

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

2. Paul E C Richardson

3. Address 33, Woodland Grove
Coombe Dingle, Bristol BS9 2BD.

4. Occupation Retired Engineer

5. Statement:

I have lived at the above address since 1965 and have brought up my family of three children here in this house backing onto Ebenezer Lane, which is the NE boundary of the Parkland in question.

During this time we have had unfettered access to this site via Ebenezer Lane and have used the field for informal, leisure (walking), sporting (cricket and football), play with children and grandchildren and dog exercising activities. We have also used the field as access ways to Cheyne Road via the stile at the top of the road, Shirehampton Road via the same stile and to Stoke Bishop village.

We have also used the field as part of formal activities for which formal permission had been granted, viz St Mary's church fete.

We most value the beauty of the parkland for its trees and the rolling grassland and the unfettered access which has enabled a wide variety of activities to take place harmoniously without the necessity for formal management.

Over all the years that we have used the field the only disruptive or anti-social activity that we have known has been the yobbish behaviour of youths in desecrating the sports pavilion and grounds man's equipment and the graffiti .

6. All the above statements are true, witness my hand

Signed Paul E C Richardson Date 29/1/2011

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

	NAME of Witness Print	<i>PAUL E. C. RICHARDSON</i>	
1	Your address when you used the land being claimed as "Town Green" and edged in red on Map "A"?	<i>33, WOODLAND CROFT, BRISTOL, BS9 2BJ.</i>	
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?	<i>AS IN 1. ABOVE</i>	
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	<i>Yes</i>	
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"	<i>Yes</i>	
5	Please confirm that you have marked the location of your house on Map "B" with an X.	<i>See X on Map A</i>	
6	By what name, if any, is The Land edged in red on Map "A" known?	<i>Stoke Lodge Anyway Fields</i>	
7	Has the land, referred to in question 6, ever been known by any other name? If so what?	<i>No</i>	
8	For how many years have you known about the Land edged in red on Map "A"?	<i>46 years</i>	
9	Between which years did you use the Land edged in red on Map "A"?	<i>1965 -> 2011</i>	
10	Do you consider yourself to be a local inhabitant in respect of the Land edged in red on Map "A"?	<i>Yes</i>	
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?	<i>Yes</i>	

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	☒
	Local junior school	☒	Sports facility	☒
	Local secondary school		Swimming pool	☒
	Residents association		Library	☒
	Neighbourhood watch	☒	Alt green space within easy walking	☒
	Neighbourhood Partnership	☒	Area police	☒
	Local place of worship	☒	Doctors surgery	☒
13	To your knowledge are there any public paths crossing the Land edged in red on Map "A"?			YES
14	How do you gain access to the Land edged in red on Map "A"?			From Ebenezer Road and Clyne Road
15	How do you travel to and from the Land edged in red on Map "A"?			By foot.
16	Why do you go on to the Land edged in red on Map "A"?			<<97>> For recreation - games, day walking
17	How often do/did you use the Land edged in red on Map "A"?			Every day
18	What activities do/did you take part in on the Land edged red on Map "A"?			Games/walking.
19	Does your immediate family use the Land edged in red on Map "A"?			Yes
20	If so, for what?			Games & 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"?			Sports
22	If so please list them and state when and for how long they have taken place?			Woodland Grove residents Sports
23	Do/did you participate in any of them?			YES

24	Do any organisations use the Land edged in red on Map "A" for sports or pastimes? If so, please specify.	University, Schools, Junior Football Teams eg. Strimlington colls.	
25	Do any seasonal activities take place on the Land edged in red on Map "A"	Sport.	
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 ☒
27	Do you know the name of the owner of the Land edged in red on Map "A"? And if so please state.	Bristol 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"?	Don't know	
30	What did they say? If anything?	Nothing	
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	

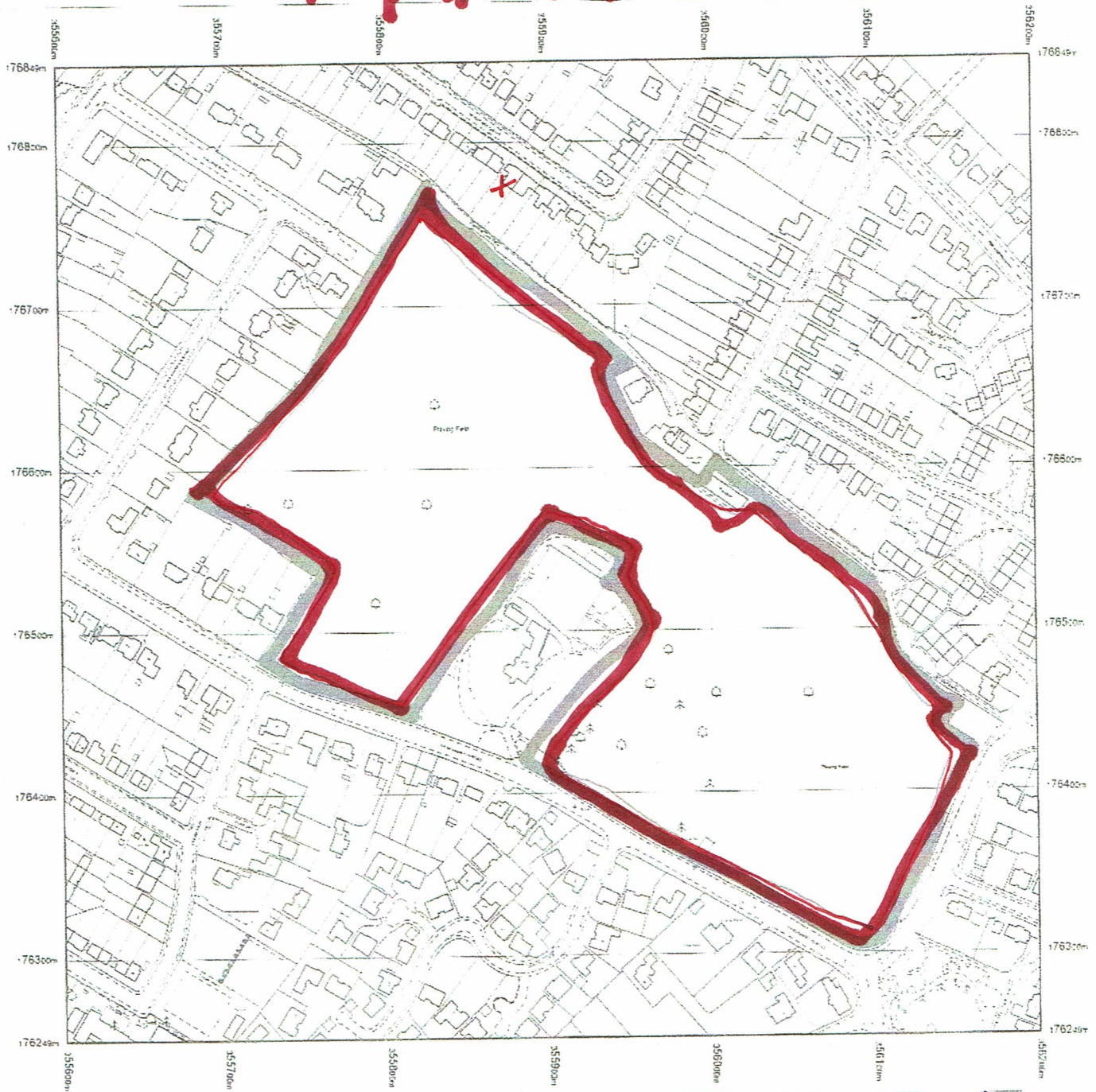
36	If yes, when and for what reason?	—
37	Has any attempt been made by any means to prevent or discourage the use being made of the Land edged in red on Map "A" by local inhabitants?	No
38	If yes, give examples and dates	—
39	Are you aware of any signs or notices restricting access to the Land edged 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?	—
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 46 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	Paul E.C. Richardson
48	Name	Paul E.C. Richardson
49	Date	29/1/2011

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MAP 'A'



Paul E.C. Richardson

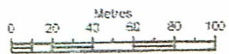
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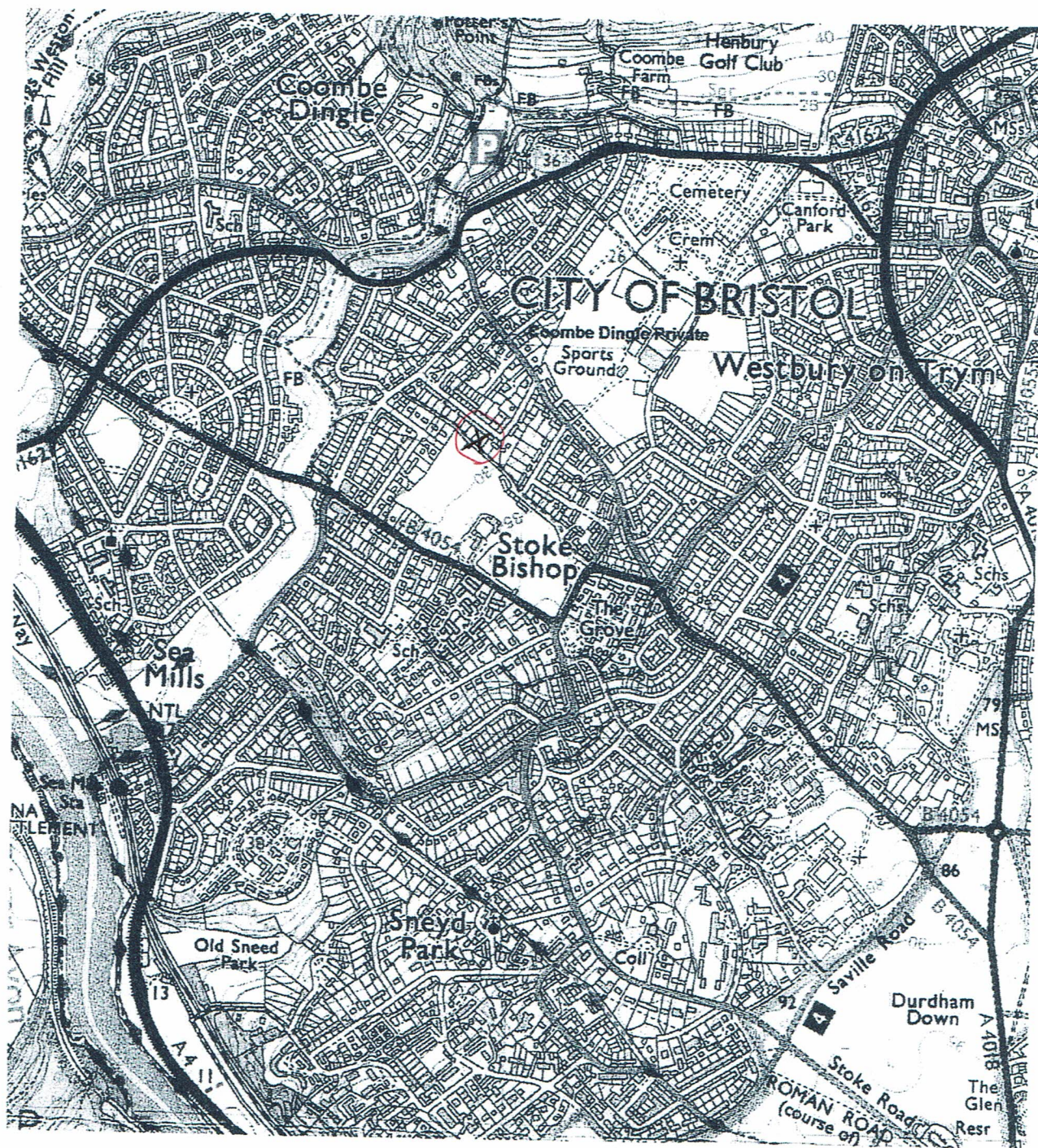
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Map "B" of locality surrounding Stoke Lodge Parkland



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