

**Witness Statement in support of**

**Town Green Application for Stoke Lodge Parklands**

John David Hilyer

50 Bell Barn Road  
Stoke Bishop  
Bristol  
BS9 2DE

Occupation. Principal Lecturer (retired)

I moved into the above address in 1973 and since then my wife and I have enjoyed this close amenity on a frequent basis. Firstly with our own children and in the past two years with our three grandchildren, we have used the Stoke Lodge field for recreation – ball-games, active play, walking and just enjoying the natural beauty of the area.

We have appreciated the advantage of being able to reach a delightful country area (free from traffic) after a very short walk from home.

We always walk to the field as it is only a short distance and necessitates crossing only one road. We always use the access from Cheney Road.

To take the children to other park areas requires the use of a car.

We have never been denied access.

My wife and I have used the educational opportunities provided by the Stoke Lodge Community Education Service for more than 10 years studying Art and Languages. Crossing the parkland is a very convenient way to reach the house on foot.

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

Signed

*J D Hilyer*

date

*5.2.2011*

| Save Stoke Lodge Parkland - Application for Town Green Registration – Evidence Questionnaire |                                                                                                                                                                                 |
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|                                                                                              | NAME of Witness <b>JOHN DAVID HUYER</b><br>Print                                                                                                                                |
| 1                                                                                            | Your address when you used the land being claimed as "Town Green" and edged in red on Map "A"?<br><br>50 BEL BARN RD<br>STOKE BISHP<br>BS9 2DE                                  |
| 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?<br><br>50 BEL BARN RD                           |
| 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<br><br>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"<br><br>YES |
| 5                                                                                            | Please confirm that you have marked the location of your house on Map "B" with an X.<br><br>YES                                                                                 |
| 6                                                                                            | By what name, if any, is The Land edged in red on Map "A" known?<br><br>Stoke Lodge field                                                                                       |
| 7                                                                                            | Has the land, referred to in question 6, ever been known by any other name? If so what?<br><br>NO                                                                               |
| 8                                                                                            | For how many years have you known about the Land edged in red on Map "A"?<br><br>37 YEARS                                                                                       |
| 9                                                                                            | Between which years did you use the Land edged in red on Map "A"?<br><br>1973 - PRESENT                                                                                         |
| 10                                                                                           | Do you consider yourself to be a local inhabitant in respect of the Land edged in red on Map "A"?<br><br>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?<br><br>YES                                          |



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| 12                        | <p>What recognisable facilities are available to the local inhabitants of your locality?<br/> <i>Please tick all boxes that apply and add any other additional matters not covered</i></p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Local infants school</td> <td>✓</td> <td>Community centre</td> <td>✓</td> <td>Community activities</td> <td>✓</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Local junior school</td> <td>✓</td> <td>Sports facility</td> <td>✓</td> <td>A central feature</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Local secondary school</td> <td>×</td> <td>Swimming pool</td> <td>×</td> <td>Scout hut</td> <td>✓</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Residents association</td> <td>✓</td> <td>Library</td> <td>✓</td> <td>other</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Neighbourhood watch</td> <td>✓</td> <td>Alt green space within easy walking</td> <td>×</td> <td>other</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Neighbourhood Partnership</td> <td>✓</td> <td>Area police</td> <td></td> <td>other</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Local place of worship</td> <td>✓</td> <td>Doctors surgery</td> <td>✓</td> <td>other</td> <td></td> </tr> </table> |                                     |   |                      |   |  |  |  |  |  | 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 |  |
| 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                        | <p>To your knowledge are there any public paths crossing the Land edged in red on Map "A"?</p> <p>NO</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                     |   |                      |   |  |  |  |  |  |                      |   |                  |   |                      |   |                     |   |                 |   |                   |  |                        |   |               |   |           |   |                       |   |         |   |       |  |                     |   |                                     |   |       |  |                           |   |             |  |       |  |                        |   |                 |   |       |  |
| 14                        | <p>How do you gain access to the Land edged in red on Map "A"?</p> <p>VIA CHENEY ROAD</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                     |   |                      |   |  |  |  |  |  |                      |   |                  |   |                      |   |                     |   |                 |   |                   |  |                        |   |               |   |           |   |                       |   |         |   |       |  |                     |   |                                     |   |       |  |                           |   |             |  |       |  |                        |   |                 |   |       |  |
| 15                        | <p>How do you travel to and from the Land edged in red on Map "A"?</p> <p>WALKING</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                     |   |                      |   |  |  |  |  |  |                      |   |                  |   |                      |   |                     |   |                 |   |                   |  |                        |   |               |   |           |   |                       |   |         |   |       |  |                     |   |                                     |   |       |  |                           |   |             |  |       |  |                        |   |                 |   |       |  |
| 16                        | <p>Why do you go on to the Land edged in red on Map "A"?</p> <p>THROUGH OPENING</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                     |   |                      |   |  |  |  |  |  |                      |   |                  |   |                      |   |                     |   |                 |   |                   |  |                        |   |               |   |           |   |                       |   |         |   |       |  |                     |   |                                     |   |       |  |                           |   |             |  |       |  |                        |   |                 |   |       |  |
| 17                        | <p>How often do/did you use the Land edged in red on Map "A"?</p> <p>(apart from use of any public paths on the Land)</p> <p>ONCE A WEEK</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                     |   |                      |   |  |  |  |  |  |                      |   |                  |   |                      |   |                     |   |                 |   |                   |  |                        |   |               |   |           |   |                       |   |         |   |       |  |                     |   |                                     |   |       |  |                           |   |             |  |       |  |                        |   |                 |   |       |  |
| 18                        | <p>What activities do/did you take part in on the Land edged red on Map "A"?</p> <p>WALKING GAMES WITH CHILDREN</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                     |   |                      |   |  |  |  |  |  |                      |   |                  |   |                      |   |                     |   |                 |   |                   |  |                        |   |               |   |           |   |                       |   |         |   |       |  |                     |   |                                     |   |       |  |                           |   |             |  |       |  |                        |   |                 |   |       |  |
| 19                        | <p>Does your immediate family use the Land edged in red on Map "A"?</p> <p>YES</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                     |   |                      |   |  |  |  |  |  |                      |   |                  |   |                      |   |                     |   |                 |   |                   |  |                        |   |               |   |           |   |                       |   |         |   |       |  |                     |   |                                     |   |       |  |                           |   |             |  |       |  |                        |   |                 |   |       |  |
| 20                        | <p>If so, for what?</p> <p>GAMES &amp; WALKING</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                     |   |                      |   |  |  |  |  |  |                      |   |                  |   |                      |   |                     |   |                 |   |                   |  |                        |   |               |   |           |   |                       |   |         |   |       |  |                     |   |                                     |   |       |  |                           |   |             |  |       |  |                        |   |                 |   |       |  |
| 21                        | <p>Do you know of any community activities that take place or have taken place on the Land edged in red on Map "A"?</p> <p>FOOTBALL, BROWNIES,</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                     |   |                      |   |  |  |  |  |  |                      |   |                  |   |                      |   |                     |   |                 |   |                   |  |                        |   |               |   |           |   |                       |   |         |   |       |  |                     |   |                                     |   |       |  |                           |   |             |  |       |  |                        |   |                 |   |       |  |
| 22                        | <p>If so please list them and state when and for how long they have taken place?</p> <p>SEE ABOVE</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                     |   |                      |   |  |  |  |  |  |                      |   |                  |   |                      |   |                     |   |                 |   |                   |  |                        |   |               |   |           |   |                       |   |         |   |       |  |                     |   |                                     |   |       |  |                           |   |             |  |       |  |                        |   |                 |   |       |  |
| 23                        | <p>Do/did you participate in any of them?</p> <p>NO</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                     |   |                      |   |  |  |  |  |  |                      |   |                  |   |                      |   |                     |   |                 |   |                   |  |                        |   |               |   |           |   |                       |   |         |   |       |  |                     |   |                                     |   |       |  |                           |   |             |  |       |  |                        |   |                 |   |       |  |

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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. | YES, SHREHAMPTON FC                 |                 |
| 25 | Do any seasonal activities take place on the Land edged in red on Map "A"                                   | YES, SPORTS DAYS                    |                 |
| 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  |
|    |                                                                                                             |                                     | Bonfire parties |
|    |                                                                                                             |                                     | Bicycle riding  |
|    |                                                                                                             |                                     | Carol singing   |
|    |                                                                                                             |                                     | other           |
|    |                                                                                                             |                                     | other           |
|    |                                                                                                             |                                     | other           |
|    |                                                                                                             |                                     | other           |
|    |                                                                                                             |                                     | 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.           | NO                                  |                 |
| 29 | Has the owner or occupier seen you on the Land edged in red on Map "A"?                                     | NO                                  |                 |
| 30 | What did they say? If anything?                                                                             | N/A                                 |                 |
| 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                                  |                 |



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| 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?                                                                                                                                                                | W/A |
| 42 | If you have additional information please attach a separate statement?                                                                                                                                                                      |     |
| 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.                                                                      | NO  |
| 44 | I have carried on the activities referred to in this questionnaire, on the Land edged in red on Map "A", for [ ] 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                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |     |
| 49 | Date                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |     |

*[Signature]*

J. D. HILYER

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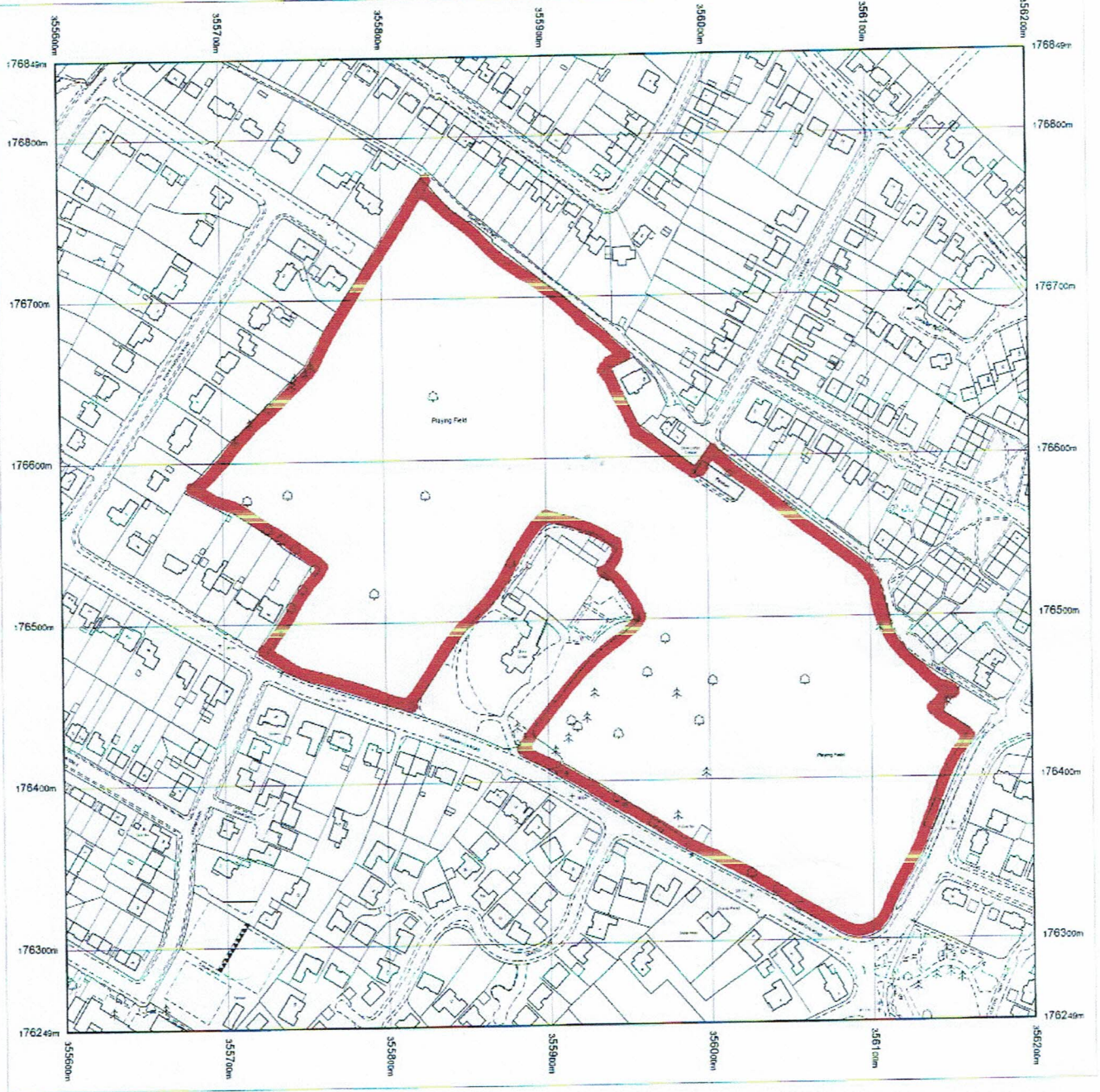


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MAP 'A'



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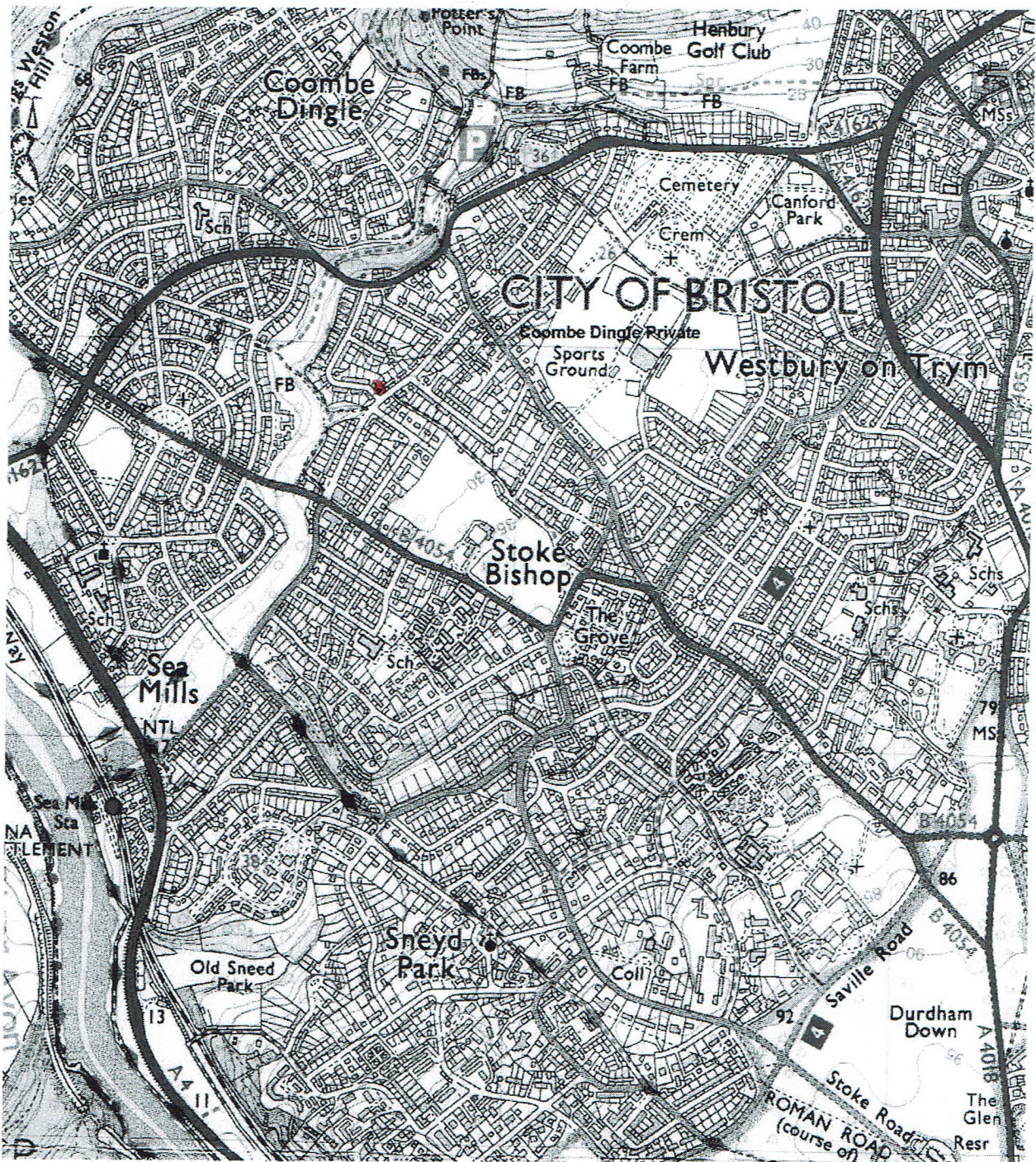
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Map "B" of locality surrounding Stoke Lodge Parkland



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