

**Witness Statement in support of
Town Green Application for Stoke Loge Parkland**

My name is Malcolm Davies and I live at:-

11 South Dene
Stoke Bishop
Bristol BS9 2BW

I am aged 67 and am currently employed in the advertising and marketing agency business as a Marketing Services Co-ordinator.

My parents moved to Cedar Park in 1949 and I have lived, on and off, in Stoke Bishop for most of my life.

I first visited Stoke Lodge house in the late forties / early fifties when I was aged five or six. My mother knew a lady who lived in the house and I was taken to play with her young daughter. We caught some newts in a little pond in the garden.

Later on I joined the Westbury Harriers, an athletics club, and we used to train on Stoke Lodge playing fields every Monday evening. (mid fifties)

In my teens, (late fifties) my friends and I would play cricket most summer evenings after school. Occasionally a groundsman would come and speak to us but he seemed quite happy for us to be there as long as we were behaving ourselves. (I think his name was Mr. Clarke, but I can't be sure)

A school friend and I attended maths evening classes in the house in 1959 to improve our chances of passing our O Level exams.

My family and I have been living in South Dene since 1981 (30 years). I've taken our five children to play on the field – playing football and cricket, flying kites, collecting conkers, building snowmen, doing long jumps, attending church fetes and watching the bats catch flies under the trees on a summers evening.

I and my family and indeed my childhood friends have always considered Stoke Lodge Parkland as part of the Stoke Bishop environment. A place where both young and old can enjoy the open air, freedom to walk and other physical activities. A short walk from home to either the Shirehampton Road entrance or the West Dene entrance gave us the chance to enjoy a delightful range of open-air leisure activities.

My family and friends have never been impeded from enjoying the Parkland and long may it continue. I hope one day, if I'm presented with grandchildren, to be able to take them to play there.

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

Signature: 

Date: 

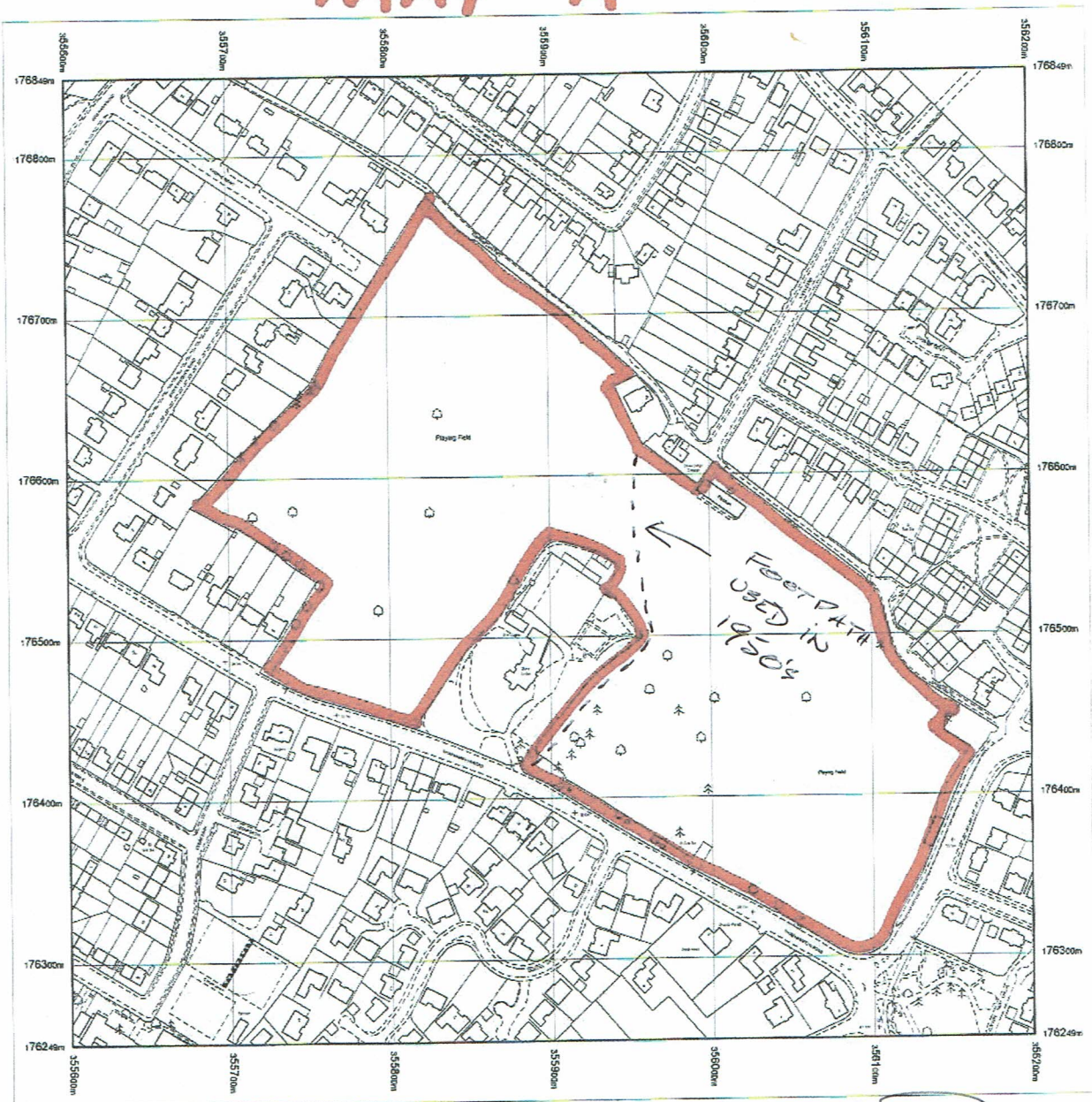
Save Stoke Lodge Parkland - Application for Town Green Registration – Evidence Questionnaire	
	NAME of Witness Print
1	Your address when you used the land being claimed as "Town Green" and edged in red on Map "A"? 11 SOUTH DENE STOKE BISHOP BRISTOL BS9 2BW TEL 09685077
2	Your address when you knew the land edged in red on Map "A" was being used by the local inhabitants? If different from 1 above? 11 CEDAR PARK STOKE BISHOP BRISTOL
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" I AGREE
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"? 62 YEARS
9	Between which years did you use the Land edged in red on Map "A"? 1949 – 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	STOKESBISHOP VILLAGE HALL
	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"?					
18	(apart from use of any public paths on the Land)					
19	What activities do/did you take part in on the Land edged red on Map "A"?					
20	Does your immediate family use the Land edged in red on Map "A"?					
21	If so, for what?					
22	Do you know of any community activities that take place or have taken place on the Land edged in red on Map "A"?					
23	If so please list them and state when and for how long they have taken place?					
24	Do/did you participate in any of them?					

24	Do any organisations use the Land edged in red on Map "A" for sports or pastimes? If so, please specify.		SCHOOLS - FOOTBALL & CRICKET TEAMS	
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	☒	Fetes	☒ Bonfire parties
	Rounders	☒	Football	☒ Bicycle riding
	Drawing and painting	☐	Rugby	☒ Carol singing
	Dog Walking	☒	Cricket	☒ other MAKING SNOWMEN
	Team Games (Formal)	☒	Bird watching	☒ other GOLF PRACTICE
	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.		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"?		DONT KNOW	
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?	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?	
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 62 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	<i>Malcolm Davies</i>
48	Name	MALCOLM DAVIES
49	Date	30/01/2011

MAP 'A'



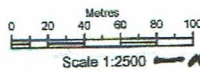
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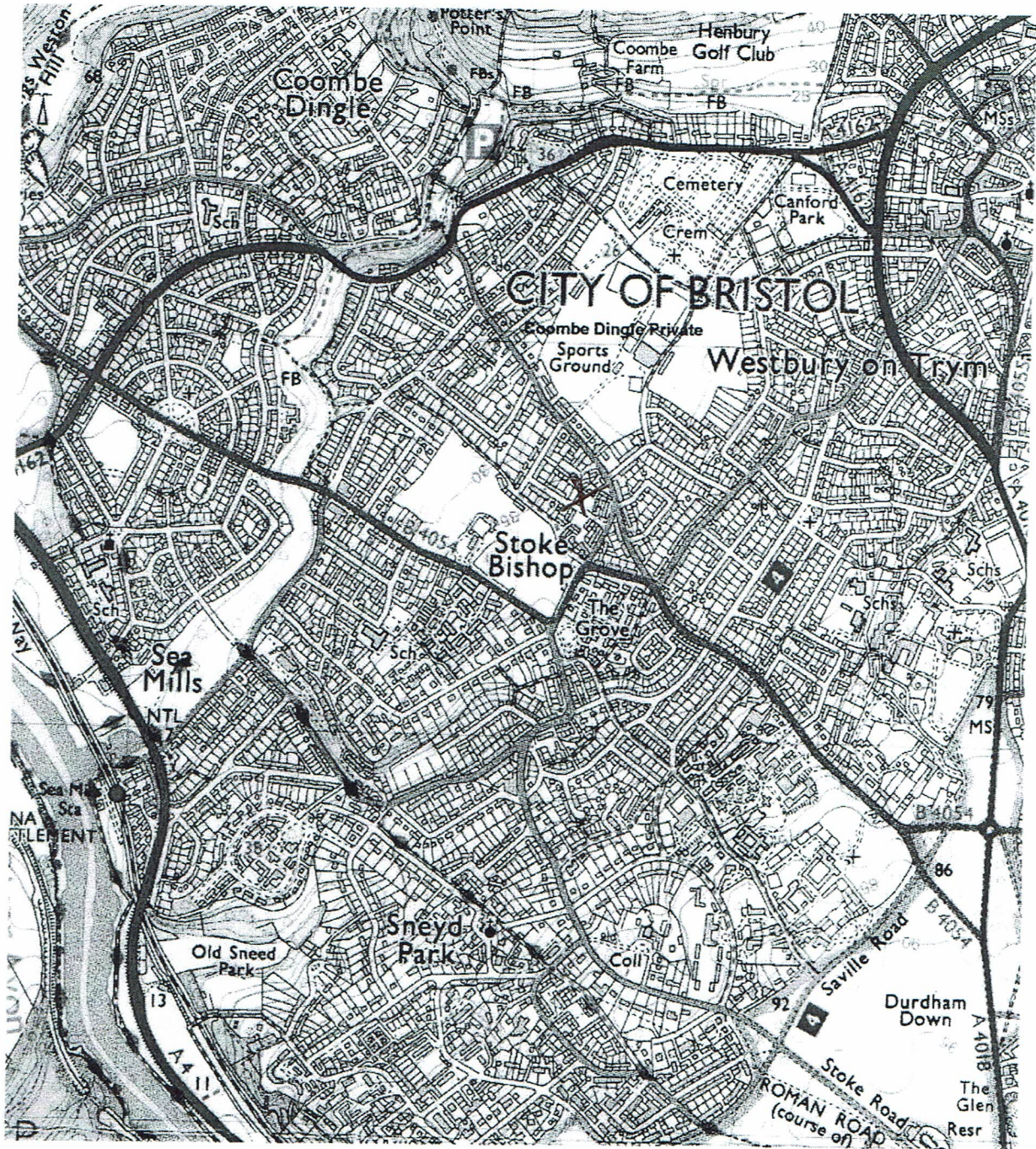
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Map "B" of locality surrounding Stoke Lodge Parkland



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