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WITNESS STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF TOWN GREENAPPLICATION FOR STOKE LODGE PARKLAND

31 January 2011

I moved to Chepstow Road - a stone's throw from Stoke Lodge - with my family 37 years ago largely because of the quality of the environment including Stoke Lodge, and we have all benefited greatly from the healthy exercise which it offers.

As a public health physician I am particularly concerned by the growing epidemic of obesity, and I have deplored the loss of all the other green space in our locality during this time. It is vital to preserve the remaining recreational facilities in these playing fields. We can all testify to the extensive use of the fields by local residents of all ages - notably the elderly and the young - as well as sports enthusiasts throughout the city. It would be directly contrary to the spirit of the age and to government policy if access to these lungs of Stoke Bishop were to be denied to us all. None of us has ever been denied access in almost four decades. I trust that enlightened good sense will prevail in preserving this public asset.

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

Alexander Macara

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

	NAME of Witness Print	ALEXANDER W. MACARA	
1	Your address when you used the land being claimed as "Town Green" and edged in red on Map "A"?	10 CHEYNE ROAD STOKE BISHOP BRISTOL BS 9 2DH	
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?		NOT TO ME
8	For how many years have you known about the Land edged in red on Map "A"?		OVER 40
9	Between which years did you use the Land edged in red on Map "A"?		1974 to DATA
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
	Local junior school	☒	Sports facility
	Local secondary school		Swimming pool
	Residents association		Library
	Neighbourhood watch	☒	Alt green space within easy walking
	Neighbourhood Partnership	☒	Area police
	Local place of worship		Doctors surgery
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"?		
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"?		
18	(apart from use of any public paths on the Land) 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"? As (18)		
22	If so please list them and state when and for how long they have taken place? NUMEROUS - EG, ORGANISED SPORTS, OVER 40+ YEARS SPECIAL CELEBRATIONS SUCH AS TUG WARS		
23	Do/did you participate in any of them?		
	ONLY AS A SPECTATOR FOR MOST		

24	Do any organisations use the Land edged in red on Map "A" for sports or pastimes? If so, please specify.	VARIOUS SCHOOLS AND SPORT CLUBS eg COTHAM SENIOR CITIEN HIGH SCHOOL, BATH UNIVERSITY, SPORTS IN EVERY SEASON AS APPROPRIATE			
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	NOT FORMALLY	Bonfire parties
	Rounders	☒	Football	☒	Bicycle riding
	Drawing and painting	☒	Rugby	☒	Carol singing
	Dog Walking	☒	Cricket	☒	other
	Team Games (Formal)	☒	Bird watching	☒	ATHLETICS
	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.	ALWAYS ASSUMED IT TO BE 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.	NO			
29	Has the owner or occupier seen you on the Land edged in red on Map "A"?	NOT TO MY KNOWLEDGE - IF THERE IS SUCH A PERSON			
30	What did they say? If anything?	NOT APPLICABLE			
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?	NOT APPLICABLE			
33	Did anyone ever give you permission to go onto the Land edged in red on Map "A"?	NO - NONE SOUGHT			
34	If yes, when and for what reason?	NOT APPLICABLE			
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?	Not Applicable
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?	No
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 47 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	
49	Date	

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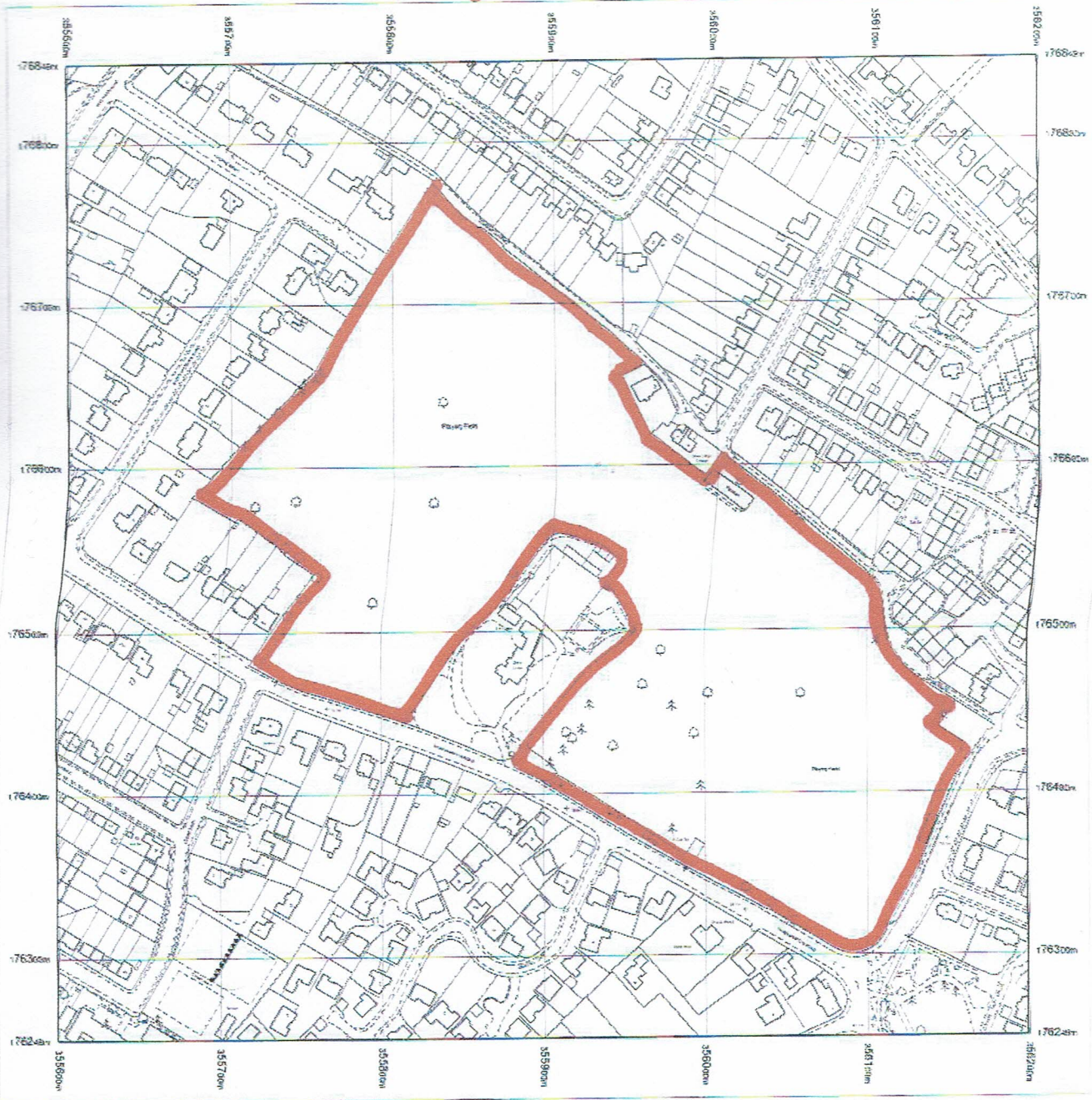
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MAP 'A'



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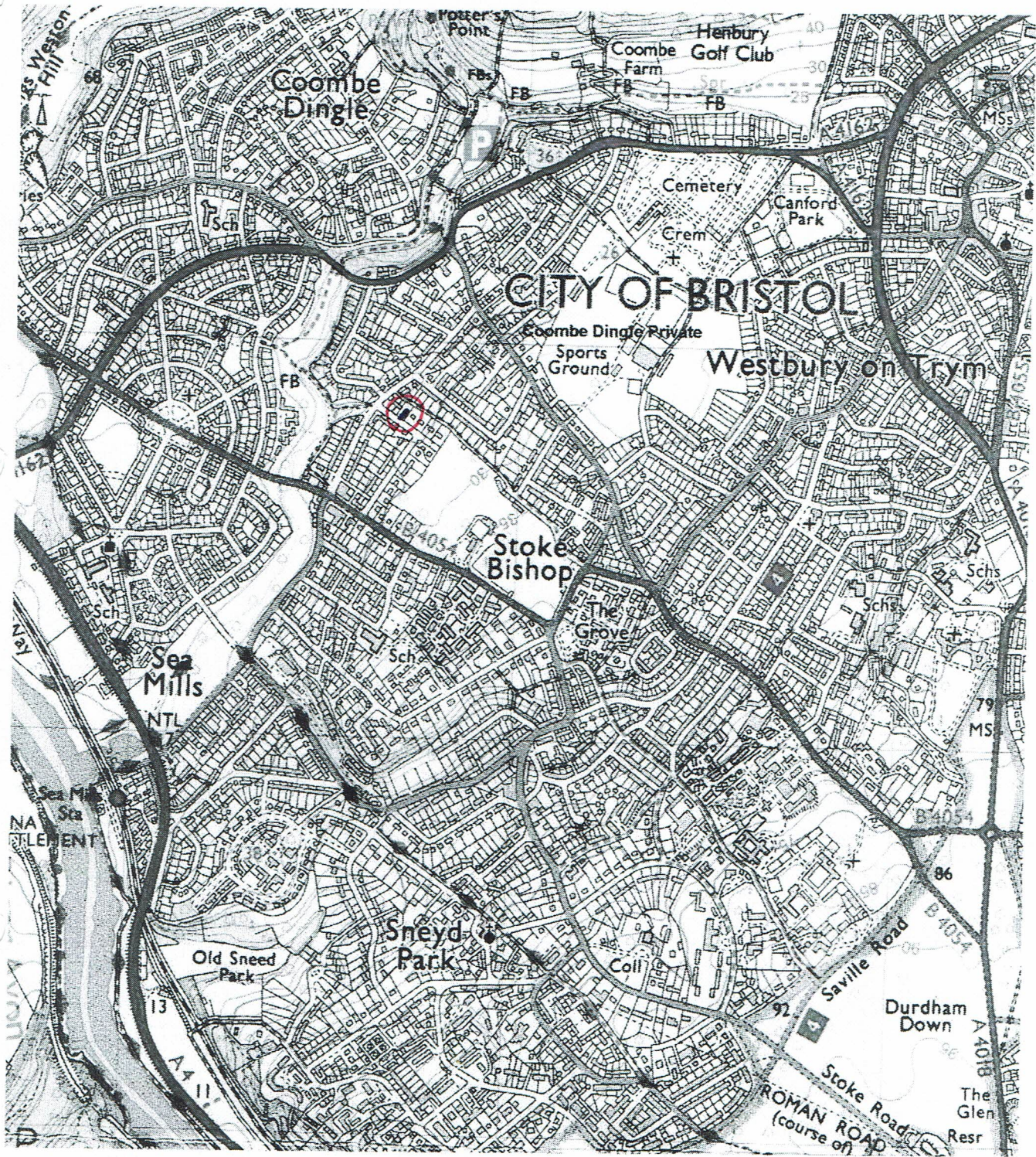
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Map "B" of locality surrounding Stoke Lodge Parkland



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