

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

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I have lived in Cheyne Road for over 50 years. I moved here in 1958 and have lived here ever since. In all this time there was access from the top of Cheyne Road to the grounds of Stoke Lodge and, although I did not myself use the grounds very much at first, I was aware of people using them for all sorts of recreation. I knew that my neighbours walked their dogs there and I saw young people going up the road with sports gear.

Since I retired I have had more time for exercise and I find the field a very pleasant place to take a walk. I also use it as a route to West Dene and to Stoke Lodge itself. When I am there I see other people walking, very often with dogs, and sometimes people running. There are also children enjoying themselves, having picnics and playing informal ball games. Formal cricket and soccer matches also take place.

I get the impression that local people value this beautiful open space very highly and treat it with respect. Dog-walkers clear up, people avoid the pitches when games are in progress and some people go out of their way to pick up any litter. People regard it as a valuable local amenity to which they have free access.

I have always been able to enter the grounds and no one has ever asked me to leave.

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01.02.11

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

	NAME of Witness Print	SHEILA BARBARA CARTER
1	Your address when you used the land being claimed as "Town Green" and edged in red on Map "A"?	14 Cheyne Rd., Stoke Bishop, Bristol, BS9 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?	As 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"	I agree
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?	Stoke Lodge
8	For how many years have you known about the Land edged in red on Map "A"?	53
9	Between which years did you use the Land edged in red on Map "A"?	Roughly 2000 - 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"?

No

14 How do you gain access to the Land edged in red on Map "A"?

From the top of Cheyne Rd.

15 How do you travel to and from the Land edged in red on Map "A"?

On foot

16 Why do you go on to the Land edged in red on Map "A"?

To walk for pleasure or to cross it.

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)

Not very often

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"?

Yes

20 If so, for what?

Walking

21 Do you know of any community activities that take place or have taken place on the Land edged in red on Map "A"?

Yes

22 If so please list them and state when and for how long they have taken place?

Young people congregate to socialise + play games, for many years

23 Do/did you participate in any of them?

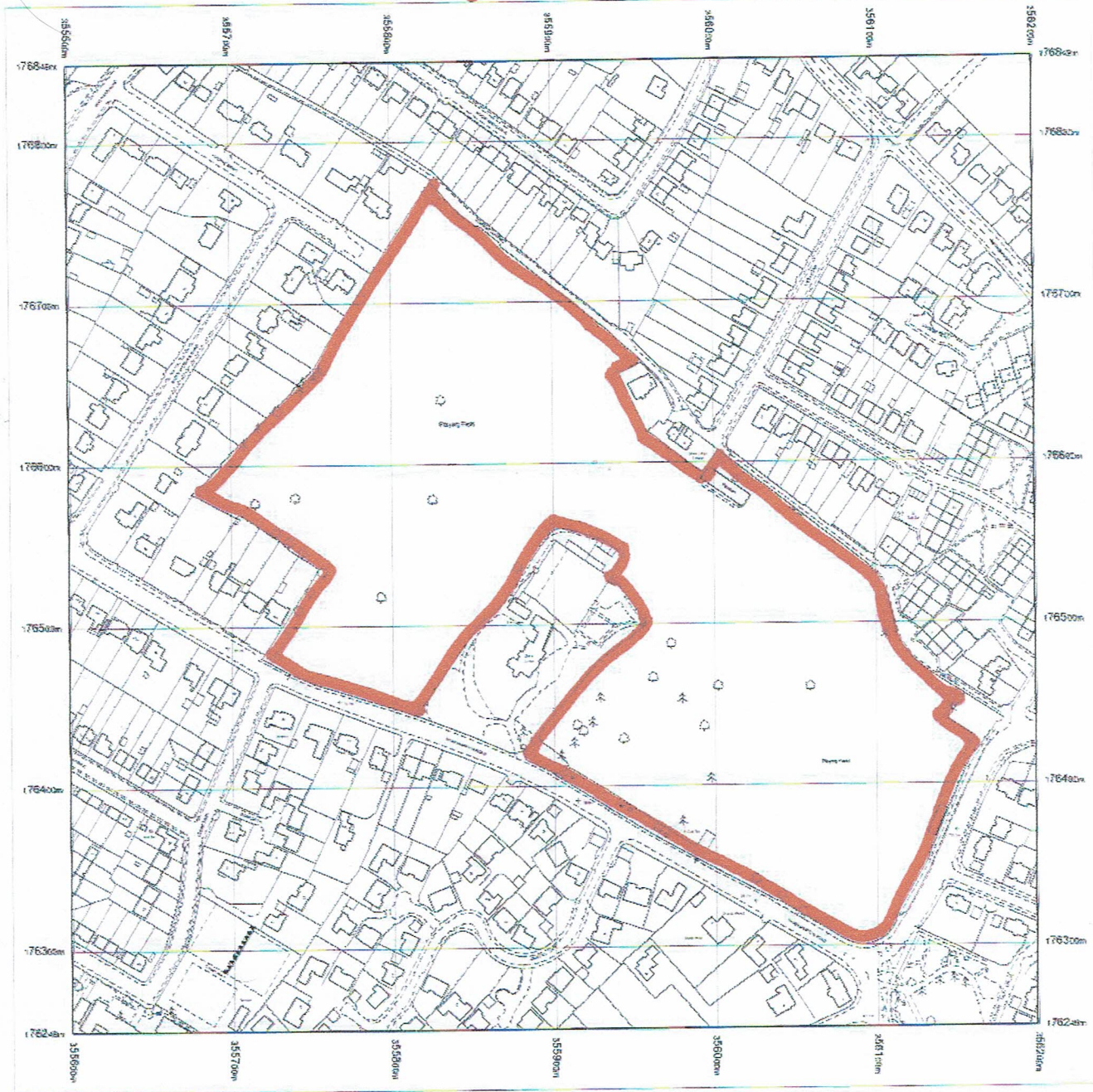
No

24	Do any organisations use the Land edged in red on Map "A" for sports or pastimes? If so, please specify.	Yes. Cotham School, Clifton High School, Bristol University, South & sports 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
			Bonfire parties
			Bicycle riding
			Carol singing
			other Golf practice.
			other Athletics
			other
			other
			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.		
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"?	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?	I believe an attempt was once made to block the Charpe Rd. access but it was unsuccessful
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?	I do not see any sign when I enter
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?	
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 anybody trying to stop me and I believe the activity should be treated by the law as having a lawful origin.	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	Sheila B. Carter
48	Name	SHEILA BARBARA CARTE
49	Date	01.02.11



MAP 'A'



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Map "B" of locality surrounding Stoke Lodge Parkland



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