

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: - STEPHANIE FRENCH
(BLOCK CAPITALS)

My Name is: - Stephanie French

My Address is: - 18, Old Sned Avenue, Stoke Bishop
BS9 1SE

My occupation is: - Registered Medical Practitioner (Retired)

I will say as follows: -

1. Please refer to my Questionnaire attached and dated: - 12/3/2016

2. Please refer also to my Statement attached and dated: - 24/3/2016

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

Signed

Dated..... 27/3/2016

Witness Statement in support of Town Green Application for Stoke Lodge Parkland

My name is Stephanie Roberta French. I live at 18 Old Sneed Avenue Stoke Bishop Bristol. BS9 1SE

I am a retired, but still Registered, Medical Practitioner.

I have used Stoke Lodge Parkland informally over a number of years. I have used it peaceably, openly and without seeking or being granted permission, and I have not been challenged on any occasion over 31 years of using the land.

My first use of the land was in the 1980, when I lived in Redland (39 Ravenswood Road) and my son, then aged between 7 and 12, played football there with some of his school friends. This was not as a member of an organised football club, but informal "five a side" play. I would take him there and stay while he played, or my husband would stay. When he was older he would go there unaccompanied to play football.

There were no bars to access that I recall. I do not remember if there were notices about being denied access there or not, although post TVG Application these have been brought to my attention. We did not force entry by clambering over fences or gates or damaging any barriers. There was free access from West Dene, from Ebenezer Lane and from Cheyne Road and, when the gate to the Stoke Lodge car park was open, from the driveway. We did not damage the land or its trees or its boundaries in any way. We were not challenged by Council staff. I do not know if we were noticed by Council staff. We did not request access.

For a short while we moved away to the centre of town and then to North Somerset.

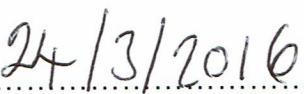
In 2007 I returned to live in Bristol and moved into a house in Stoke Bishop (address above). I then started to use the land known to me as Stoke Lodge Parkland again.

My use has been informal, using entrances at Cheyne Road, Ebenezer Lane and via the driveway by the car park around the House. I have more recently seen the notices stating that it is trespass to use the land, (not at Cheyne Road) but I have never damaged the land or anything on it, and I believe that as the land is owned by Bristol City Council, and I have never interfered with their use or ownership of the land, nor have I disrupted or interfered with any activity taking place on the land, I can, as a citizen of Bristol and tax payer to Bristol Council, go on to the land and enjoy the amenities (the space, fresh air and visual amenity) it affords.

I have walked across and around the land, alone and with friends and with family members (my son and his son). I have practised Tai Chi with a group of friends during the summer. I have joined in with a Community picnic. I have for many years regularly seen other people using the Parkland openly and freely in an informal way singly and in groups in a manner which seemed to be their routine habit.

Signed..........

Stephanie French

Date..........

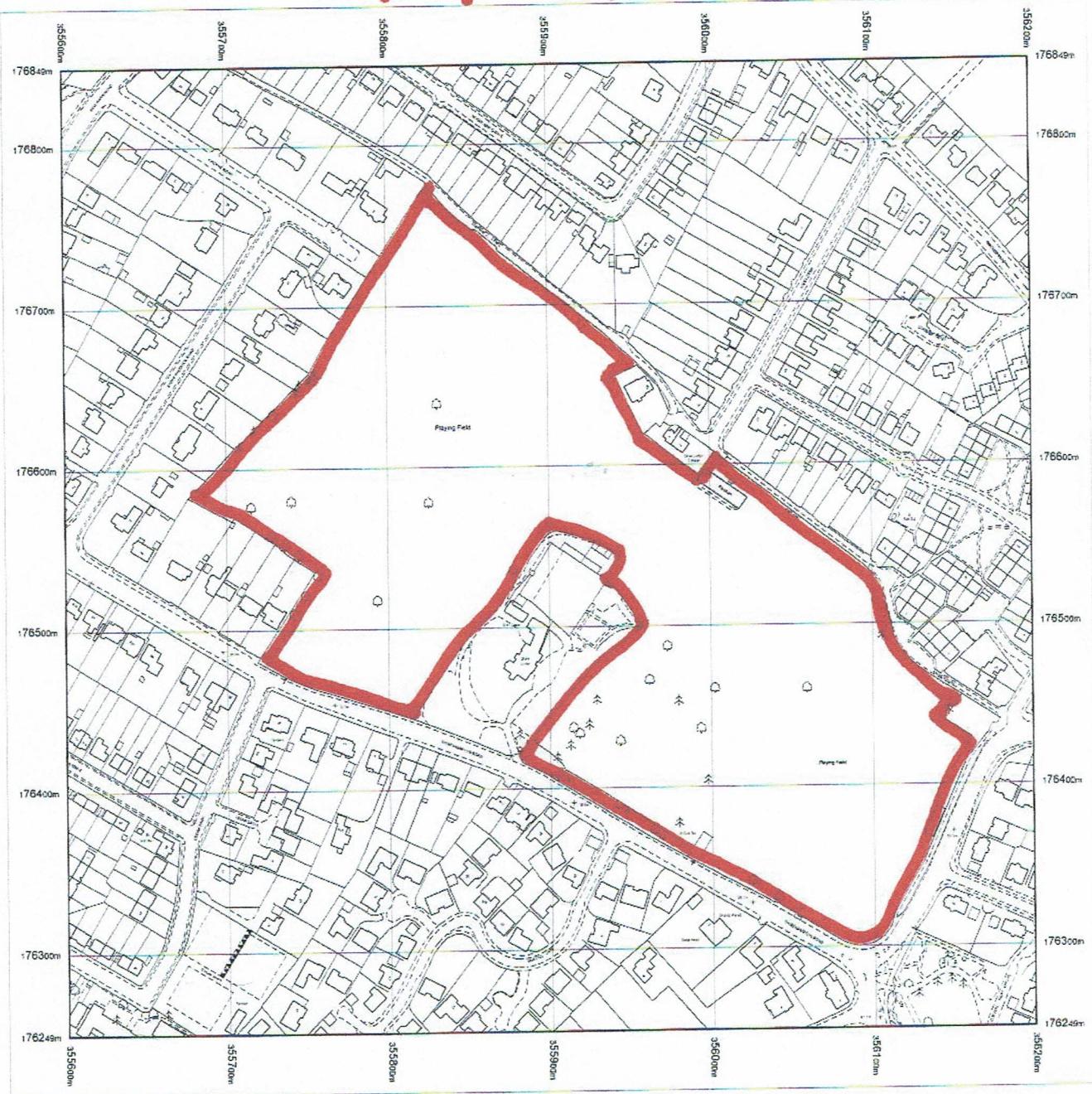
24th March 2016

Save Stoke Lodge Parkland - Application for Town Green Registration – Evidence Questionnaire	
NAME of Witness Print	STÉPHANIE FRENCH
1 Your address when you used the land being claimed as "Town Green" and edged in red on Map "A"?	18, OLD SNEYD AVENUE BS9 1SE * 39, RAVENSWOOD RD. REDLAND BS6
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?	Same as in 1
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?	not to me.
8 For how many years have you known about the Land edged in red on Map "A"?	Since 1973. 43 years
9 Between which years did you us the Land edged in red on Map "A"?	1985 → 1993 2007 continuing
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>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Community centre <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sports facility only a commercial one <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Swimming pool <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Library <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alt green space within easy walking <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Area police <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Doctors surgery <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local infants school <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local junior school <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local secondary school <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Residents association <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Neighbourhood watch <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Neighbourhood Partnership <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local place of worship	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Community activities <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A central feature <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scout hut <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other Village Hall <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other
13	To your knowledge are there any public paths crossing the Land edged in red on Map "A"?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> via Cheyne Rd 3 via Ebenezer Lane <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> via West Done 4 via Stoke Lodge House <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> walk 2 by car <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> walk 3 1985 - 1993 supervise son
14	How do you gain access to the Land edged in red on Map "A"?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fortnightly
15	How do you travel to and from the Land edged in red on Map "A"?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> walk ; Tai Chi ; supervise son informally playing football
16	Why do you go on to the Land edged in red on Map "A"?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> only once or twice a year. do not live in Bristol
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)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> walking ; enjoying fresh air .
18	What activities do/did you take part in on the Land edged red on Map "A"?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> picnic . Yes
19	Does your immediate family use the Land edged in red on Map "A"?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> picnic
20	If so, for what?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes. I want to the picnic
21	Do you know of any community activities that take place or have taken place on the Land edged in red on Map "A"?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
22	If so please list them and state when and for how long they have taken place?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
23	Do/did you participate in any of them?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

24	Do any organisations use the Land edged in red on Map "A" for sports or pastimes? If so, please specify.	<i>local sports clubs - Cotham Academy uses part of the land</i>
25	Do any seasonal activities take place on the Land edged in red on Map "A"	<i>not to my knowledge</i>
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"/>
27	Do you know the name of the owner of the Land edged in red on Map "A"? And if so please state.	<i>Yes . Bristol City Council / some of the land is leased to Cotham Academy otherwise Bristol City Council /</i>
28	Do you know the name of the occupier of the Land edged in red on Map "A"? And if so please state.	<i>Don't know .</i>
29	Has the owner or occupier seen you on the Land edged in red on Map "A"?	<i>Never approached me</i>
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"?	<i>NO</i>
32	If so, from whom and when?	<i>-</i>
33	Did anyone ever give you permission to go onto the Land edged in red on Map "A"?	<i>I have never asked for permission</i>
34	If yes, when and for what reason?	<i>-</i>
35	Have you ever been prevented from using the Land edged in red on Map "A"?	<i>NO</i>

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?	A sign appeared by the House "n 2009. I have not seen signs at other entries those is no sign at an entry point - only one within the land that I have seen to just that road or rear car park unless with permission e.g use of Adult hearing service.
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?	
40	Do you have any photographs or any other evidence of use of the Land edged in red on Map "A" by local inhabitants?	
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? (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 4-3 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	STEPHANIE FRENCH
49	Date	12 - 03 - 2016



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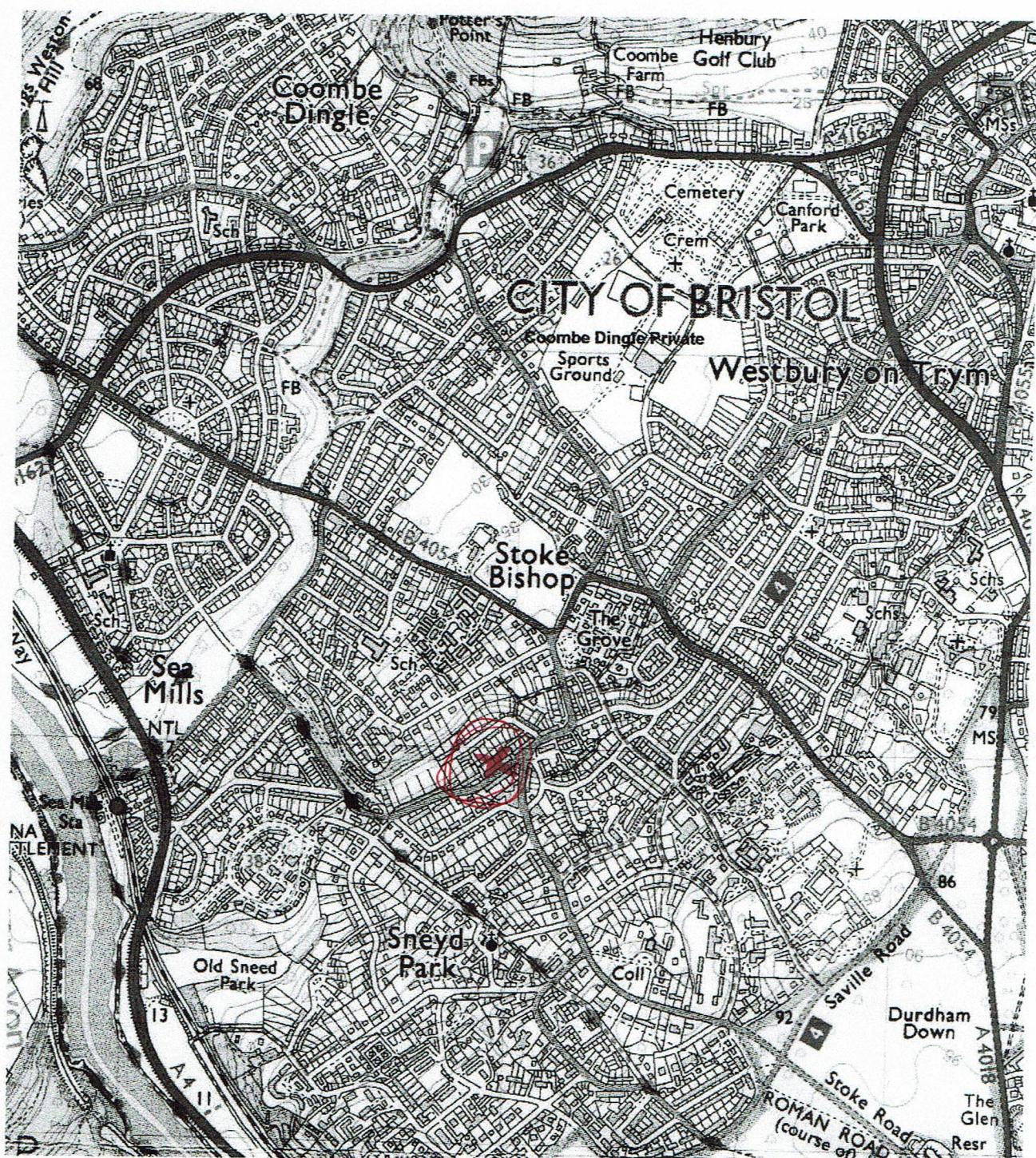
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Map "B" of locality surrounding Stoke Lodge Parkland <<214>>



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