

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

Miss Oonah Mary Carter.

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Retired physiotherapist.

My mother, sister and I came to live in Cheyne Road in 1958. I moved away in 1960 and returned to settle here in 1980. Between 1960 and 1980 I only used the parkland on occasional visits but since 1980 I have walked in and through it frequently. Although I don't have children or dogs I have often been aware of other people using the grounds for theirs. I've seen a wide range of both communal and individual sporting activities and constant visits by dog walkers throughout the year. In summer picnickers take advantage of it and some of the courses given at Stoke Lodge incorporate it.

I have never had any difficulty entering the area or met any opposition. It's beautiful, green, open land with some really glorious trees and much used by many people. There is easy access on all sides and it would be an enormous loss to the neighbourhood if this access was restricted or removed. I sincerely hope that it can be kept as it is.

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

Signature.....

Date.....01.02.11

Save Stoke Lodge Parkland - Application for Town Green Registration - Evidence Questionnaire	
NAME of Witness Print	
1	NAME of Witness Print: DONAH MARY CARTER Your address when you used the land being claimed as "Town Green" and edged in red on Map "A"? 14 CHEYNE ROAD STOKE BISHOP
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? STOKE LODGE PARKLAND
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"? 1958 - 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"?		THROUGH OPENING AT END OF CHEYNE RD	
15	How do you travel to and from the Land edged in red on Map "A"?		WALK	
16	Why do you go on to the Land edged in red on Map "A"?		FOR PLEASURE AND ACCESS TO STROKE LODGE AND WEST DENE	
17	How often do/did you use the Land edged in red on Map "A"?		FREQUENTLY	
18	What activities do/did you take part in on the Land edged in 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?		GAMES & SOCIAL ACTIVITIES AMONGST YOUNG PEOPLE 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.	COTHAMPTON HIGH SCHOOLS, BRISTOL UNIVERSITY. SCOUTS & LOCAL 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 FRISBY THROWING
		other TREE STUDY GROUPS
		other ATHLETICS
		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

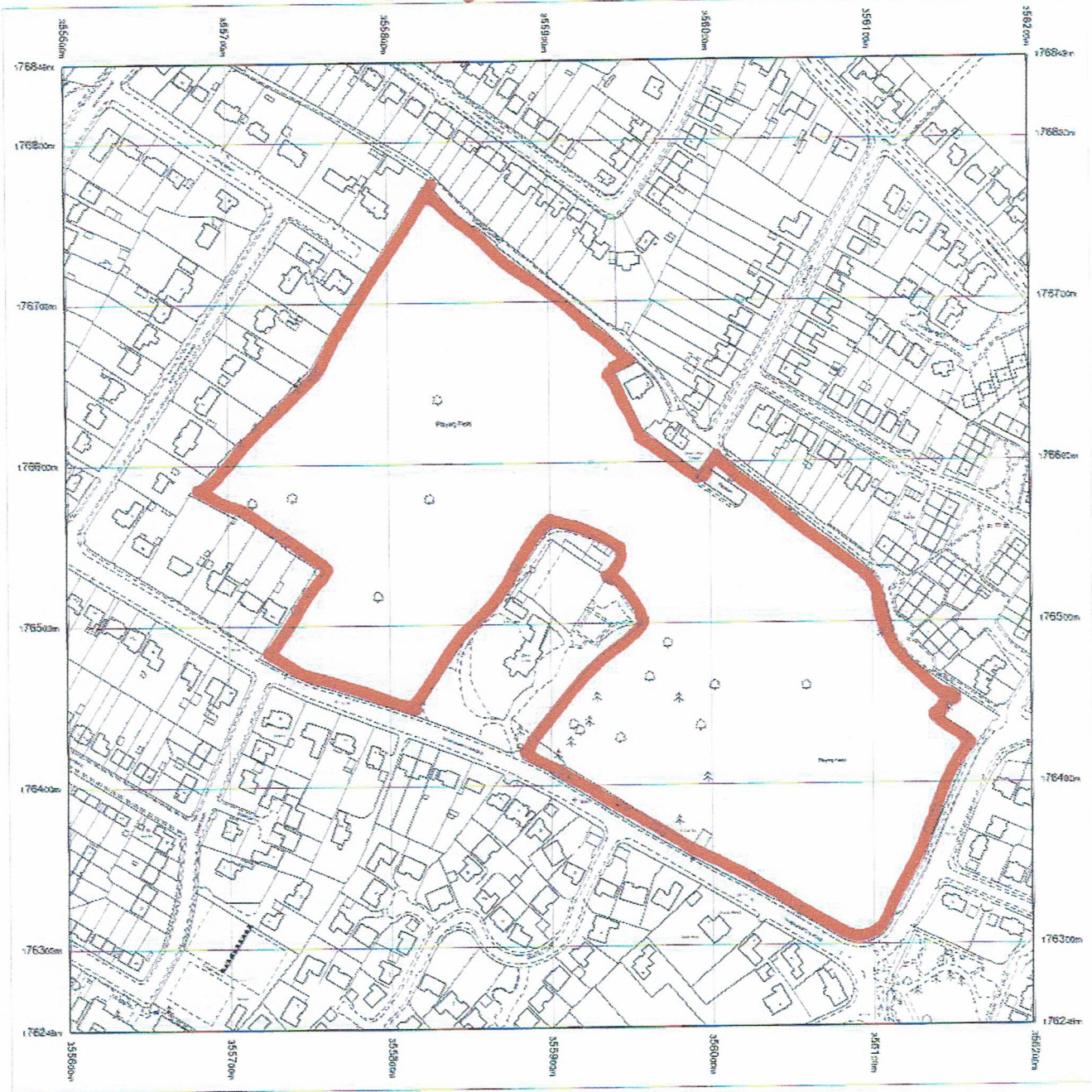
36	If yes, when and for what reason?	
37	Has any attempt been made by any means to prevent or discourage the use being made of the Land edged in red on Map "A" by local inhabitants?	
38	If yes, give examples and dates	
39	Are you aware of any signs or notices restricting access to the Land edged in red 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 53 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	Donah Carter
48	Name	DONAH CARTER
49	Date	01.02.11.

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MAP 'A'



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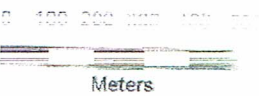
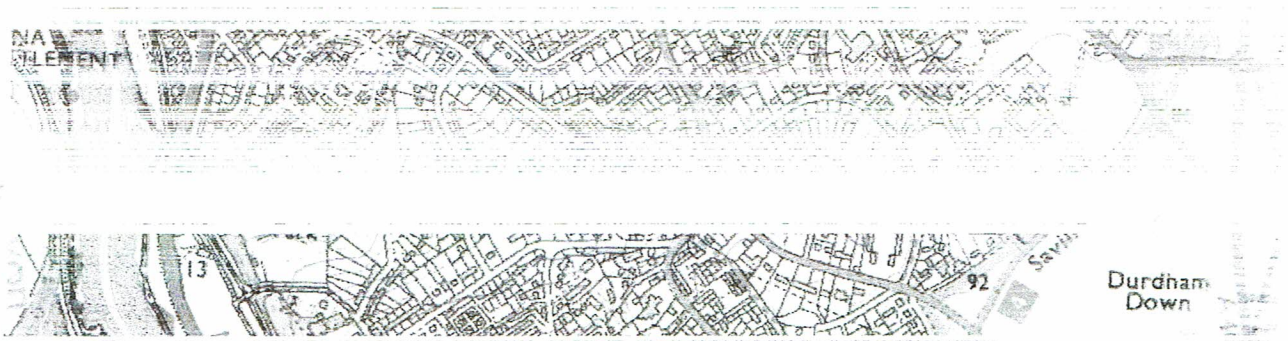
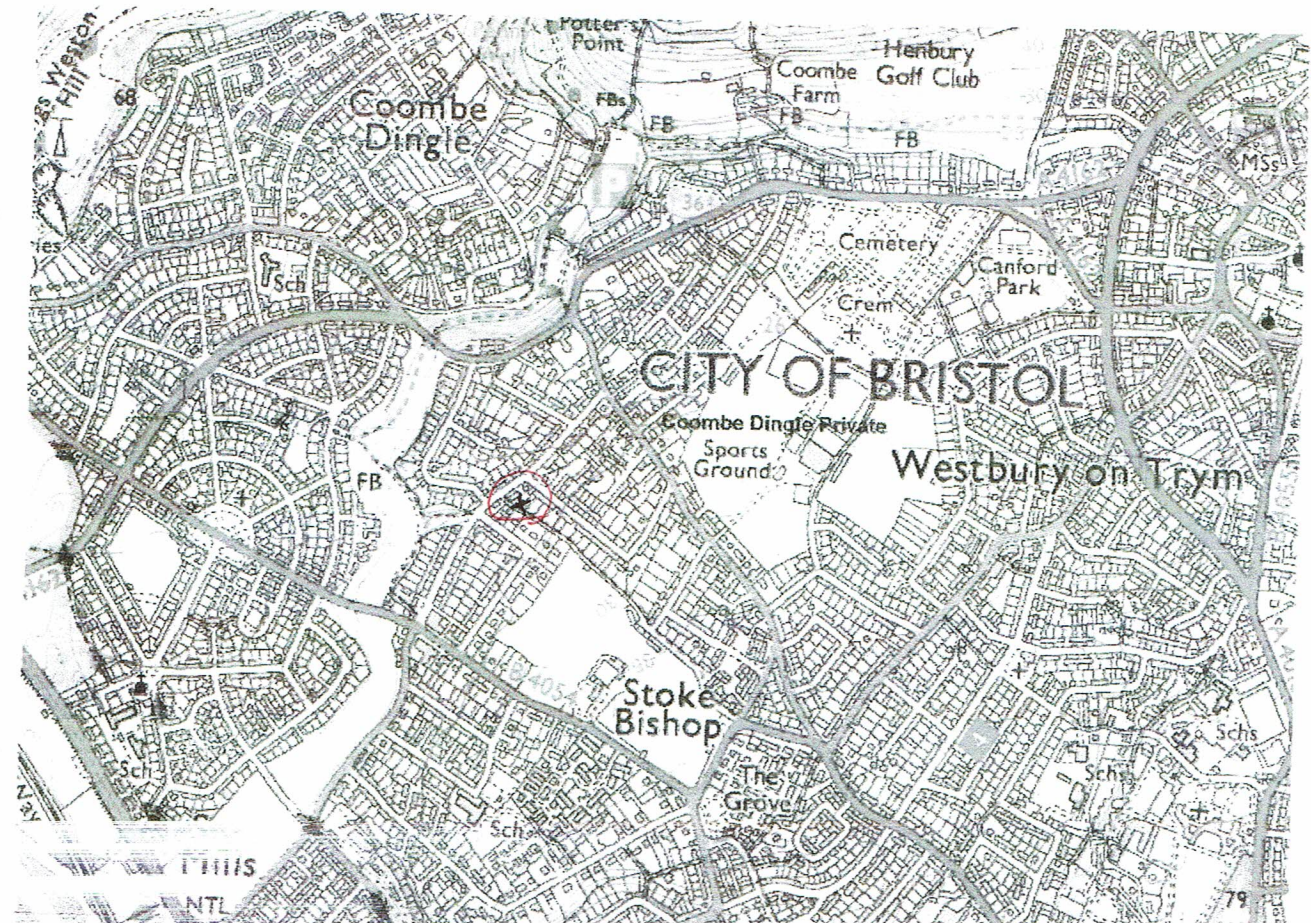
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Map "B" of locality surrounding Stoke Lodge Parkland



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