

**Witness Statement in Support of**  
**Town Green Application For Stoke Lodge Parkland**

**William Hayes**  
**21 Parrys Grove**  
**Stoke Bishop**  
**Bristol**  
**BS9 1TT**

**Occupation Retired**

When my family moved to Coombe Lane in 1953 we soon discovered Stoke Lodge where we used to play rugby, football, & cricket etc.

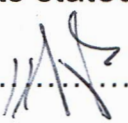
Although I moved away in 1968 I used to see my family frequently & continued to visit Stoke Lodge.

We then moved back to Stoke Park Rd in Stoke Bishop in 1982 when we used to walk our dogs & play informal games in Stoke Lodge.

In 1997 we moved to Parrys Grove which is just opposite Stoke Lodge & we therefore use the field almost daily for walking, dog walking, running, & as an alternative & preferable route to the road when we walk to the shops in Shirehampton Road.

We have never been denied access to Stoke Lodge or been challenged when inside. We walk to Stoke Lodge and use the entrance almost opposite the end of Parrys Grove.

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

Signature.....

Date.....31.1.2011

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

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|    | NAME of Witness<br>Print                                                                                                                                             | WILLIAM HAYES                       |
| 1  | Your address when you used the land being claimed as "Town Green" and edged in red on Map "A"?                                                                       | 21 PARRYSGROVE<br>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?                                      | 70 COOMBE LANE<br>WESTBURY-ON-TRYM  |
| 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"?                                                                                            | 60                                  |
| 9  | Between which years did you use the Land edged in red on Map "A"?                                                                                                    | 1951 - 1968 & 1982 till present day |
| 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                                 |



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| 12 | What recognisable facilities are available to the local inhabitants of your locality?<br>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"?                                                                                                                |   |                                     | Entrance opposite the end of PARKS CLOSE                       |                      |
| 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"?                                                                                                                      |   |                                     | Walking, dogwalking, running                                   |                      |
| 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)                                                                 |   |                                     | Almost Daily                                                   |                      |
| 18 | What activities do/did you take part in on the Land edged red on Map "A"?                                                                                                  |   |                                     | As 16                                                          |                      |
| 19 | Does your immediate family use the Land edged in red on Map "A"?                                                                                                           |   |                                     | Yes                                                            |                      |
| 20 | If so, for what?                                                                                                                                                           |   |                                     | As 16                                                          |                      |
| 21 | Do you know of any community activities that take place or have taken place on the Land edged in red on Map "A"?                                                           |   |                                     | Scouts Leaders Football Rugby Cricket Fairs Parties etc:-etc:- |                      |
| 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?                                                                                                                                     |   |                                     | Yes                                                            |                      |

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| 24 | Do any organisations use the Land edged in red on Map "A" for sports or pastimes?<br>If so, please specify. | Scouts, Schools, Sports Clubs                           |                              |
| 25 | Do any seasonal activities take place on the Land edged in red on Map "A"                                   | Yes                                                     |                              |
| 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                        |
|    | Rounders                                                                                                    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>                     | Football                     |
|    | Drawing and painting                                                                                        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>                     | Rugby                        |
|    | Dog Walking                                                                                                 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>                     | Cricket                      |
|    | Team Games (Formal)                                                                                         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>                     | Bird watching                |
|    | Team Games (informal)                                                                                       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>                     | Picnicking                   |
|    | Picking blackberries                                                                                        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>                     | Kite flying                  |
|    | Community celebrations                                                                                      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>                     | People walking               |
|    |                                                                                                             | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>                     | Bonfire parties              |
|    |                                                                                                             | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>                     | Bicycle riding               |
|    |                                                                                                             | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>                     | Carol singing                |
|    |                                                                                                             | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>                     | other Model Aeroplane Flying |
|    |                                                                                                             | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>                     | other Cubs + Scouts          |
|    |                                                                                                             | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>                     | other                        |
|    |                                                                                                             | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>                     | other                        |
|    |                                                                                                             | <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.              | 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.           | Coltman Grammar School, Wotton High School & University |                              |
| 29 | Has the owner or occupier seen you on the Land edged in red on Map "A"?                                     | Probably                                                |                              |
| 30 | What did they say? If anything?                                                                             | NO                                                      |                              |
| 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?                                                                                  | N/A                                                     |                              |
| 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?                                                                           | N/A                                                     |                              |
| 35 | Have you ever been prevented from using the Land edged in red on Map "A"?                                   | NO                                                      |                              |



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| 36 | If yes, when and for what reason?                                                                                                                                                                                                          | N/A               |
| 37 | Has any attempt been made by notice or fencing or by any other 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.                                                                                                                                                                                                           | N/A               |
| 39 | Do you have any photographs or any other evidence of use of the Land edged in red on Map "A" by local inhabitants?                                                                                                                         | No                |
| 40 | Are you willing to allow us to copy them for use as part of our application?                                                                                                                                                               | N/A               |
| 41 | If you have additional information please attach a separate statement?<br>(witness statement etc)                                                                                                                                          | <i>attached</i>   |
| 42 | 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.                                                                     |                   |
| 43 | I have carried on the activities referred to in this questionnaire, on the Land edged in red on Map "A", for 60 years without anybody trying to stop me and I believe the activity should be treated by the law as having a lawful origin. |                   |
| 44 | 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.            |                   |
| 45 | 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.                                                                                          |                   |
| 46 | Signed                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <i>W.W. Hayes</i> |
| 47 | Name                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | W.W. HAYES        |
| 48 | Date                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 31.1.2011         |

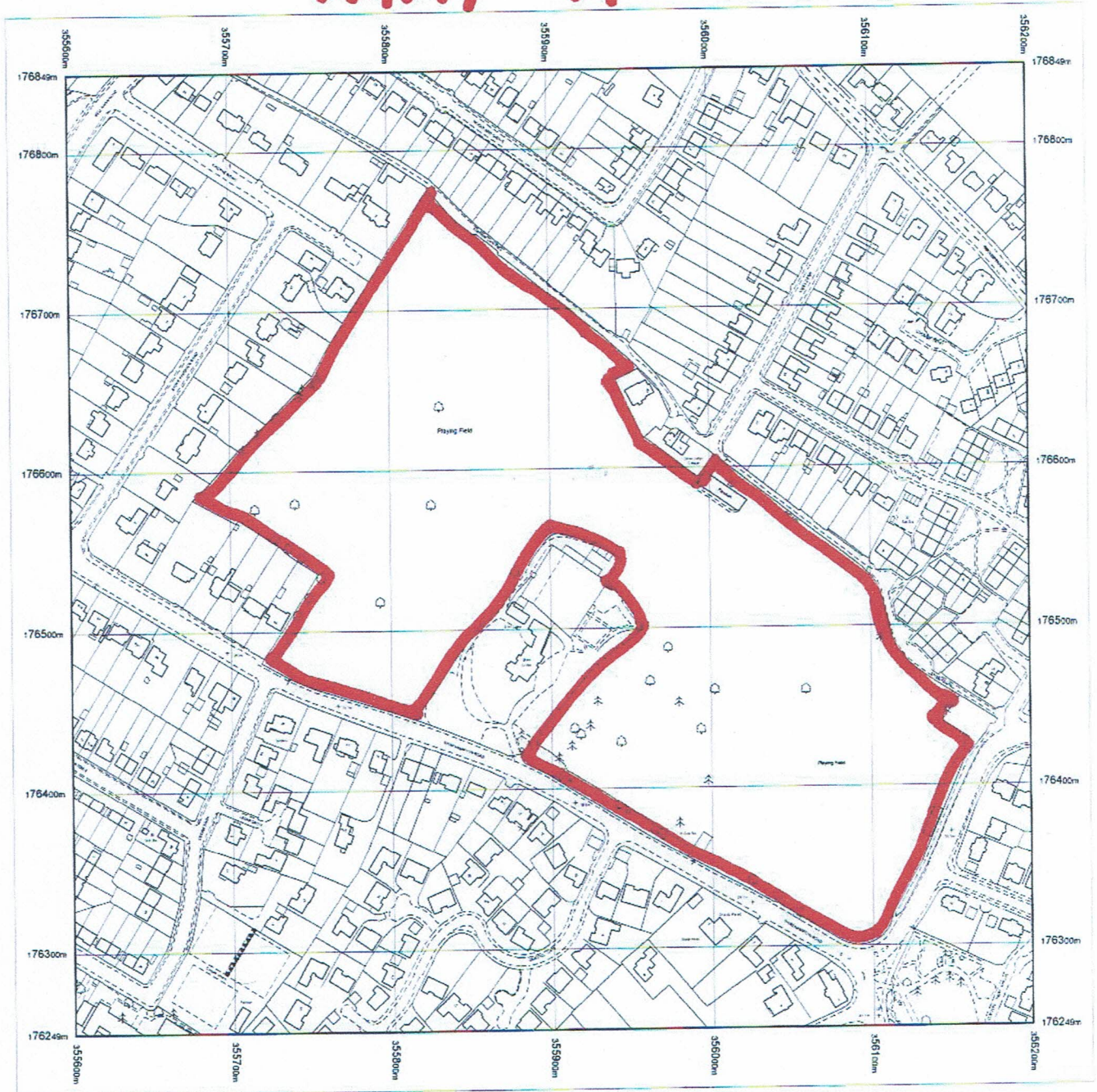


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MAP 'A'



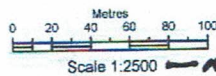
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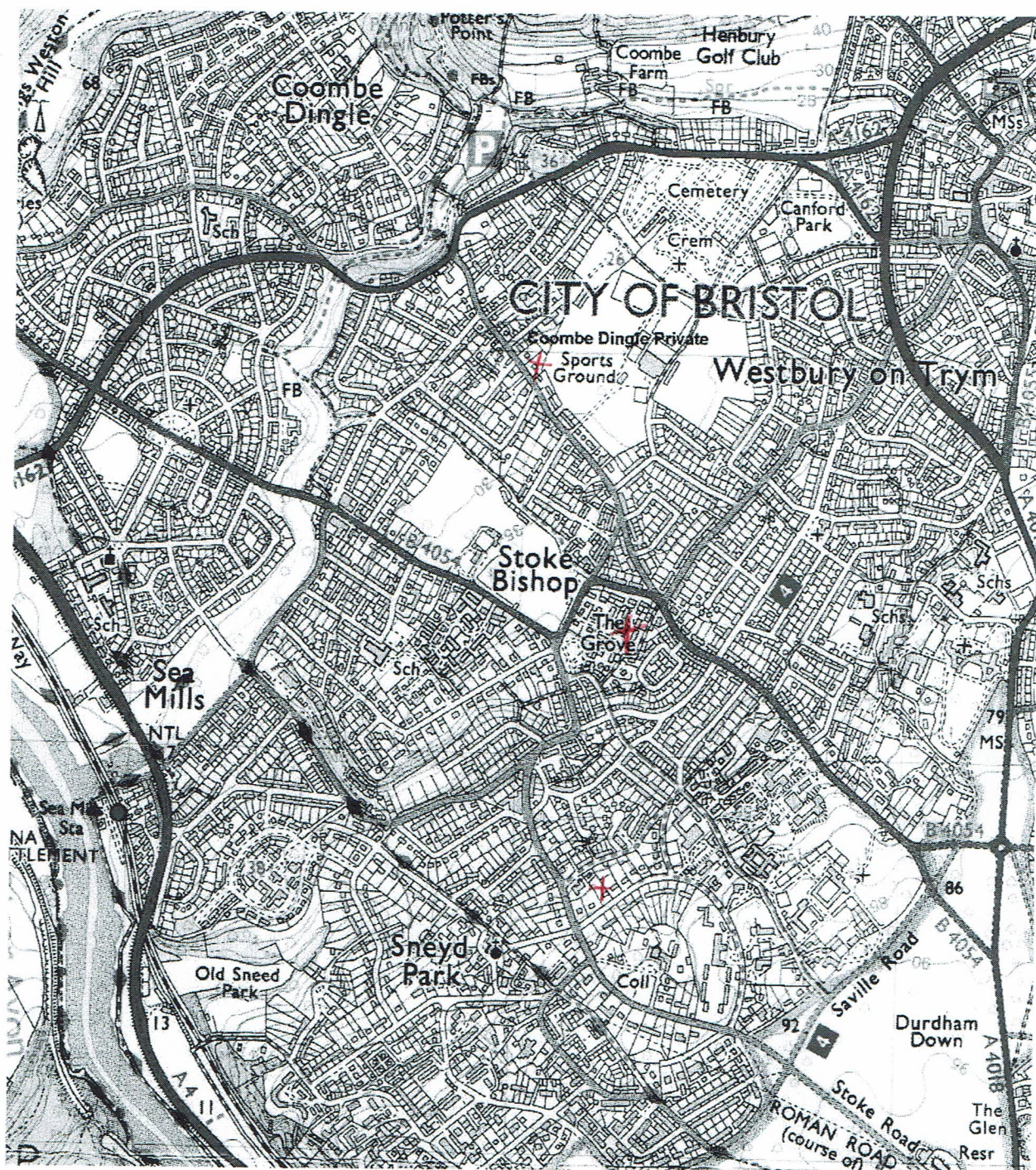
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Map "B" of locality surrounding Stoke Lodge Parkland



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