

14 STOKE PADDOCK ROAD
BRISTOL
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Witness statement in support of the Town Green application for Stoke Lodge

I moved here with my family in July 1983. From day one we used the gate at the end of our garden to access Stoke Lodge. We played games and had picnics there, and for many years our daughters and their friends came and went via the gate.

In later years we continued to use Stoke Lodge for walking, running and Brownie and guide activities. When our elder daughter is back in Bristol she always runs round Stoke Lodge. We also use the Cheyne Road entrance to get into Stoke Lodge in order to walk around the field and enjoy the space and tranquillity.

Our house backs on to Stoke Lodge and over the years we have been able to observe how much the land is used for a wide variety of recreational activities from football and cricket matches, to tai chi, kite flying and photography. It is essential that this is allowed to continue.

I believe that the facts stated above are true.

J.M. Evans

Mrs J M Evans

31 January 2011

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

	NAME of Witness Print	JUDITH MARGARET EVANS
1	Your address when you used the land being claimed as "Town Green" and edged in red on Map "A"?	14 STOKES LADDOCK ROAD STOKES BISHOP BATHSTON BS9 2DJ
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?	—
8	For how many years have you known about the Land edged in red on Map "A"?	27 years +
9	Between which years did you use the Land edged in red on Map "A"?	1983 to date
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?	IT IS USED BY MORE FOOTBALL PLAYERS THAN PREVIOUSLY — OTHER ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN BUILT OVER

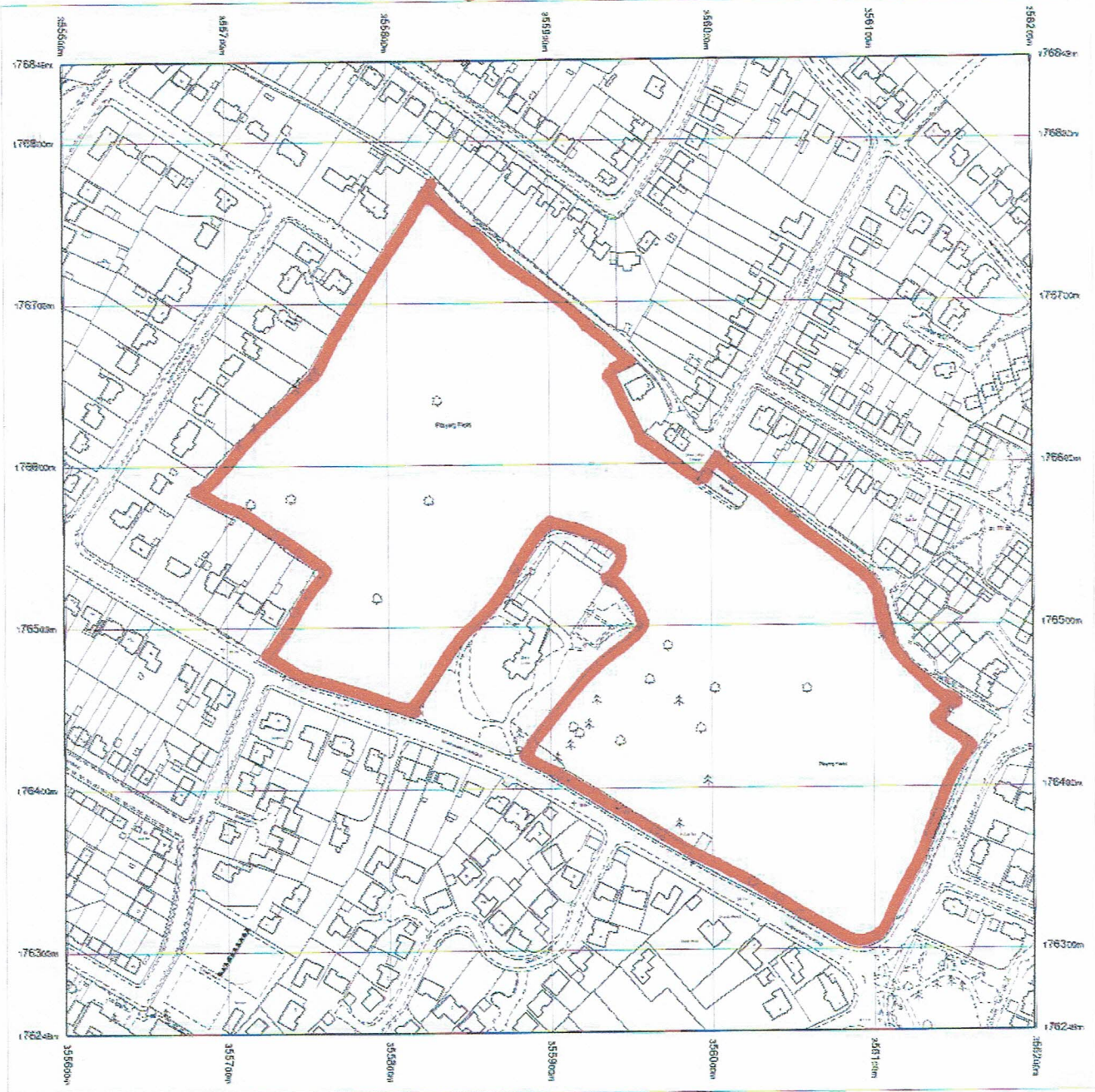
12	What recognisable facilities are available to the local inhabitants of your locality? Please tick all boxes that apply and add any other additional matters not covered <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Local infants school</td> <td>✓</td> <td>Community centre (Village Hall)</td> <td>✓</td> <td>Community activities</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Local junior school</td> <td>✓</td> <td>Sports facility (stone cage)</td> <td>✓</td> <td>A central feature</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Local secondary school</td> <td></td> <td>Swimming pool</td> <td></td> <td>Scout hut</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Residents association</td> <td></td> <td>Library</td> <td></td> <td>other</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Neighbourhood watch</td> <td>✓</td> <td>Alt green space within easy walking</td> <td>✓</td> <td>other</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Neighbourhood Partnership</td> <td>✓</td> <td>Area police</td> <td></td> <td>other</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Local place of worship</td> <td>✓</td> <td>Doctors surgery</td> <td>✓</td> <td>other</td> </tr> </table>					Local infants school	✓	Community centre (Village Hall)	✓	Community activities	Local junior school	✓	Sports facility (stone cage)	✓	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
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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"? THROUGH OUR GARDEN GATE ON VIA CHEYNE ROAD																																							
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 (ie for exercise)																																							
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) EVERY WEEK (in fine weather)																																							
18	What activities do/did you take part in on the Land edged red on Map "A"? NOW - WALKING PREVIOUSLY - PLAYING GAMES WITH FAMILY																																							
19	Does your immediate family use the Land edged in red on Map "A"? YES																																							
20	If so, for what? RUNNING . 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? GAMES . PICNICS . BROWNIES / GUIDES - ROUNDELS . SINCE WE MOVED IN - 1983																																							
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. LOCAL CRICKET and FOOTBALL TEAMS. BROWNES. GUIDES. LOCAL ATHLETICS	
25	Do any seasonal activities take place on the Land edged in red on Map "A"	YES. SPORTS	
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 PHOTOGRAPHY
			other THE COTT
			other RUNNING - individuals and clubs.
			other informal sports - e.g. FRISBEE.
			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.	BRISTOL CITY COUNCIL / UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL.	
29	Has the owner or occupier seen you on the Land edged in red on Map "A"?	SEEN BY GROUNDSTAFF.	
30	What did they say? If anything?	NOTHING	
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?	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?	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 27 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	J.M. Evans
48	Name	JUDITH MARGARET EVANS
49	Date	31. 1. 2011



MAP 'A'



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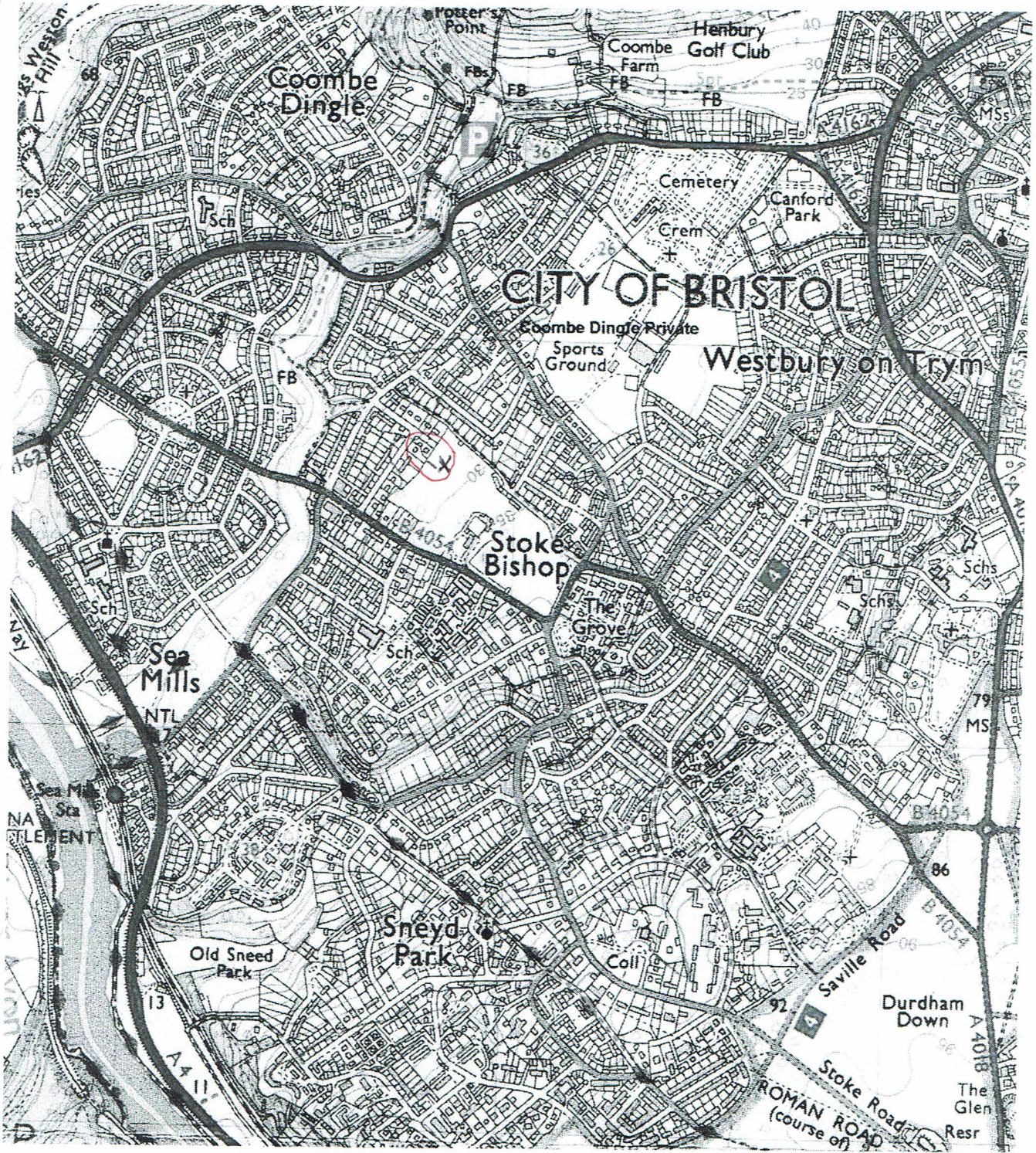
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Map "B" of locality surrounding Stoke Lodge Parkland



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14 Stoke Paddock Road.

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