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Retired.

Witness Statement in support of

Town Green Application for Stoke Lodge Parkland.

My introduction to Stoke Lodge Parklands was as a pupil at Cedar Park Primary school in the early 1950s.

We had our sports days there, & as a new arrival from Ilford, Essex this large green space was a revelation.

Sports days were followed by impromptu cricket matches, kite flying, "conkering" & friendly 'gettogethers'. All the time the parkland was open and welcoming.

Many years later I had children of my own and it was their turn, cricket in the summer & rugby practice in the winter months. Often we would wander up & watch the organised cricket & soccer matches. As we lived just off Druid Hill, access was easy via Parrys Lane.

In later years, not being so energetic, blackberrying and strolling around the park is a special pleasure.

I feel that if Stoke Lodge Parkland was developed, the community would lose a valuable part of our heritage as well as a wild life centre and "green lung" for the city.

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



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

	NAME of Witness Print	MR. A. R. Goss	
1	Your address when you used the land being claimed as "Town Green" and edged in red on Map "A"?	1 SUNNYSIDE STOKE BISHP BRISTOL BS9 1BQ	
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, I agree.	
5	Please confirm that you have marked the location of your house on Map "B" with an X.		
6	By what name, if any, is The Land edged in red on Map "A" known?	STOKE Lodge Playing fields.	
7	Has the land, referred to in question 6, ever been known by any other name? If so what?	x	
8	For how many years have you known about the Land edged in red on Map "A"?	58 years.	
9	Between which years did you use the Land edged in red on Map "A"?	From early 50's	
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?	More restricted	

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?				

None to my knowledge.

Through gate on Parrings Lane (when open)
via Shurhampton Rd.

Walk. (200yds)

For walks, peace & quiet.

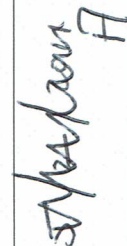
More in the past when children at home
Maybe 10-12 times per year.

Cricket, "conkeris" blackberrying.

Not any more.

Sports.

24	Do any organisations use the Land edged in red on Map "A" for sports or pastimes? If so, please specify.			I think so, but have lost touch - Stoke Bishop C.C. etc.
25	Do any seasonal activities take place on the Land edged in red on Map "A"			Cricket / Soccer -
26	Please tick all the activities that you have seen taking place on the Land edged in red on Map "A"			
	Children playing	☒	Fetes	☒ Bonfire parties
	Rounders	☒	Football	☒ Bicycle riding
	Drawing and painting	☒	Rugby	☒ Carol singing
	Dog Walking	☒	Cricket	other
	Team Games (Formal)	☒	Bird watching	other
	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.	No		
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"?	Not physically, but deterred by closed gates etc.		

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?		X
38	If yes, give examples and dates		X
39	Are you aware of any signs or notices restricting access to the Land edged in red on Map "A" by local inhabitants?		X
40	Do you have any photographs or any other evidence of use of the Land edged in red on Map "A" by local inhabitants?		X
41	Are you willing to allow us to copy them for use as part of our application?		X
42	If you have additional information please attach a separate statement?		X
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 55 4 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	 A. R. Ross (M.P.)	
49	Date	5/2/2011	

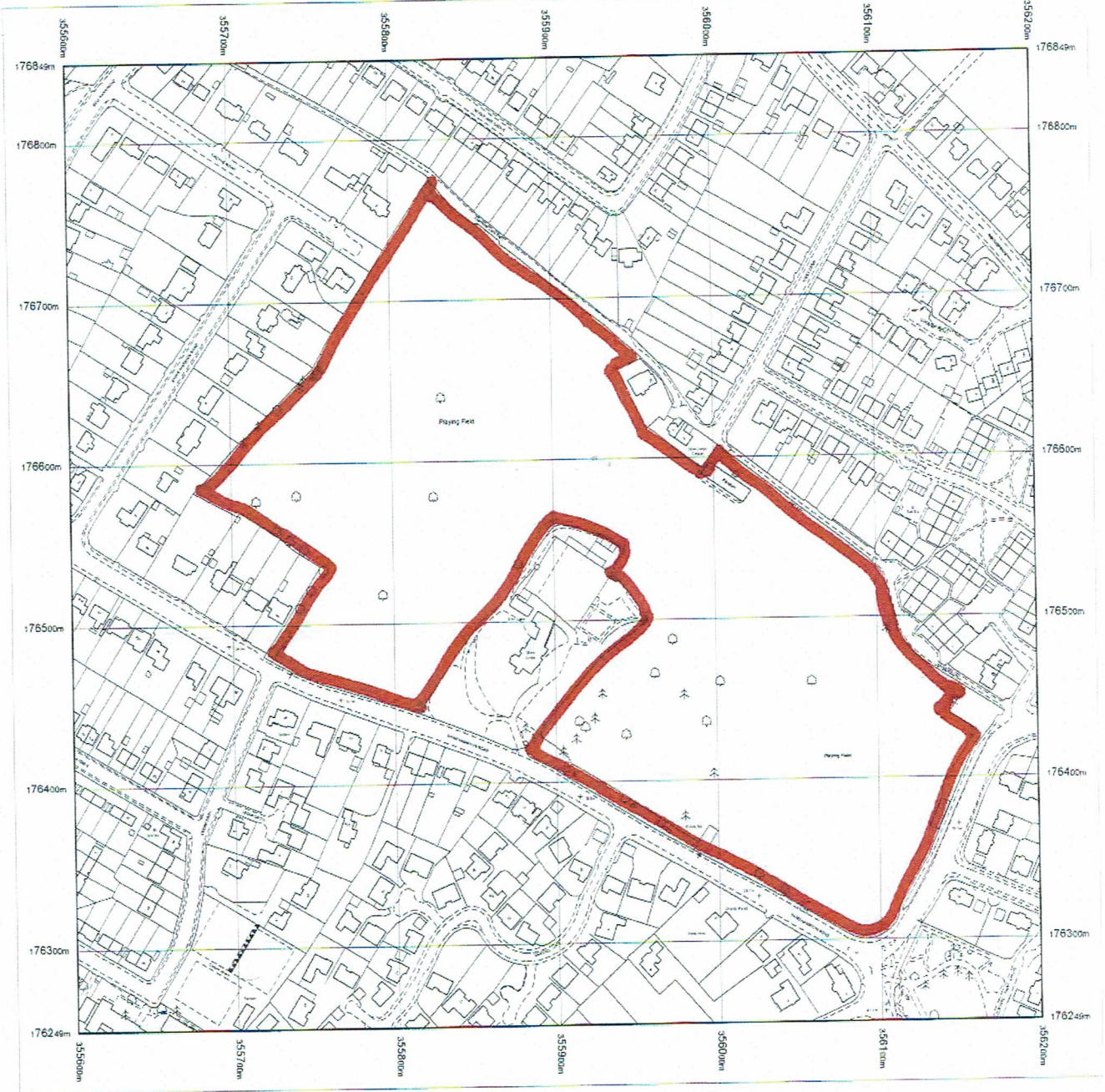
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MAP 'A'



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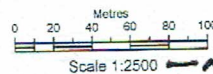
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