

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

Name: Mr. D. J. Powles and Mrs. P. R. Powles

Address: 3, West Coombe Bristol BS9 2BA

Occupation: Pensioners

We moved to Bristol with our two children to our present address in West Coombe in May 1975. Our daughter first attended Westdene Nursery School which was then located on the corner of Shirehampton Road and Cedar Park. She then joined our son at Cedar Park Primary School for four years before she left the school in the summer of 1983.

For this period of 8 years the children walked through the parkland on the way to school and, in the summer particularly, enjoyed playing in the parkland on the way home from school. The shortest route, and certainly the most attractive to the children, to and from school was across the park between West Dene and the main entrance gate.

As they grew up the children continued to walk through and play in the parkland until they left home.

In the late 1970's and early 1980's my wife attended Adult Education Courses which were held at Stoke Lodge house.

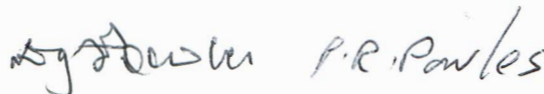
My wife and I have always been, and continue to be, regular walkers and often walk through the parkland rather than walk along increasingly busy roads.

Throughout this period of 35 years neither we nor the children have ever been denied access to the parkland on any occasion.

The area of parkland is one of the few green open spaces with access available to the public, and should be granted Town Green Status in order to protect the amenity and allow continued free access for current and future generations.

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

Signatures:

Handwritten signatures of D.J. Powles and P.R. Powles.

Date: 2nd February 2011

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

	NAME of Witness Print	D. J. POWLES. P.R. POWLES
1	Your address when you used the land being claimed as "Town Green" and edged in red on Map "A"?	3. WEST COOMBE BS9 2BA
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"	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?	NO
8	For how many years have you known about the Land edged in red on Map "A"?	35 YEARS
9	Between which years did you use the Land edged in red on Map "A"?	1975 TO 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	<p>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</p>	
	Local infants school	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Local junior school	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Local secondary school	
	Residents association	
	Neighbourhood watch	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Neighbourhood Partnership	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Local place of worship	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Community centre	
	Sports facility	
	Swimming pool	
	Library	
	Alt green space within easy walking	
	Area police	
	Doctors surgery	
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?	

Community activities
 A central feature
 Scout hut
 other
 other
 other
 other

NO

VIA WEST DENE

WALK

RECREATION

ROUTE TO SCHOOL - DAILY

PLAYING WITH CHILDREN
FLYING KITES, FOOTBALL ETC.

YES

PLAY

YES

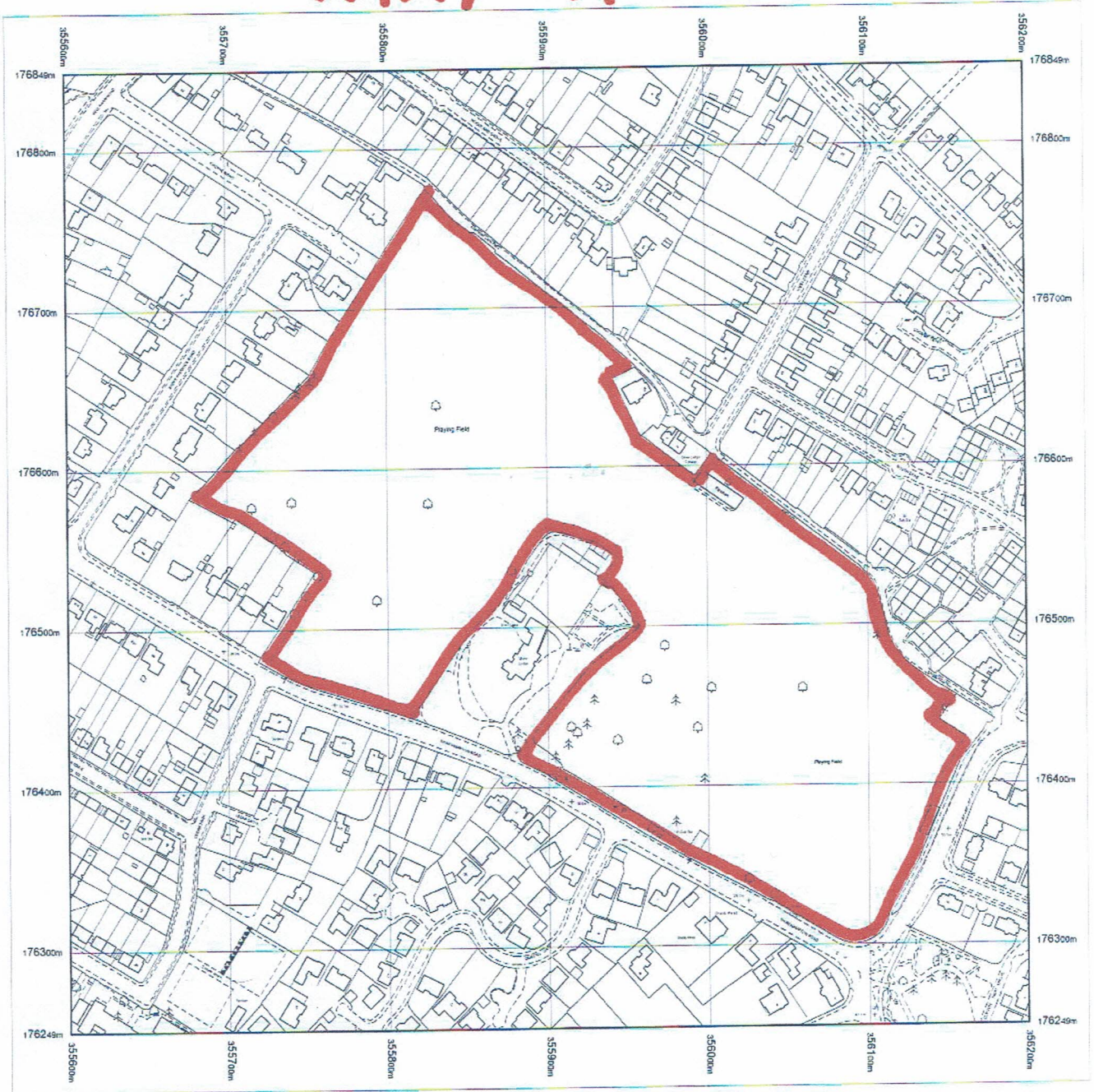
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NO - ON HOLIDAY

24	Do any organisations use the Land edged in red on Map "A" for sports or pastimes? If so, please specify.	COTHRAM & CLIFTON SCHOOL				
25	Do any seasonal activities take place on the Land edged in red on Map "A"	FOOTBALL CRICKET				
26	Please tick all the activities that you have seen taking place on the Land edged in red on Map "A"					
	Children playing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Fetes		Bonfire parties	
	Rounders	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Football	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Bicycle riding	
	Drawing and painting	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Rugby		Carol singing	
	Dog Walking	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cricket	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	other	
	Team Games (Formal)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Bird watching		other	
	Team Games (informal)		Picnicking	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	other	
	Picking blackberries	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Kite flying	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	other	
	Community celebrations		People walking	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	other	
27	Do you know the name of the owner of the Land edged in red on Map "A"? And if so please state.					
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"?					
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"?					
34	If yes, when and for what reason?					
35	Have you ever been prevented from using the Land edged in red on Map "A"?					
						CITY COUNCIL
						COTHRAM SCHOOL
						NO
						NO
						NO
						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?	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?	
42	If you have additional information please attach a separate statement? (witness statement etc)	SEE ATTACHED
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 XX35XX 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	P.R. Powles
48	Name	P.R. POWLES
49	Date	A.H. February 2011

MAP 'A'



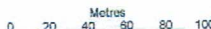
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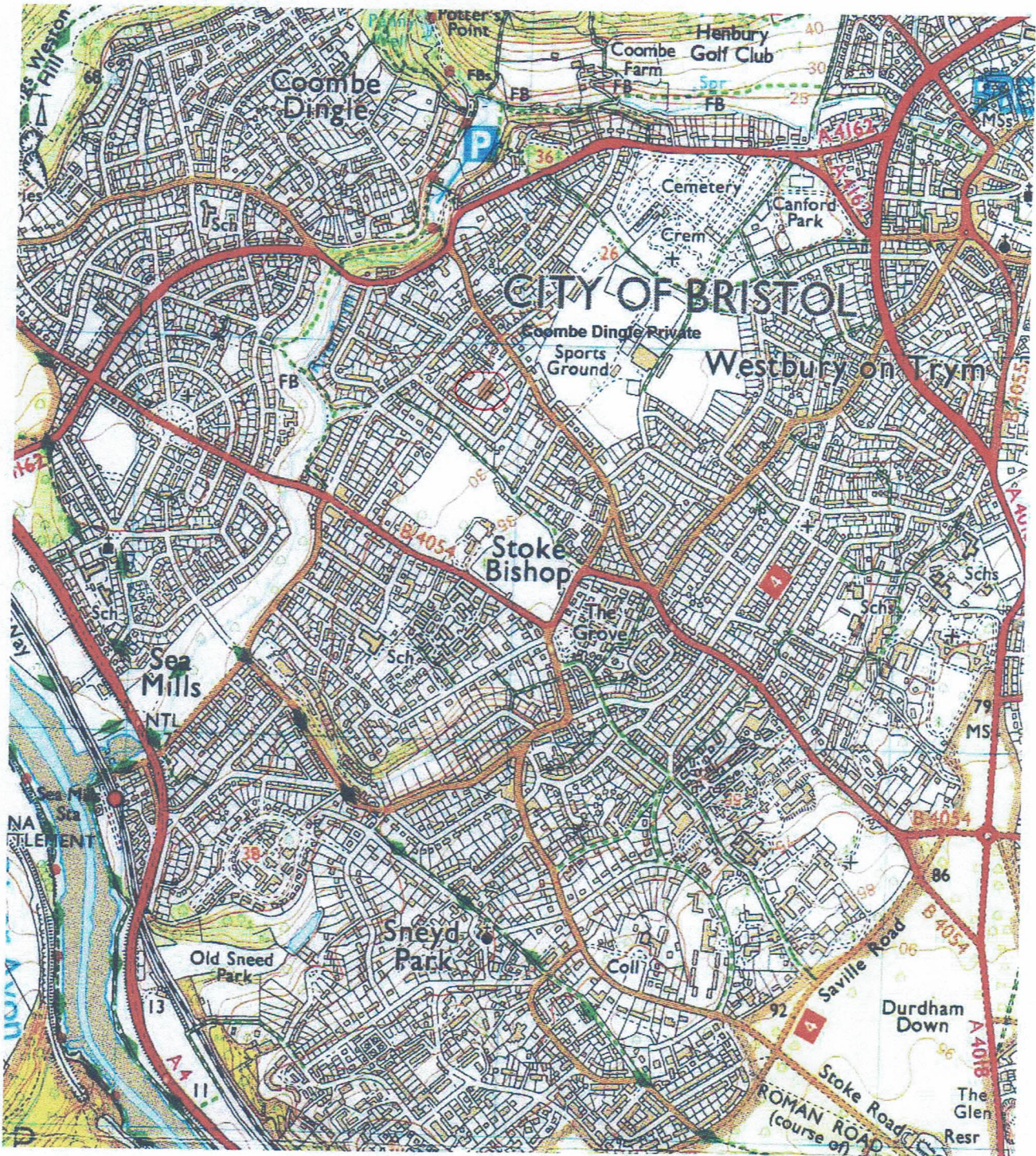
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P.R. Pawkes

Map "B" of locality surrounding Stoke Lodge Parkland



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