly, w/L Kids.
Berry picking Dog walking

YES

AS Above
To use
Playground Bikeriding
Activities

NOTHING FORMAL

24	Do any organisations use the Land edged in red on Map "A" for sports or pastimes? If so, please specify.		Kids Amateur Football on weekends	
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.			
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"?			
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"?			
34	If yes, when and for what reason?			
35	Have you ever been prevented from using the Land edged in red on Map "A"?			

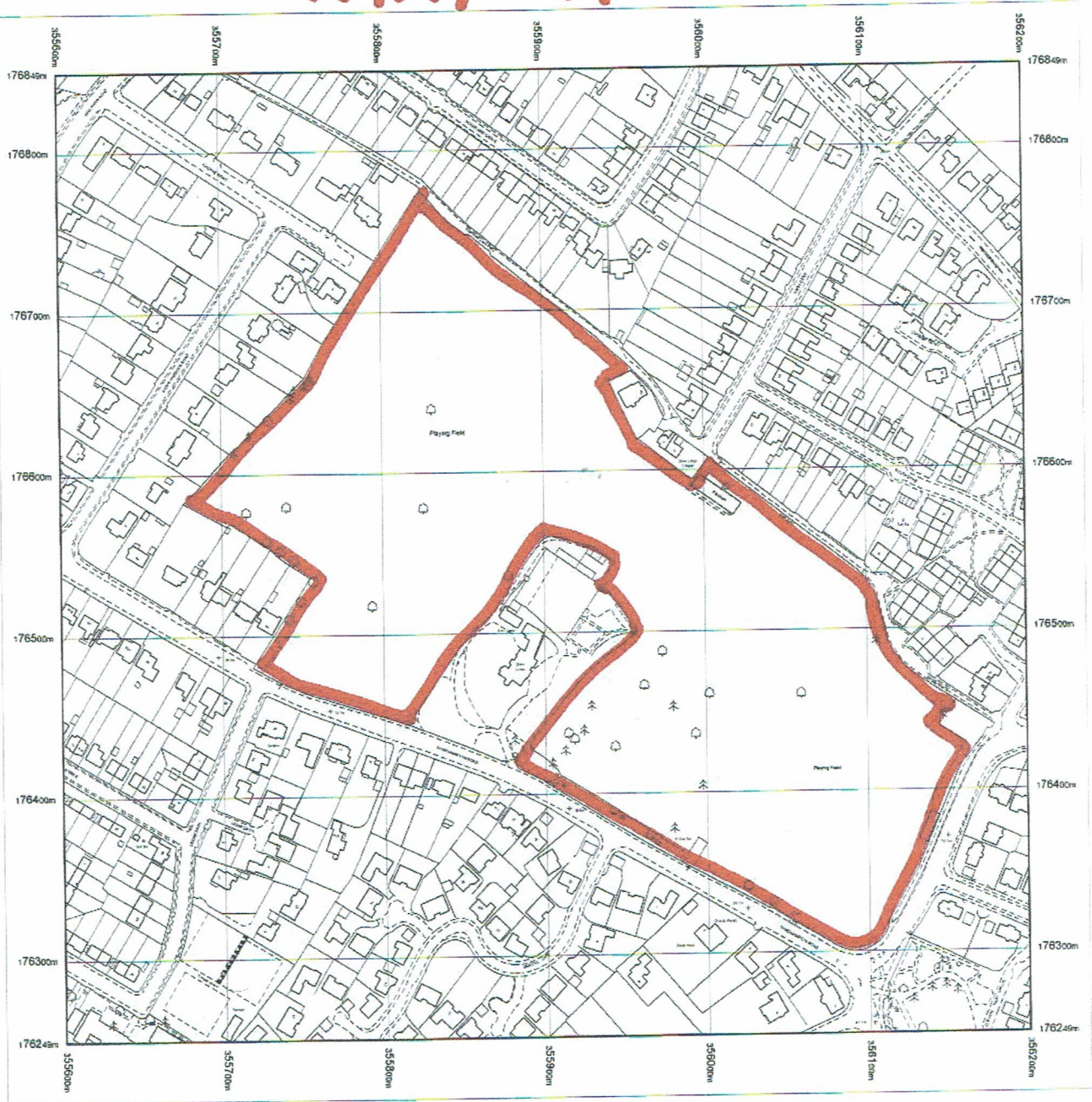
36	If yes, when and for what reason?	—
37	Has any attempt been made by any means to prevent or discourage the use being made of the Land edged in red on Map "A" by local inhabitants?	NO
38	If yes, give examples and dates	—
39	Are you aware of any signs or notices restricting access to the Land edged in red on Map "A" by local inhabitants?	There is a old County of Aun sign
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 18 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	MARTIN BENNETT
49	Date	25/2/16.

<<187>>



OS Sitemap®

MAP 'A'



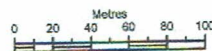
Produced 29.11.2010 from the Ordnance Survey National Geographic Database and incorporating surveyed revision available at this date. © Crown Copyright 2010.

Reproduction in whole or part is prohibited without the prior permission of Ordnance Survey.

Ordnance Survey, the OS Symbol and OS Sitemap are registered trademarks of Ordnance Survey, the national mapping agency of Great Britain.

The representation of a road, track or path is no evidence of a right of way.

The representation of features as lines is no evidence of a property boundary.



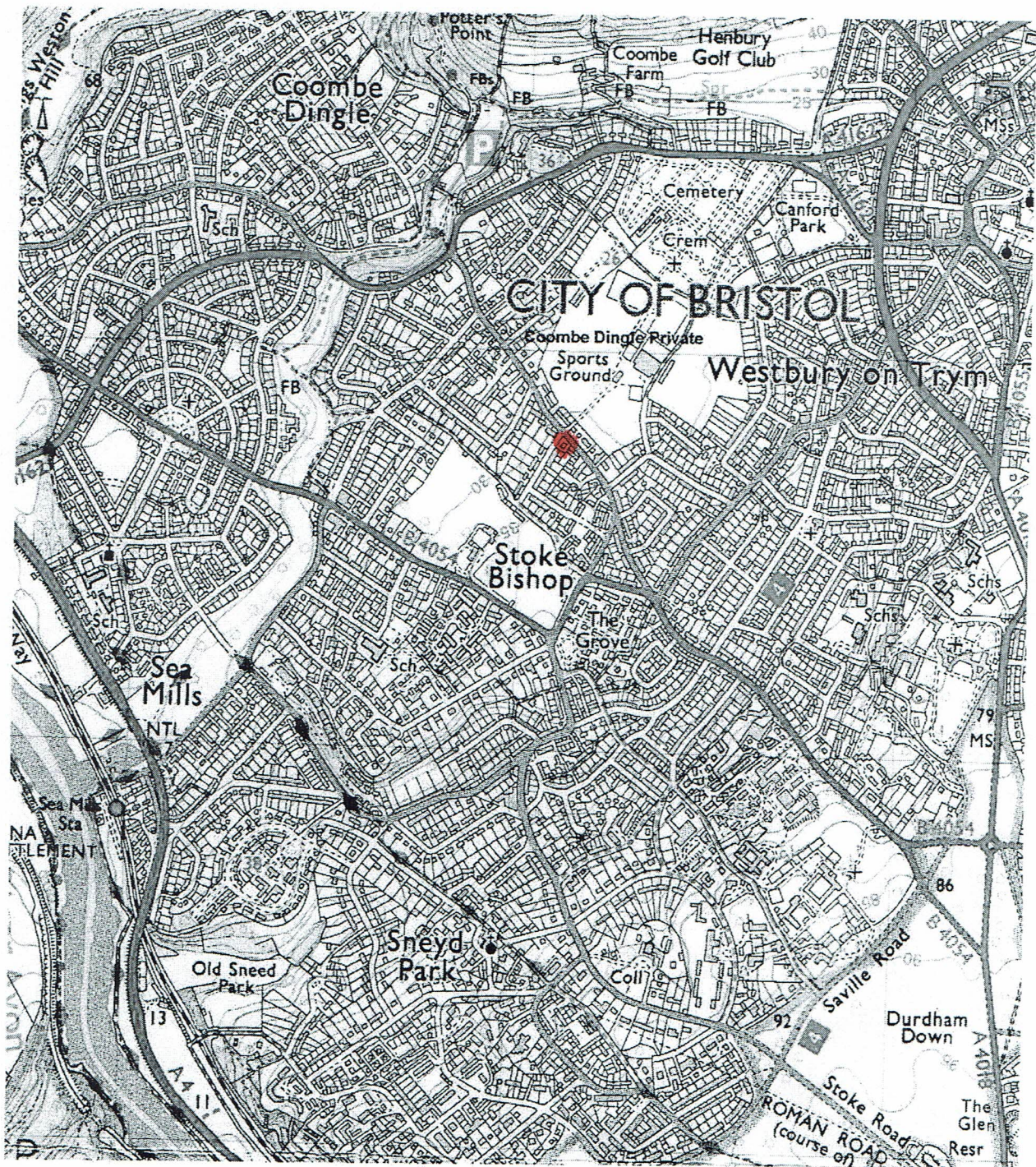
Scale 1:2500

Supplied by: Latitude - Southampton
Serial number: 06349100
Centre coordinates: 355899.67 176549.37

Further information can be found on the OS Sitemap information leaflet or the Ordnance Survey web site:
www.ordnancesurvey.co.uk

NOT TO SCALE WHEN COPIED AT A4.

Map "B" of locality surrounding Stoke Lodge Parkland



0 100 200 300 400 500



Meters

[Handwritten signature]