

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

2. Michael Shinner

3. 65 Coombe Lane, Stoke Bishop, Bristol BS9 2BG

4. Electrical Engineering Consultant

5. In 1972 my wife and I moved into 1 Cote Park, Stoke Bishop, Bristol BS9 2AE. We regularly walked the family dog on Stoke Lodge both at weekends and during the evening. When our first child was born we developed a habit walking over Stoke Lodge to my parents-in-law in Sneyd Park with our daughter in her pram.

In 1976 we moved to 65 Coombe Lane (see above) and as our family grew in number and age, Stoke Lodge was the natural venue for family walks, kick-about with both footballs and rugby balls, family cricket, attempts at kite flying, test flights of model gliders, early bike riding and other fresh air activities. During the summer months the Shinner family would be found on Stoke Lodge most weekends and often during evenings during the week. Winter visits were less frequent and not always "voluntary" but continued nevertheless.

As the children grew up, they would often meet their friends "up the Lodge" on summer evenings during their early teenage years.

In more recent years I have used Stoke Lodge during a number of attempts to get fit by jogging around the perimeter.

We now walk our dog regularly, often meeting friends and nieces and nephews with their children and dogs.

The attraction of Stoke Lodge is the age and stature of the beautiful trees which mean that one can feel that one is the country within an increasingly developed urban area and its proximity to our home so that we are able to walk there. It was an opportunity to introduce our children to the changing of the seasons with the wide range of tree types and the flowers and berries of the hedgerows. The loss of other nearby playing fields has made Stoke Lodge even more valuable to the residents of this area

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

Signed.....

Date.....24/1/14

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

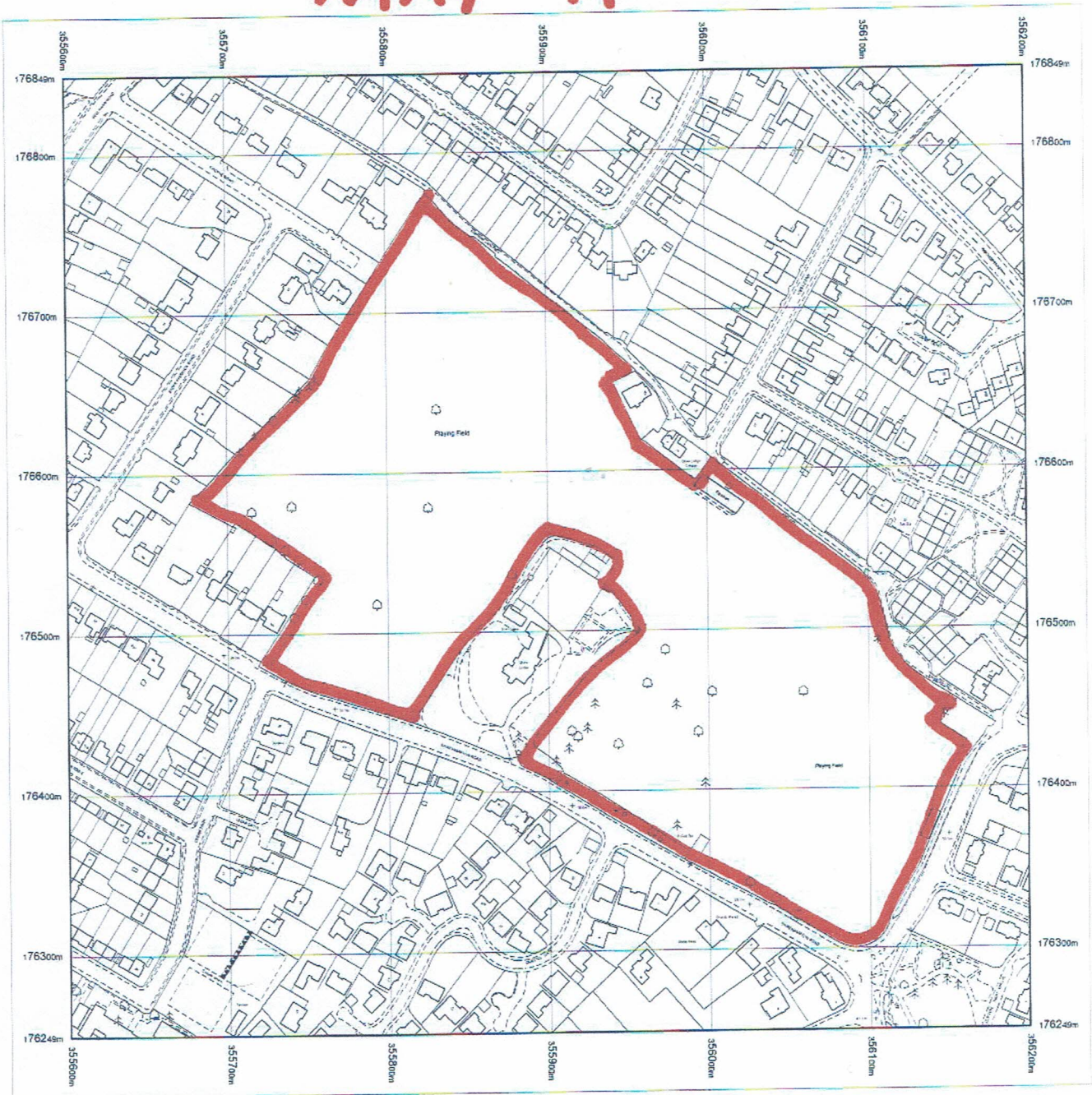
	NAME of Witness Print	MICHAEL SHINNER
1	Your address when you used the land being claimed as "Town Green" and edged in red on Map "A"?	1 COTE PARK, STOKES BISHOP BS9 2AE 65 COOMBE LANE, STOKES BISHOP BS9 2BD
2	Your address when you knew the land edged in red on Map "A" was being used by the local inhabitants? 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?	STOKES LODGE
7	Has the land, referred to in question 6, ever been known by any other name? If so what?	DON'T KNOW
8	For how many years have you known about the Land edged in red on Map "A"?	39 YEARS.
9	Between which years did you use the Land edged in red on Map "A"?	1972 - 2011
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?			

24	Do any organisations use the Land edged in red on Map "A" for sports or pastimes? If so, please specify.	CRICKETS CLUB FOOTBALL CLUBS	
25	Do any seasonal activities take place on the Land edged in red on Map "A"	NO.	
26	Please tick all the activities that you have seen taking place on the Land edged in red on Map "A"		
	Children playing	☒	Fetes
	Rounders	☒	Football
	Drawing and painting	☒	Rugby
	Dog Walking	☒	Cricket
	Team Games (Formal)	☒	Bird watching
	Team Games (informal)	☒	Picnicking
	Picking blackberries	☒	Kite flying
	Community celebrations	☒	People walking
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.	AS ABOVE.	
29	Has the owner or occupier seen you on the Land edged in red on Map "A"?	NOT APPLICABLE	
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.	
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?	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?	NOT APPLICABLE
42	If you have additional information please attach a separate statement? (witness statement etc)	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.	YES NAMES GIVEN.
44	I have carried on the activities referred to in this questionnaire, on the Land edged in red on Map "A", for 23 years without anybody trying to stop me and I believe the activity should be treated by the law as having a lawful origin.	23 years without
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	MICHAEL SHINNER
49	Date	26/1/11.

MAP 'A'



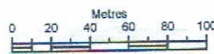
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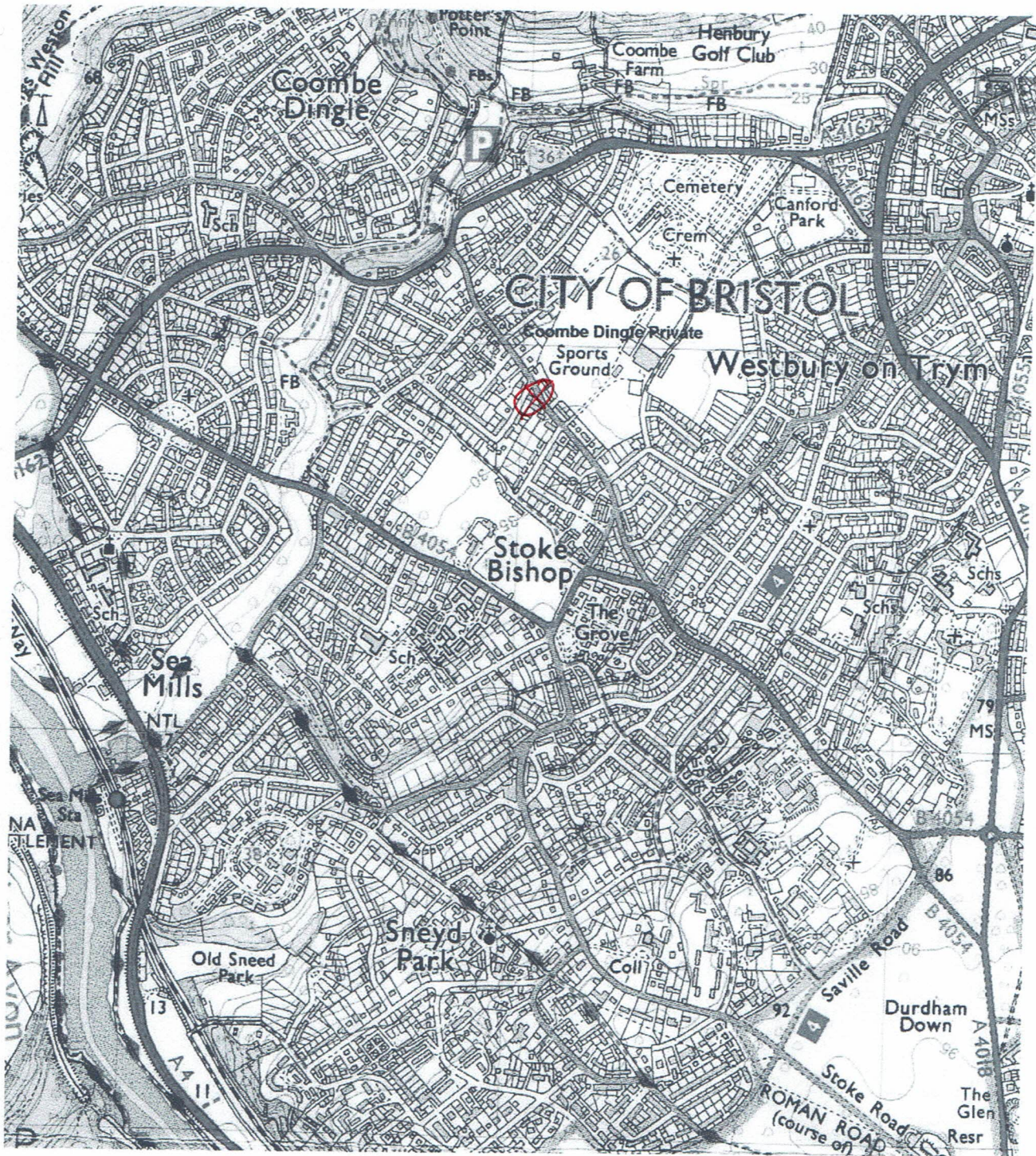
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Map "B" of locality surrounding Stoke Lodge Parkland



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