

Structure to Witness Statement

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Witness Statement in support of
Town Green Application for Stoke Lodge Parkland
2. Full Name SARAH DIBB
3. Current address WOODFIELD CHEDDAR RD
 AXBRIDGE SOMERSET BS26 2DL
4. Occupation DEPUTY HEAD TEACHER
5. Please describe in your own words as much information and details of fact as possible, this must not include any rumour or exaggeration, and should include your knowledge of:
 - a. When you or your family started to use Stoke Lodge Parklands and/or the House?
 - b. During this period were you ever denied access, and if so by whom?
 - c. What variety of activities you and your family have been involved in on the Parkland?
 - d. If as a group what was the name of the group
 - e. How you travelled to and from the site and which access you used?
 - f. Do you have any evidence of your use of Stoke Lodge including photographs, letters, press cuttings, etc, that we could copy and include in our application?
 - g. What do you value most about Stoke Lodge?
 - h. Any other relevant information that demonstrates ongoing community use.
6. Include closing statement:
 I believe that the facts stated in this witness statement are true,

Signature:

S. E. Dibb

Date:

2-02-11

I am writing to provide a witness statement supporting the use of Stoke Lodge Playing Fields over a period of 50 years.

I lived as a child from 1959 to 1975 in the family home in South Dere. This property leads at the back to a lane which provides direct and immediate access to Stoke Lodge Playing Fields.

As children we used the Playing Fields to:

- walk to Cedar Park Primary School
- walk to Bell Barn Road shops
- walk the dogs
- play cricket, rounders, football, tennis
- enjoy picnics
- hold birthday parties
- attend fêtes
- participate in dog training
- attend evening classes.

As a teenager and subsequent adult my brother and I were involved in club cricket and football activities and local school tournaments.

My father died recently at the age of 93 and the facility of the playing fields for walking his dog and collecting his paper from the local shops over 50 plus years was a huge contributory factor in enabling him to remain fit enough to live in his home until the time of his death.

Additionally, the playing fields are a tremendous source of interest within the Natural History environment. The Natural History

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Unit at the BBC presented <<6>> by Bill Oddie
and Kate Humble have filmed and studied
wildlife on two separate occasions.

This beautiful open green space has provided
the local inhabitants and those from the
surrounding area and beyond with not only
a wealth of leisure activities but has
strongly supported the community in their
quest for emotional and physical well being.

Sarah Gibb

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

NAME of Witness Print SARAH DIBB	
1	Your address when you used the land being claimed as "Town Green" and edged in red on Map "A"? 14, SOUTH DENE 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?
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 confirm
5	Please confirm that you have marked the location of your house on Map "B" with an X. I confirm I have marked the location on Map B
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"? 52 years
9	Between which years did you use the Land edged in red on Map "A"? 1959 – 2009
10	Do you consider yourself to be a local inhabitant in respect of the Land edged in red on Map "A"? Not since 2009
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	
Local secondary school		Swimming pool	Scout hut	
Residents association	✓	Library	other BBC Natural History Unit	
Neighbourhood watch		Alt green space within easy walking	other INNER CITY SCHOOLS	
Neighbourhood Partnership		Area police	other VISIT AND USE	
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 (MINARS)

14 How do you gain access to the Land edged in red on Map "A"?

VIA THE LANE AT THE BACK OF THE HOUSES

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"?

To use local shops attend play group in walk the dog

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)

3 X Daily

18 What activities do/did you take part in on the Land edged red on Map "A"?

crossing the field to shops/local school evening classes, walking dog

19 Does your immediate family use the Land edged in red on Map "A"?

YES

20 If so, for what?

Playing football, cricket, tennis, picnics, walking dog

21 Do you know of any community activities that take place or have taken place on the Land edged in red on Map "A"?

Broomie/Gawide/Cumb. figures + leisure activities

22 If so please list them and state when and for how long they have taken place?

see above
These have taken place constantly over the 50 years

23 Do/did you participate in any of them?

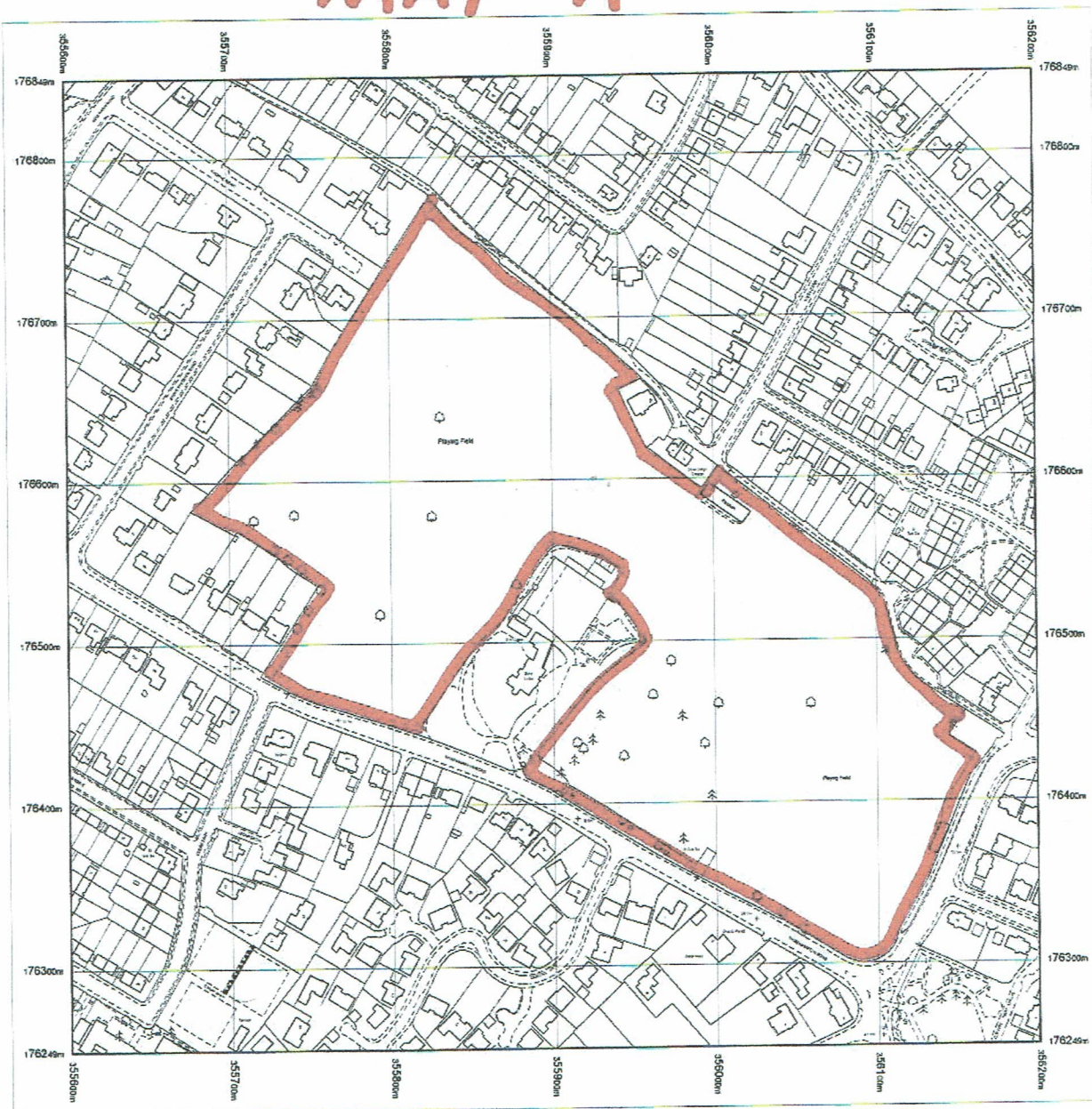
Yes I participated in Broomie + guide picnics and leisure activities

I participated in cricket, rounders and football matches myself + supported my family in their wide range of recreational activities.

24	Do any organisations use the Land edged in red on Map "A" for sports or pastimes? If so, please specify.	
25	Do any seasonal activities take place on the Land edged in red on Map "A"	Blackberry picking concerning
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 ☒
		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.	
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"?	
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"?	—
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?	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	
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 52 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	S. G. Dobb
48	Name	SARAH DIBB
49	Date	2.02.11



MAP 'A'


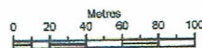
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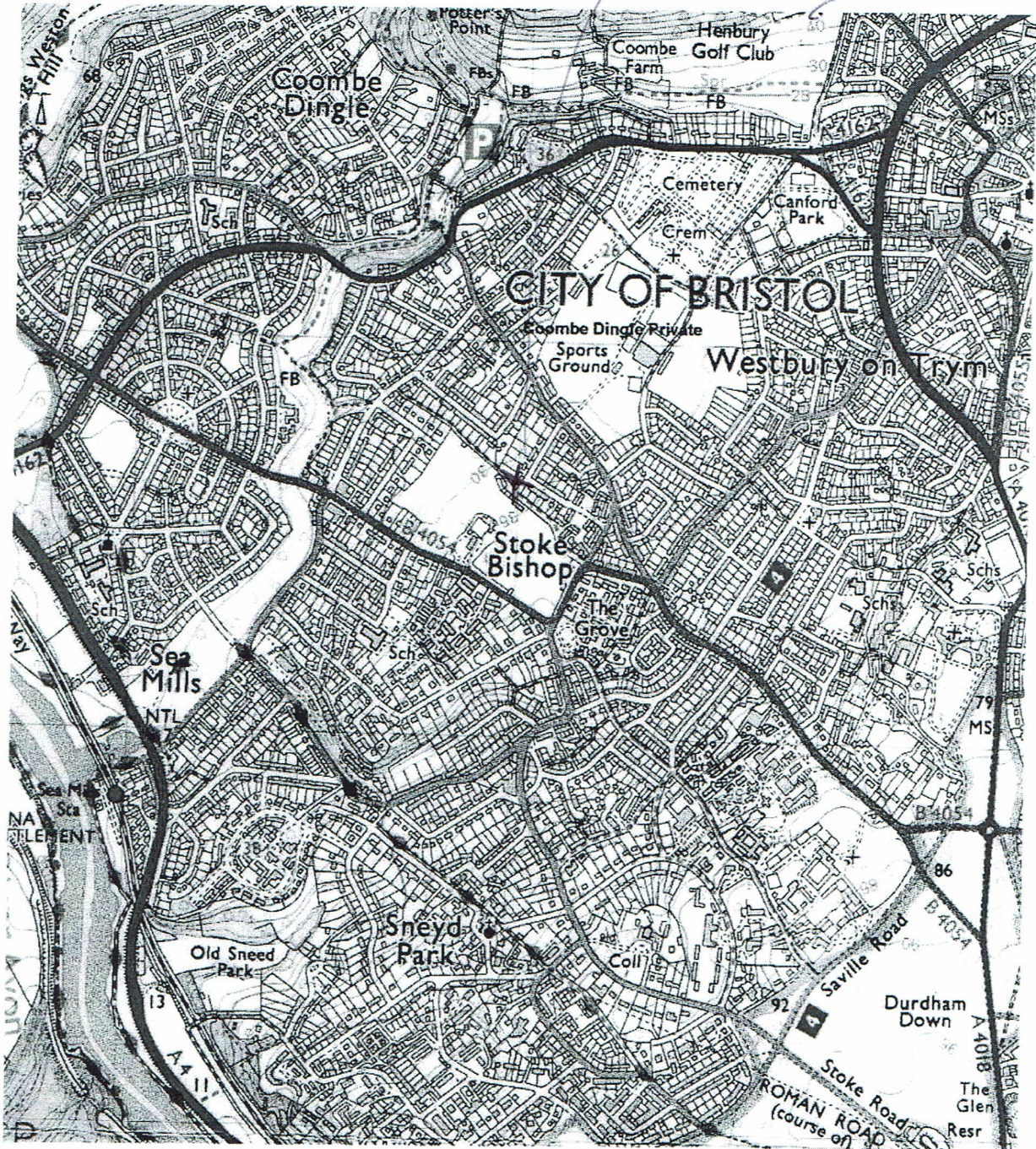
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Map "B" of locality surrounding Stoke Lodge Parkland

14. SOUTH DENE

St. Dene



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