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

My husband and I moved to Bristol in 1970, which is 41 years ago. We lived in Coombe Budge Avenue and I was expecting our first child. We also had a dog. I used to walk every day up Ebenezer Lane to Stoke Lodge Parkland. We met various people there, most of whom had allotments and grew their own vegetables. People played Cricket regularly and the Cricket hut at the bottom of the field was used before it was demolished. The grounds were kept beautifully by one lovely groundsman. It was always looked after well. I also walked through the parkland en route to the shops in Stoke Lane. I shopped for my neighbours.

I was never denied access to the field. Our family used to walk there with the dogs; we also played games and hide and seek with the children and grandchildren later on. We also did nature trails as the trees are delightful and we could collect cones and acorns.

I also joined St Mary Magdalene Church who used the field for church activities.

I have joined various classes at the House - Up holsterny classes, computer and French classes.

I always walked to the site and used the access via Cheyne Road, Sherehampton Road and sometimes West Dene.

I did not take any photographs of our time in Stoke Lodge. I still use it each week.

Stoke Lodge is a valuable site. One of the last remaining Green Spaces left in Stoke Bishop. I love the trees and the safe open area it gives us. It would be a real shame if we were to lose this wonderful area. Every effort must be made in order to retain this parkland. We are in danger of not having any sporting or open areas left for the local people to use.

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

Hema Kluwe 22 January 2011

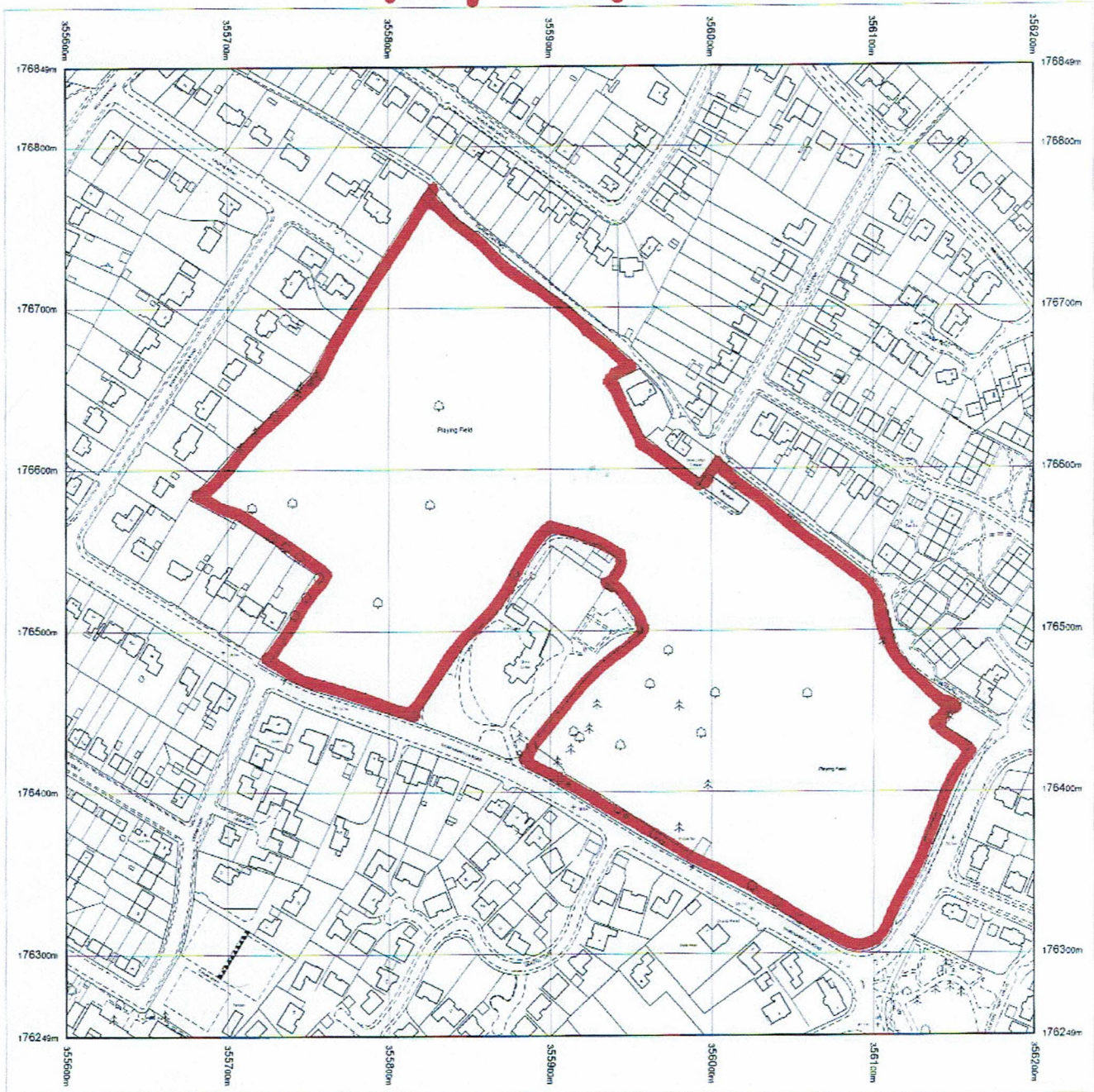
Save Stoke Lodge Parkland - Application for Town Green Registration – Evidence Questionnaire	
	NAME of Witness <u>LORNA CROOK</u> Print
1	Your address when you used the land being claimed as "Town Green" and edged in red on Map "A"? <u>51 Coombe Budge Avenue } Stoke Bishop</u> <u>25 Ormeau Road</u> <u>67 Coombe Lane</u>
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? <u>As above</u>
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 <u>yes</u>
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" <u>yes</u>
5	Please confirm that you have marked the location of your house on Map "B" with an X. <u>Stoke Lodge Playing Field .</u>
6	By what name, if any, is The Land edged in red on Map "A" known? <u>Not to my knowledge</u>
7	Has the land, referred to in question 6, ever been known by any other name? If so what? <u>40 years .</u>
8	For how many years have you known about the Land edged in red on Map "A"? <u>1970 - 2011</u>
9	Between which years did you use the Land edged in red on Map "A"? <u>yes</u>
10	Do you consider yourself to be a local inhabitant in respect of the Land edged in red on Map "A"? <u>yes</u>
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? <u>yes</u>

24	Do any organisations use the Land edged in red on Map "A" for sports or pastimes? If so, please specify.	yes - Red Sox know name of organisations	
25	Do any seasonal activities take place on the Land edged in red on Map "A"	yes, cricket & football.	
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.	Bristol 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.	Cotnam Grammar School.	
29	Has the owner or occupier seen you on the Land edged in red on Map "A"?	No.	
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?	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 40 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	Lorna Crook
48	Name	LORNA CROOK
49	Date	31. January 2011



MAP 'A'



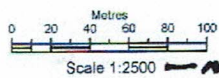
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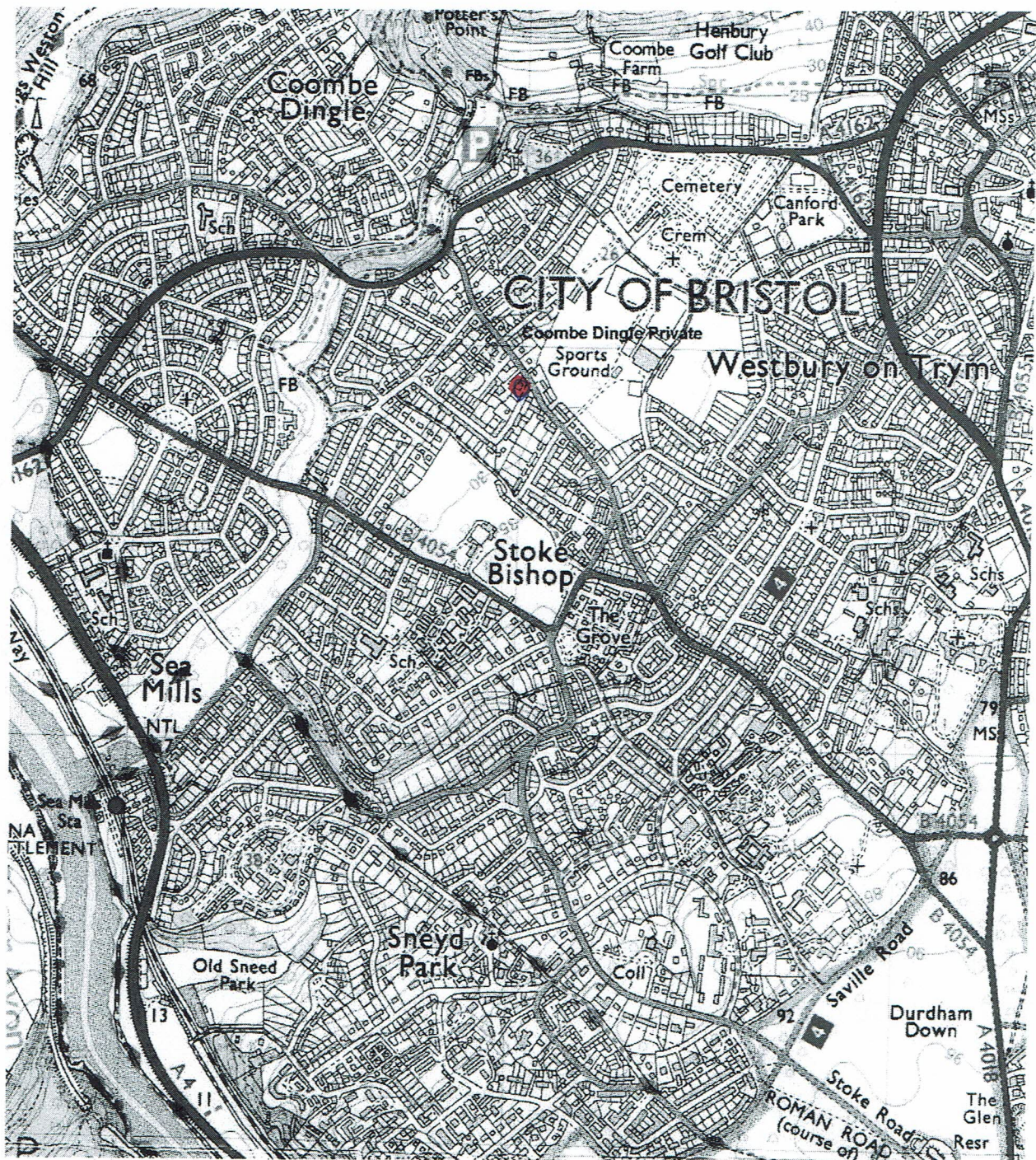
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Map "B" of locality surrounding Stoke Lodge Parkland



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