

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: - GABRIELLE ROSALIE
(BLOCK CAPITALS) HUGGINS

My Name is: - (Mrs) Gabrielle Rosalie Huggins

My Address is: - 52 Stoke Hill, Stoke Bishop.
Bristol BS9 1ER

My occupation is: - Retired. Neighbourhood Partnership

I will say as follows: - Ward Representative

1. Please refer to my Questionnaire attached and dated: - 27th January 2011

2. Please refer also to my Statement attached and dated: - 24th January 2011
+ 12th January 2012

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

Signed G.R. Huggins

Dated..... 29th March 2016.

52 Stoke Hill
Stoke Bishop
Bristol BS9 1ER
12th January 2012

Mr D Mayer
Save Stoke Lodge Parkland
68a Coombe Lane
Westbury on Trym
Bristol BS9 2AY

Dear Mr Mayer

I am writing in response to the objections to the proposed Village Green application.

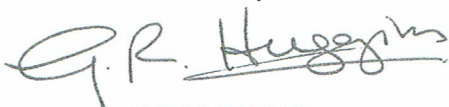
I have been a resident of Stoke Bishop since 1978 and have used the area of Stoke Lodge ever since. When I first used the area with my children there were **no** signs prohibiting users and I have never been challenged while on site. I have used it for various activities, mainly with my children for walking, games of ball, kite flying, etc. and for exercise with my dog. I have also used it for bird watching, and for pure pleasure of being in the fresh air in a densely populated area. With the loss of the green areas of Clifton High School playing field and the Smelting Works, now covered with large and numerous properties, this has remained a much needed green space for local residents, safe from traffic as it has a walled boundary, but open at various points for access, which has never been denied.

I have been a user of the Adult courses at Stoke Lodge over the years, and also gardened the walled garden at one stage, but this has been left to become overgrown.

As a local resident I do feel that the Stoke Lodge Parkland is available to use "as of right" after all these years. Signs were only erected about 20 years ago, and all who I regularly met on site did not know where they had come from, or who had requested their erection. No one I know has ever been challenged in accordance with the signs, and I question whether they have any right to be there.

This area is used a great deal for sport, which is welcomed, but there is room for everyone and this should be maintained.

Yours sincerely



Mrs G R HUGGINS

WITNESS STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF

TOWN GREEN APPLICATION FOR STOKE LODGE PARKLAND

Name: Mrs Gabrielle Rosalie Huggins

Address: 52 Stoke Hill, Stoke Bishop, Bristol BS9 1ER.

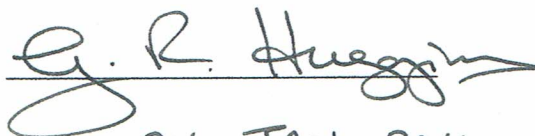
Occupation: Retired

My husband and I moved to this address in September 1978, together with our son who was nearly 2 years old. We subsequently had a daughter. Both children attended Stoke Bishop C of E Primary School, Cedar Park.

We have used Stoke Lodge continuously over the past 32 years for numerous reasons – including playing games with the children, children's parties, bird watching, flown kites, walked our dog, and Brownie Sports Days. I have taken courses at Stoke Lodge House in bridge, bird watching and cookery, and we used the walled garden, which contains a rare medlar tree, for several years as a small allotment. My husband has used Stoke Lodge through the Rotary Club for charity fund-raising events.

Access has been gained from all access points of Stoke Lodge Parkland – Shirehampton Road, Parrys Lane, West Dene and Cheyne Road. We have never been denied access at any time, and have never seen anyone patrolling the area to control access or usage. We usually walk from home as it is so close. It is the only open space available to us in Stoke Bishop to enjoy and take exercise. I met and made many friends when walking our dog round its perimeter and through the adjacent lanes, and continue to do so, enjoying the fauna and flora. It has become a regular venue for sport and running/jogging, which has increased in popularity over the years, while still allowing the public to walk freely around the grounds. The trees are beautiful and the view across to Kingsweston and the Blaise Estate gives a feeling of space and freedom in a densely populated area.

I believe that the facts stated in this Witness Statement are true.

Signature: 

Date : 24 JAN. 2011

Save Stoke Lodge Parkland - Application for Town Green Registration – Evidence Questionnaire	
	NAME of Witness Print GABRIELLE ROSALIE HUGGINS
1	Your address when you used the land being claimed as "Town Green" and edged in red on Map "A"? 52 STROKE HILL STROKE BISHP BRISTOL BS9 1ER
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? STROKE 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"? 32 1/2
9	Between which years did you use the Land edged in red on Map "A"? 1978 - PRESENT DAY
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		Memorial Fountain
	Residents association	✓	Library	mobile club	Scout hut
	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"? SHIREHAMPTON ROAD/PARENTS LANE/ CHEYNE ROAD/WEST DENE				
15	How do you travel to and from the Land edged in red on Map "A"? MAINLY WALK				
16	Why do you go on to the Land edged in red on Map "A"? EXERCISE / PLEASURE				
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) USED TO WALK DOG DAILY.				
18	What activities do/did you take part in on the Land edged red on Map "A"? WALKING				
19	Does your immediate family use the Land edged in red on Map "A"? USED TO WHEN LIVED AT HOME				
20	If so, for what? GAMES				
21	Do you know of any community activities that take place or have taken place on the Land edged in red on Map "A"? PICNICS / PARTIES / SOCIAL WALKING				
22	If so please list them and state when and for how long they have taken place? as above				
23	Do/did you participate in any of them? YES				

24	Do any organisations use the Land edged in red on Map "A" for sports or pastimes? If so, please specify.	YES - SHIREHAMPTON COATS F.C. CRICKET CLUB SCHOOLS/SCOUTS
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.	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.	MAINTAINED BY UNIVERSITY GREENSDMAN
29	Has the owner or occupier seen you on the Land edged in red on Map "A"?	NO
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"?	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

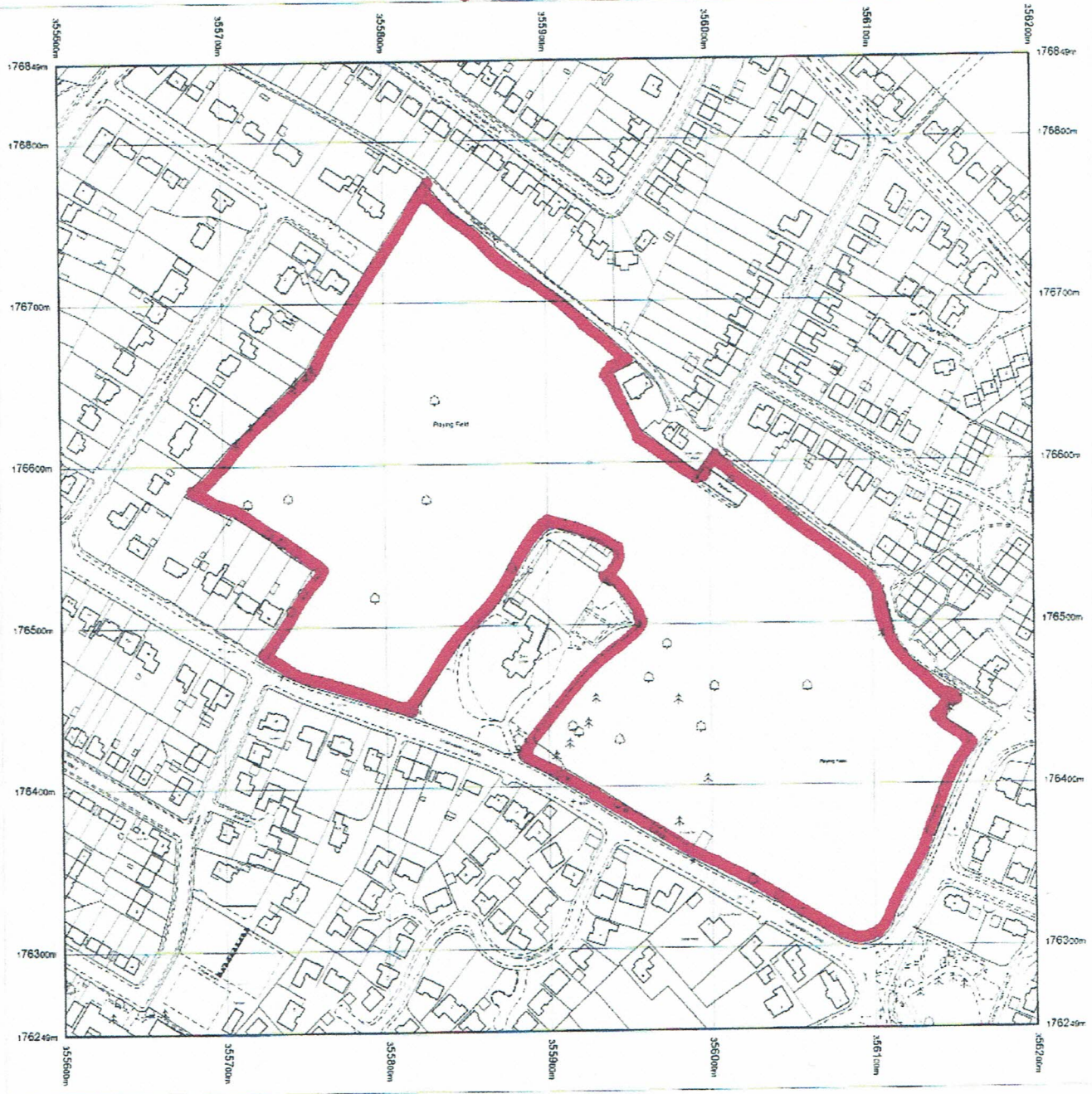
36	If yes, when and for what reason?	
37	Has any attempt been made by any means to prevent or discourage the use being made of the Land edged in red on Map "A" by local inhabitants?	YES
38	If yes, give examples and dates	2010 -- ATTEMPT TO FENCE WHOLE AREA.
39	Are you aware of any signs or notices restricting 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?	NO
41	Are you willing to allow us to copy them for use as part of our application?	YES (if I find some)
42	If you have additional information please attach a separate statement? (witness statement etc)	YES - see 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 32 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	G. R. HUGGINS
49	Date	27 JANUARY 2011

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MAP 'A'



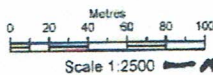
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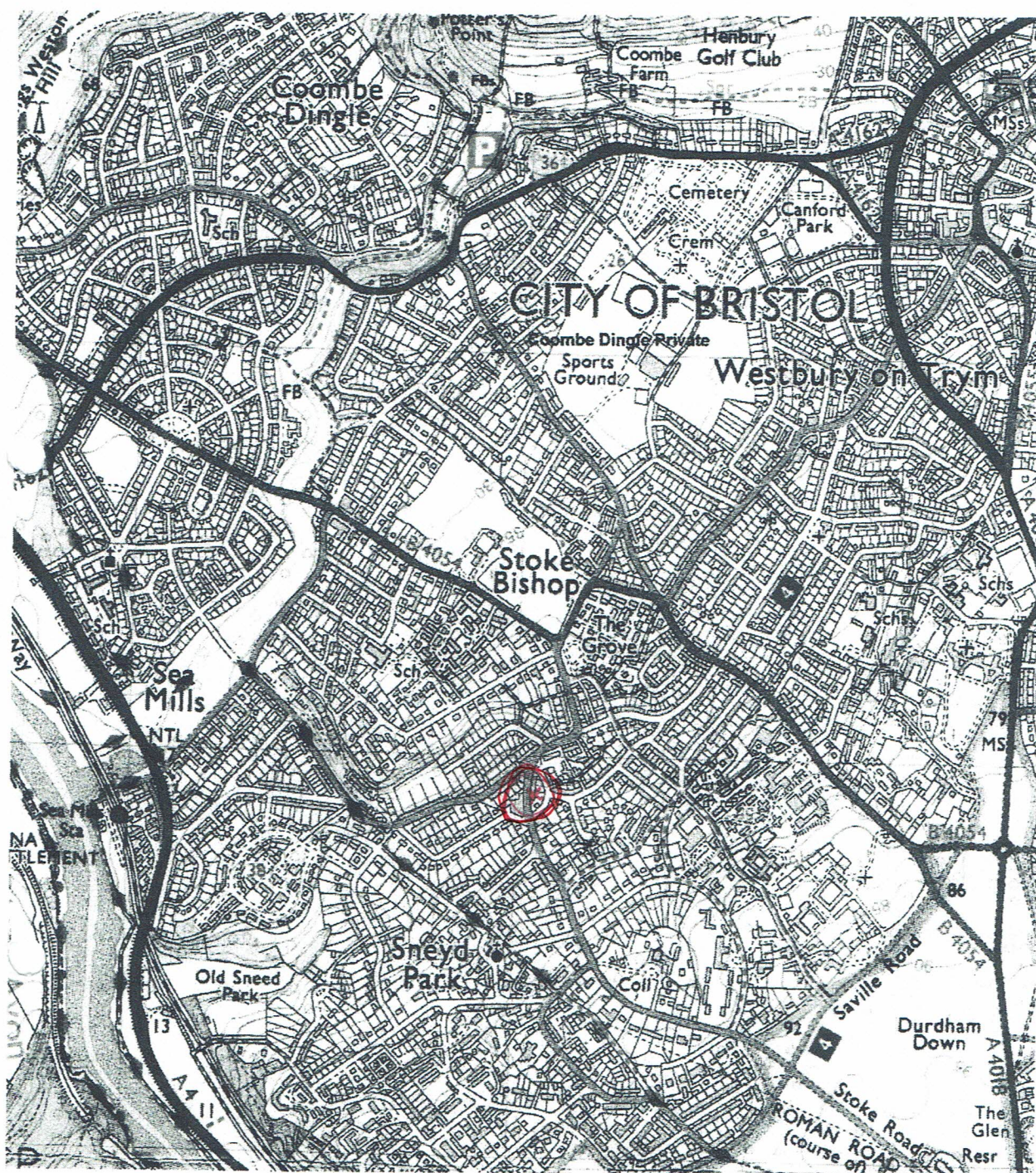


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Map "B" of locality surrounding Stoke Lodge Parkland



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