

Witness statement in support of Town Green Application for Stoke Lodge Parkland.

Julie Grace Wright 24, West Dene, Stoke Bishop, Bristol BS9 2BQ

Occupation-Clerical

I moved to Briercliffe Road in 1984, myself, husband and Simon, aged 5 and Sarah, aged 3. Simon attended Cedar Park C of E school and walking to this was our first introduction to Stoke Lodge Playing Fields (SLPF). On a fine day we would walk to school, along Cheyne Road, across SLPF and along Cedar Park. Also after school we would play on these fields, a place where the children could run freely, sometimes enjoying a bun, bought from the cake shop in Shirehampton Road.

In 1994 I moved even closer to SLPF buying the "Old School Kitchens" (which backs on to SLPF) and having a house built there. I have used SLPF extensively ever since and I list below my reasons for using SLPF

1. Short cut to the shops, dentist and doctor's-I leave my house, turn left, walk a short way along Ebenezer Lane, through the gap in the hedging (there are several to choose from) across the field and onto Stoke Paddock Road.
2. Short cut to the bus stop at the mini roundabout.
3. Picking up litter left by others.
4. Cutting the brambles that grow on SLPF against my fence and invade my garden if I don't prune them at least 3 times a year.
5. Birthday parties for the children (photos enclosed of 1997 rounders party)
6. Street parties organised by Woodland Grove residents, in the past it was an annual event, races and rounders matches were organised.
7. South Dene v West Dene cricket matches that were instigated several years ago. Sadly last year's event was rained off! (photos enclosed of 2005 event)
8. Picking fruit, damsons, blackberries, plums and mulberries.
9. Collect holly and ivy at Christmas time, and other greenery for flower arranging at various times throughout the year.
10. To walk to Stoke Lodge to attend day/evening classes.
11. Walking, for exercise, 2-3 times a week with up to 6 other ladies, 4 times around the field.

Stoke Lodge Playing Fields is a wonderful community asset, that I know has been enjoyed by generations in the past and I hope, in the future. Over the years I have had the pleasure of meeting all sorts of people on the field, listening to their tales of joy and woe. Not all is idyllic though : the litter is annoying, some of the language from the sportsmen is ripe, the brambles are challenging, some of the dogs are noisy early in the morning, but I wouldn't want it to change greatly, as I have come to love the fields.

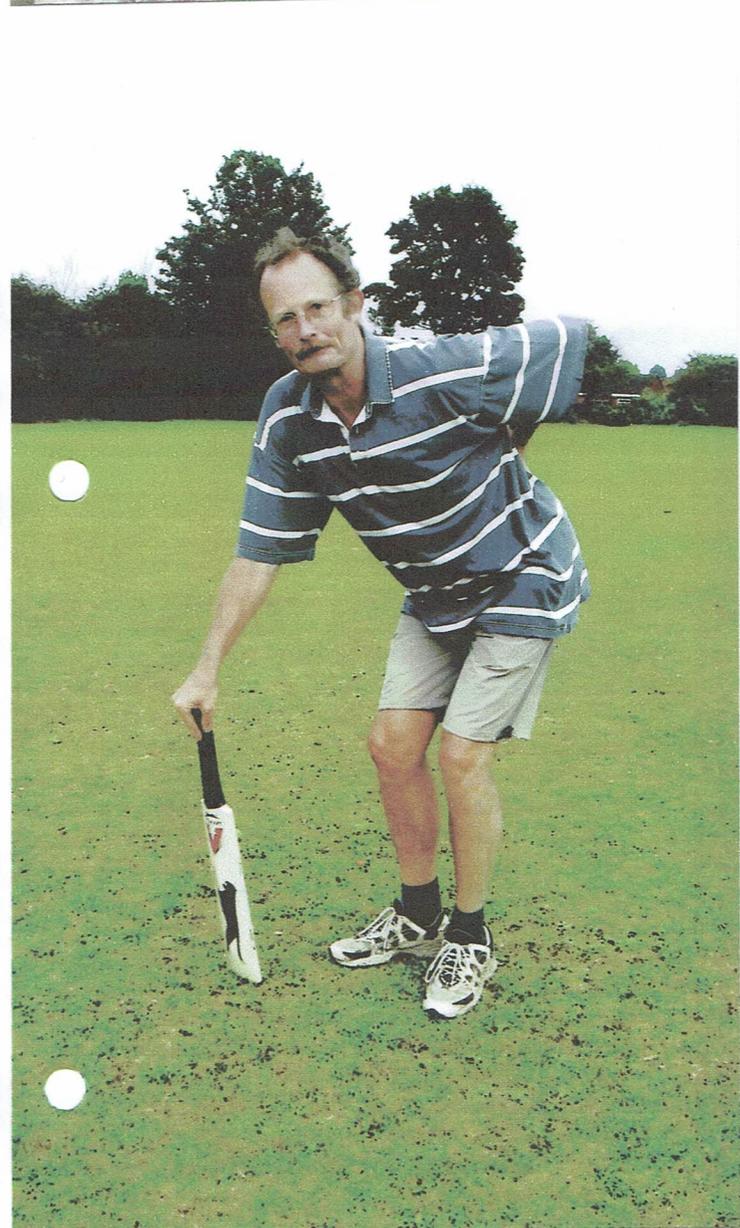
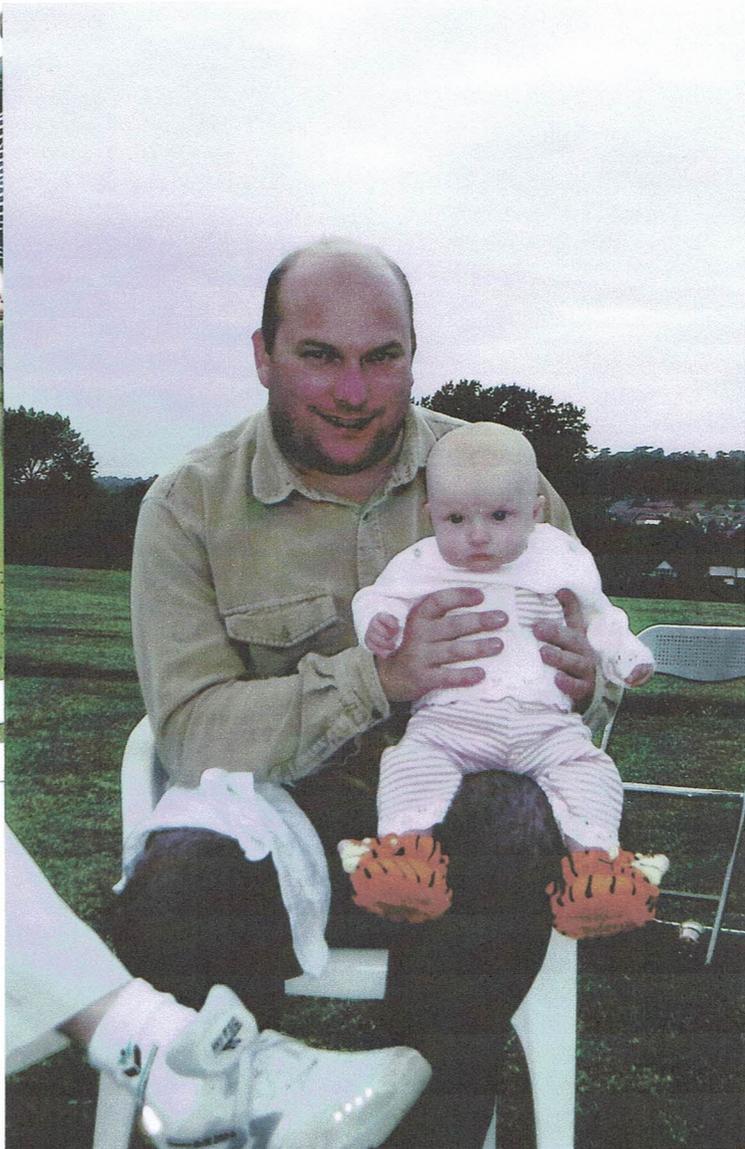
In all the 28 years I have been using it I have never had permission to use it, nor have I ever been asked to leave it.

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

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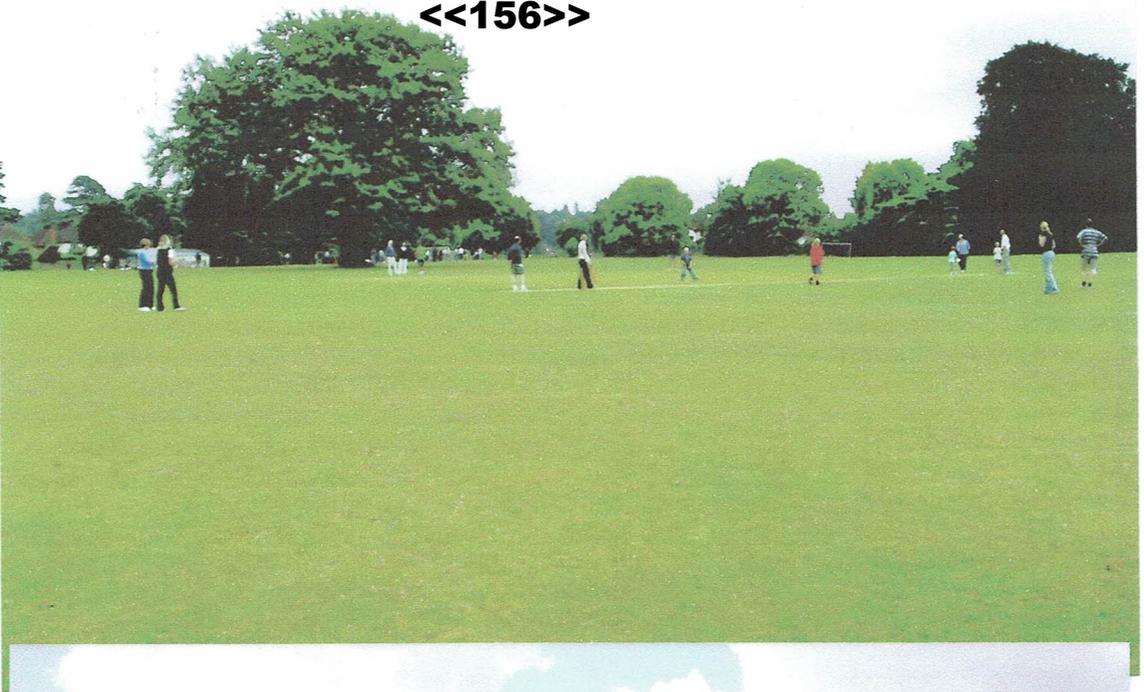
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1997 'ROUNDERS'
BIRTHDAY
PARTY →



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

	NAME of Witness Print	JULIE WRIGHT	
1	Your address when you used the land being claimed as "Town Green" and edged in red on Map "A"?	BRIERCLIFFE RD BRISTOL BS9 2DB	24, WEST DENE BRISTOL BS9 2BQ
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?	As 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 PLAYING FIELDS	
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"?	26 YEARS.	
9	Between which years did you use the Land edged in red on Map "A"?	1984 TO DATE	
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		<table border="1"> <tr> <td>Local infants school</td> <td align="center">✓</td> <td>Community centre</td> <td>Community activities</td> <td align="center">✓</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Local junior school</td> <td align="center">✓</td> <td>Sports facility</td> <td>A central feature</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Local secondary school</td> <td></td> <td>Swimming pool</td> <td>Scout hut</td> <td align="center">✓</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Residents association</td> <td align="center">✓</td> <td>Library</td> <td>other</td> <td>PLAY GROUP</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Neighbourhood watch</td> <td align="center">✓</td> <td>Alt green space within easy walking</td> <td>other</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Neighbourhood Partnership</td> <td align="center">✓</td> <td>Area police</td> <td>other</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Local place of worship</td> <td align="center">✓</td> <td>Doctors surgery</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	PLAY GROUP	Neighbourhood watch	✓	Alt green space within easy walking	other		Neighbourhood Partnership	✓	Area police	other		Local place of worship	✓	Doctors surgery	other		<table border="1"> <tr> <td>13</td> <td colspan="2">To your knowledge are there any public paths crossing the Land edged in red on Map "A"?</td> <td align="center">No</td> </tr> <tr> <td>14</td> <td colspan="2">How do you gain access to the Land edged in red on Map "A"?</td> <td>CHEYNE RD - IN FIRST INSTANCE VARIOUS BREAKS IN HEDSINS EBENEZER LANE</td> </tr> <tr> <td>15</td> <td colspan="2">How do you travel to and from the Land edged in red on Map "A"?</td> <td>WALK</td> </tr> <tr> <td>16</td> <td colspan="2">Why do you go on to the Land edged in red on Map "A"?</td> <td>exercise, short cut, picking fruit, picking brambles, picnics, community events.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>17</td> <td colspan="2">How often do/did you use the Land edged in red on Map "A"? (apart from use of any public paths on the Land)</td> <td>MOST DAYS</td> </tr> <tr> <td>18</td> <td colspan="2">What activities do/did you take part in on the Land edged red on Map "A"?</td> <td>POWER WALKING, CRICKET RUNNERS. + ao No.16.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>19</td> <td colspan="2">Does your immediate family use the Land edged in red on Map "A"?</td> <td>YES</td> </tr> <tr> <td>20</td> <td colspan="2">If so, for what?</td> <td>Exercise, short cuts to shops, bus stop Fruit picking</td> </tr> <tr> <td>21</td> <td colspan="2">Do you know of any community activities that take place or have taken place on the Land edged in red on Map "A"?</td> <td>YES</td> </tr> <tr> <td>22</td> <td colspan="2">If so please list them and state when and for how long they have taken place? Annual - Woodland Grove garden street party - was first instigated in 1984 Annual - South Dene v West Dene Cricket Match - 2006-2007</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>23</td> <td colspan="2">Do/did you participate in any of them?</td> <td>YES.</td> </tr> </table>	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"?		CHEYNE RD - IN FIRST INSTANCE VARIOUS BREAKS IN HEDSINS EBENEZER LANE	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"?		exercise, short cut, picking fruit, picking brambles, picnics, community events.	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)		MOST DAYS	18	What activities do/did you take part in on the Land edged red on Map "A"?		POWER WALKING, CRICKET RUNNERS. + ao No.16.	19	Does your immediate family use the Land edged in red on Map "A"?		YES	20	If so, for what?		Exercise, short cuts to shops, bus stop Fruit picking	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? Annual - Woodland Grove garden street party - was first instigated in 1984 Annual - South Dene v West Dene Cricket Match - 2006-2007			23	Do/did you participate in any of them?		YES.
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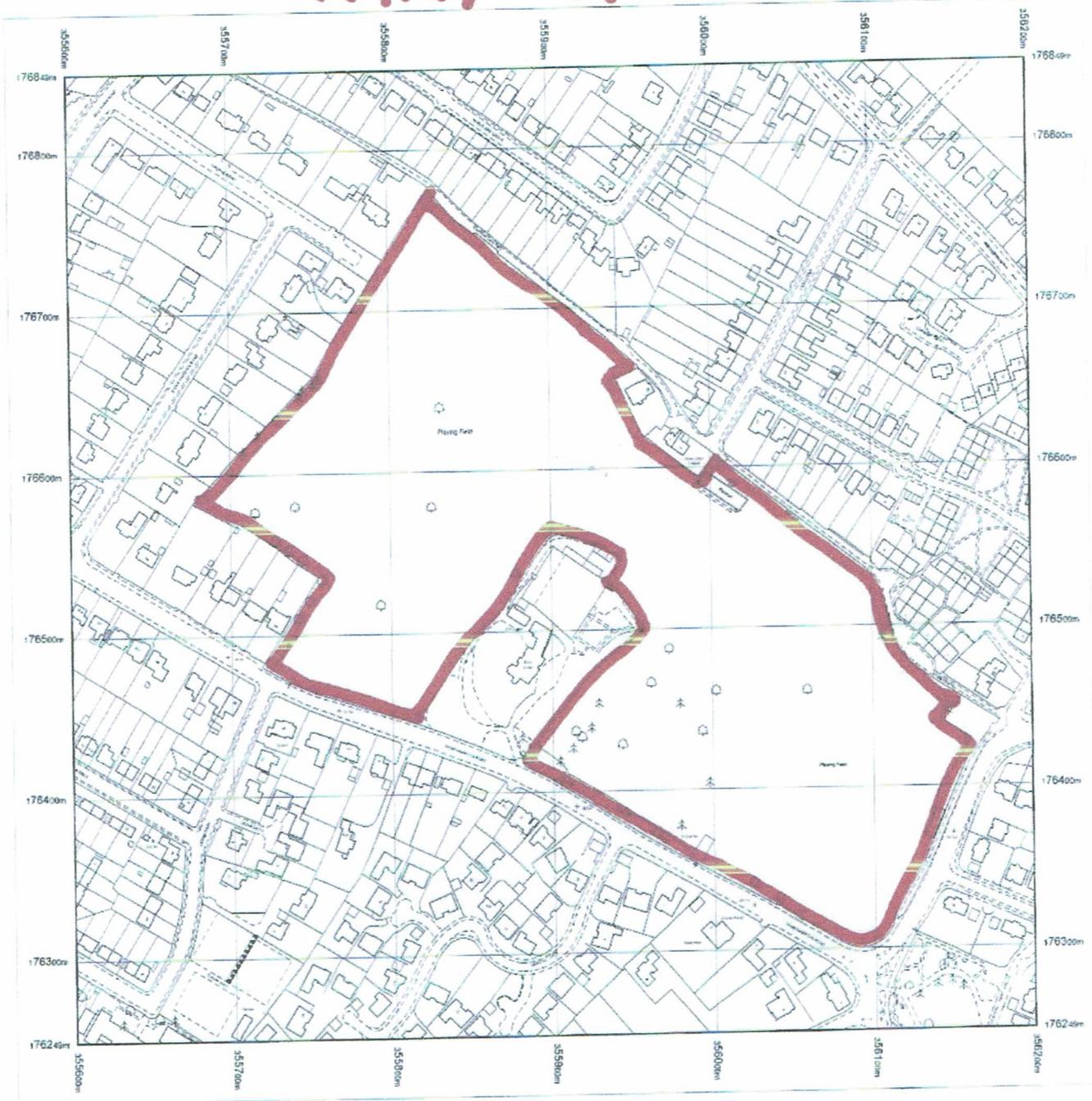
36	If yes, when and for what reason?	N/A
37	Has any attempt been made by any means to prevent or discourage the use being made of the Land edged in red on Map "A" by local inhabitants?	No
38	If yes, give examples and dates	N/A
39	Are you aware of any signs or notices restricting access to the Land edged 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?	YES
41	Are you willing to allow us to copy them for use as part of our application?	YES -
42	If you have additional information please attach a separate statement? (witness statement etc)	See att'd 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 26 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	J G Wright
48	Name	JULIE WRIGHT
49	Date	4/2/11

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MAP 'A'



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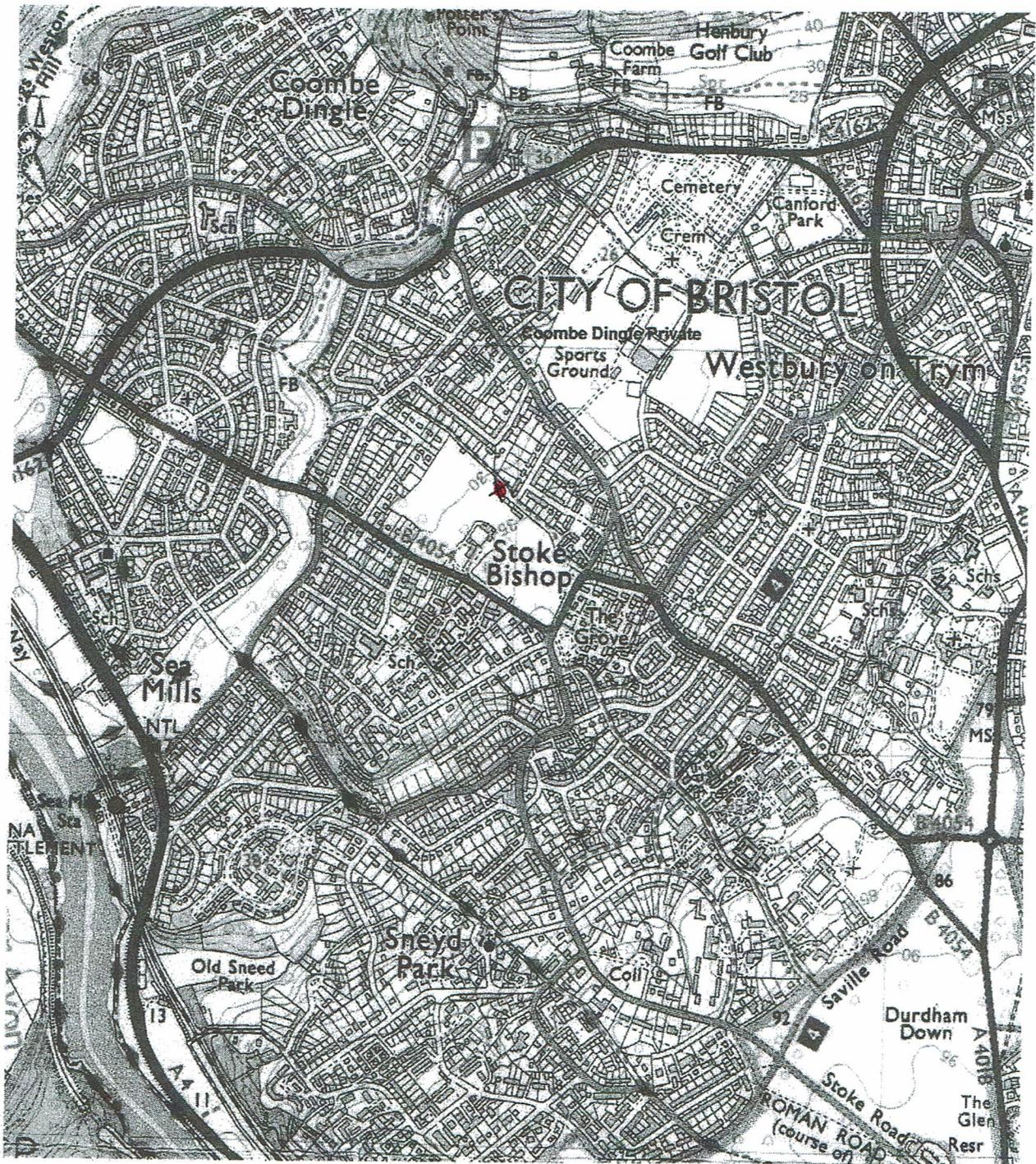


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Map "B" of locality surrounding Stoke Lodge Parkland



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