

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

Gaynor Page

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City of Bristol
BS9 2BW**

Homemaker and Part-time Designer

As a family we moved to Stoke Bishop in August 1993. We chose this area specifically for the calm, relaxed atmosphere amongst the trees and greenery – a place in which to raise our young family. We first walked in the playing fields within our first week of moving in. It was a godsend when we were tripping over boxes with two under-fives. The following week our eldest daughter started school at Stoke Bishop Primary School, and we walked through the playing fields to get there, something we did almost every school-day for the next 9 years.

Once both my children were in school, a neighbour and I used to jog around the Stoke Lodge Playing Fields several mornings per week – sorry I can't recall for how long we did this.

Whilst at Stoke Bishop Primary School, my children occasionally attended the After-school/Holiday Play-scheme, who used the playing fields for picnics and activities and in which my children were involved – and thoroughly enjoyed.

I used to run a Brownie Unit (62nd (Bristol) Brownies) and we sometimes used the playing fields for our end of term picnics. Also, I regularly used it for trying out and planning Pack-holiday activities for the Brownies.

In later years we have used the playing fields for neighbourhood get-togethers; cricket/picnic days, children's sledging days, rugby and football kick-a-bouts.

Personally, we have walked off numerous Christmas dinners, picked blackberries, watched athletics, found a new home for a stray hedgehog (found in our garage!), walked my brother-in-law's dog, trained for the Race for Life, used the 'pathway' between the West Dene gate which is where we enter the playing fields, and the Shirehampton Road gate, for access to a friend's house in Cedar Park and the Cheyne Road access to the shops at Trym Parade and to the Doctors surgery in Sea Mills. We live just about 100 yards from the West Dene entrance. We have on an odd occasion used the Parry's Lane exit too, having scrambled over the stone wall to get out! The Stoke Lodge Playing fields make getting fresh air and exercise accessible in our busy daily lives.

We have used the field when the groundsmen have been busy at work and not once, have any of us as a family or individually been stopped or questioned about why we were there.

Both daughters are away at University now and look forward to being able to use the playing fields when they are home; one plays rugby and uses the field to keep up her fitness levels and practise her ball skills. The other jogs round the perimeter when she's home and will be returning home this summer (2011).

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

CM Bore

4th February 2011

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

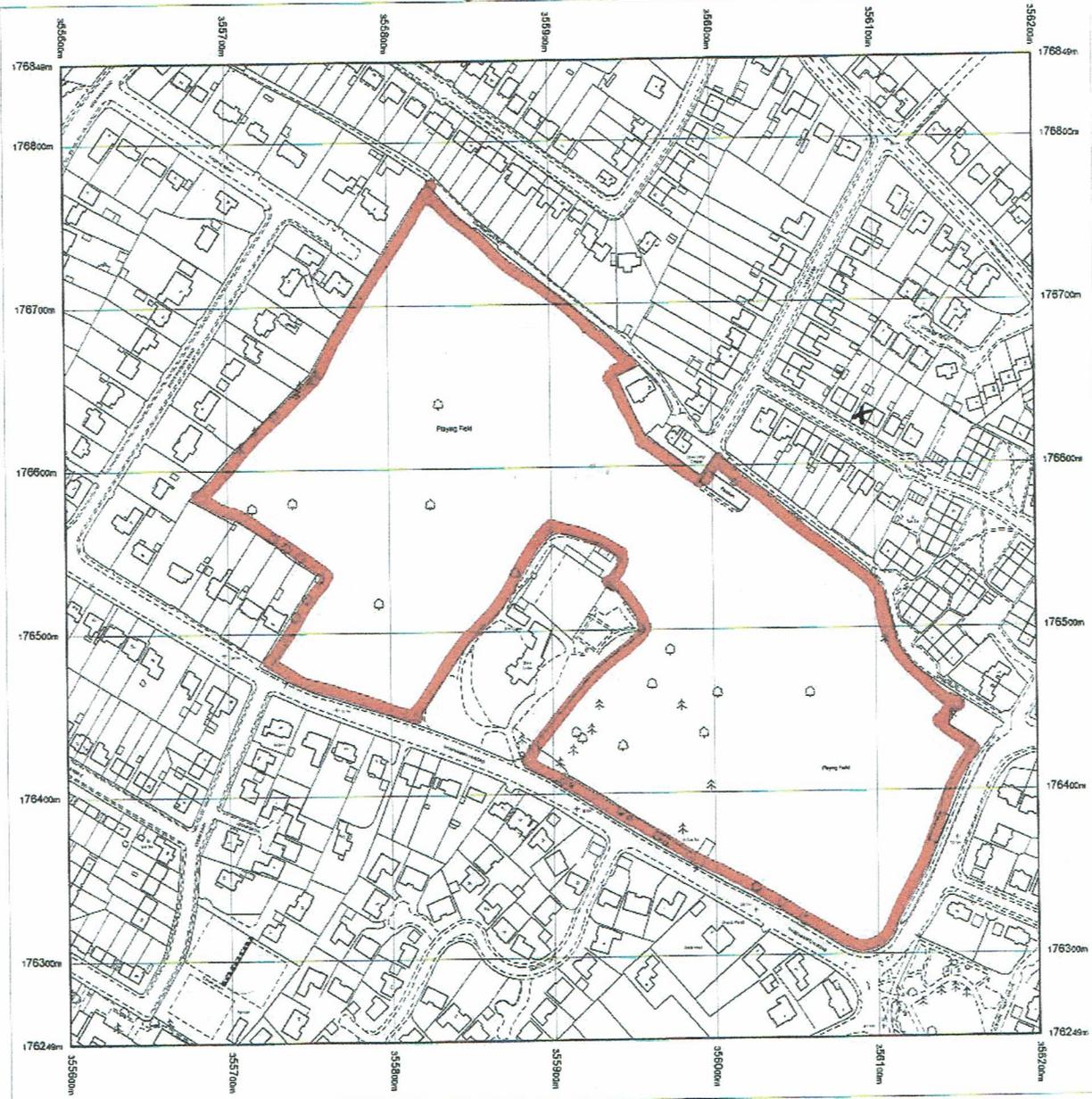
	NAME of Witness Print	GAYNOR PAGE	
1	Your address when you used the land being claimed as "Town Green" and edged in red on Map "A"?	5, SOUTH DENG, STOKE BISHOP, BRISTOL, BS9 2BW	
2	Your address when you knew the land edged in red on Map "A" was being used by the local inhabitants? If different from 1 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?	Not to my knowledge	
8	For how many years have you known about the Land edged in red on Map "A"?	Approximately 20	
9	Between which years did you use the Land edged in red on Map "A"?	1993 and still currently using	
10	Do you consider yourself to be a local inhabitant in respect of the Land edged in red on Map "A"?	Yes, very much so.	
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	<p>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</p>			
	Local infants school	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Community centre / <i>St. Mary's / Sea Mills / Wotton Dr's</i>	Community activities
	Local junior school	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sports facility	A central feature
	Local secondary school		Swimming pool	Scout hut
	Residents association	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Library <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (<i>Sea Mills / Wotton Dr's</i>)	other <i>Adult Ed. Centre - Stoke Lodge</i>
	Neighbourhood watch	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	All green space within easy walking	other
	Neighbourhood Partnership	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Area police <i>S. Meads</i>	other
	Local place of worship	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	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" (apart from use of any public paths on the Land)			
18	What activities do/did you take part in on the Land edged red on Map "A"?			
19	Does your immediate family use the Land edged in red on Map "A"?			
20	If so, for what?			
21	Do you know of any community activities that take place or have taken place on the Land edged in red on Map "A"?			
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?			
	Unofficially Yes			
	Gates at West Dene - Shirehampton Rd. Break in boundary at Cheyne Rd.			
	Walk			
	Exercise + Access to Shirehampton Road, Social activities,			
	Mostly days			
	Walking / jogging / social			
	Yes			
	Jogging, rugby skills practice, social			
	Yes, neighbourhood social days.			
	Funday's / Cricket for as long as we've lived here			
	Yes.			

24	Do any organisations use the Land edged in red on Map "A" for sports or pastimes? If so, please specify.		Yes, Shiphampton Guts Football Schools (don't know which)
25	Do any seasonal activities take place on the Land edged in red on Map "A"		
26	Please tick all the activities that you have seen taking place on the Land edged in red on Map "A"	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fetes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Football <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rugby <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cricket <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bird watching <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Picnicking <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kite flying <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> People walking	<input type="checkbox"/> Bonfire parties <input type="checkbox"/> Bicycle riding <input type="checkbox"/> Carol singing <input type="checkbox"/> other <i>Sledging</i> <input type="checkbox"/> other <i>Snowed out of area</i> <input type="checkbox"/> other <i>Hockey Club</i> <input 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.		No
28	Do you know the name of the occupier of the Land edged in red on Map "A"? And if so please state.		Stoke Hodge Adult Education on Centre between the two "legs" of red area
29	Has the owner or occupier seen you on the Land edged in red on Map "A"?		?
30	What did they say? If anything?		Nothing has been said.
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?	Not that I'm aware of
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?	There is one by the gate at West Lane.
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)	Witness Statement accompanies this questionnaire.
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 17 1/2 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>CM Page</i>
48	Name	GAYNOR Y. PAGE.
49	Date	4th February 2011

MAP 'A'



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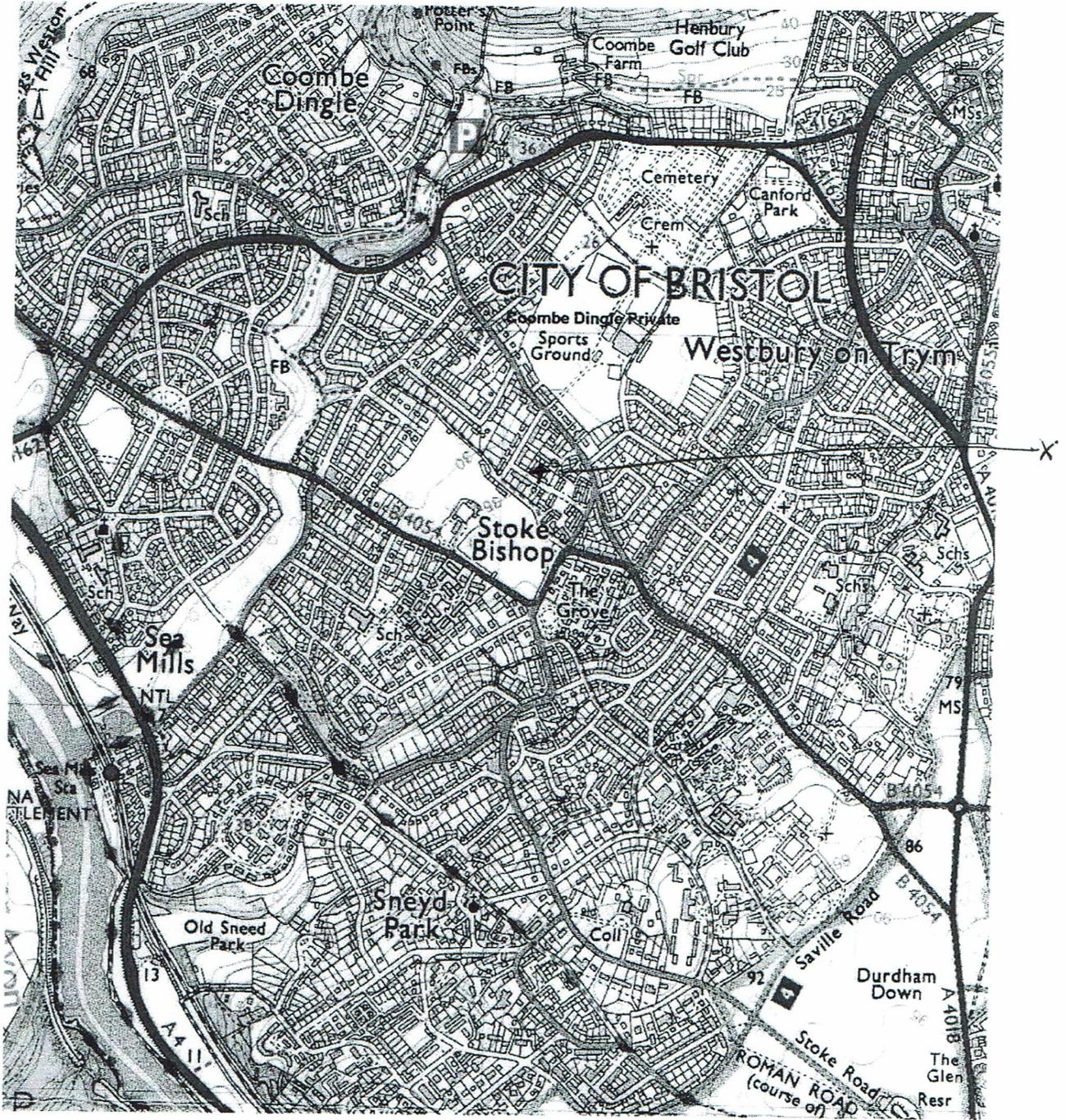
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Map "B" of locality surrounding Stoke Lodge Parkland



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