

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

Mr. James Bryant Ackland

8 Cheyne Road, Stoke Bishop, Bristol BS9 2DH

Retired Architect

Mrs. Valentine Anne Ackland

8 Cheyne Road, Stoke Bishop, Bristol BS9 2DH

Housewife

In 1958 we bought a plot and built our house at 8 Cheyne Road where we moved in 1960 with our two young sons.

In 1964 we had a daughter and bought a Cairn terrier. We have had a Cairn ever since. We have always walked round the edge of the field being careful to clear any mess and not go in when football, rugger, cricket and sports were being played.

Our children went to Cedar Park School and played cricket and rounders with friends in the holidays and light evenings regularly, also climbing the large Chestnut which was in the lower right hand corner, using ropes for swings and enjoying picnics. They were also Cubs and Brownies, using the field sometimes.

Now I walk in the field early each morning where I meet many friends dog walking and others running or just walking. Incidentally, my husband picked up the litter each morning for years left by others.

Now our grandchildren play games in the field when visiting us.

We have never been denied access over the fifty-one years that we have used the field.

We used and still use the gap at the top of Cheyne Road for access, which was an old broken stile years ago. We also used to walk across the field to Stoke Bishop and Stoke Lane shops when younger.

I have also attended classes at the House and visit exhibitions regularly.

As elderly people, we value Stoke Lodge field because it is level and easily accessable, unlike Coombe Dingle nearby which has steep steps and path access. It is also a safe open space for walking to enjoy the social contacts, bird life and beautiful trees.

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

Signature..... James B. Ackland ..... V. A. Ackland

3/02/11

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

NAME of Witness	
Print	VALENTINE ANNE ACKLAND
1	Your address when you used the land being claimed as "Town Green" and edged in red on Map "A"?  JAMES BRYANT ACKLAND 8 CHEYNE ROAD STOKE BISHOP BRISTOL BS9 2DH
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
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"
5	Please confirm that you have marked the location of your house on Map "B" with an X.
6	By what name, if any, is The Land edged in red on Map "A" known?
7	Has the land, referred to in question 6, ever been known by any other name? If so what?
8	For how many years have you known about the Land edged in red on Map "A"?
9	Between which years did you use the Land edged in red on Map "A"?
10	Do you consider yourself to be a local inhabitant in respect of the Land edged in red on Map "A"?
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

Yes

Yes

Stoke Lodge

Not since 1960

Since 1935

1960 - 2011

Yes

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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Community centre	Community activities
	Local junior school	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sports facility	A central feature
	Local secondary school		Swimming pool	Scout hut
	Residents association		Library	other
	Neighbourhood watch	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Alt green space within easy walking	other
	Neighbourhood Partnership		Area police	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?			

Through gap at top of cheyne Road, originally a stile

Walk

Recreation - walking dogs

Daily

Picnics and games with grandchildren

Yes

Walking and Games

Cricket, Football, Rugby, Fetes Sports Days

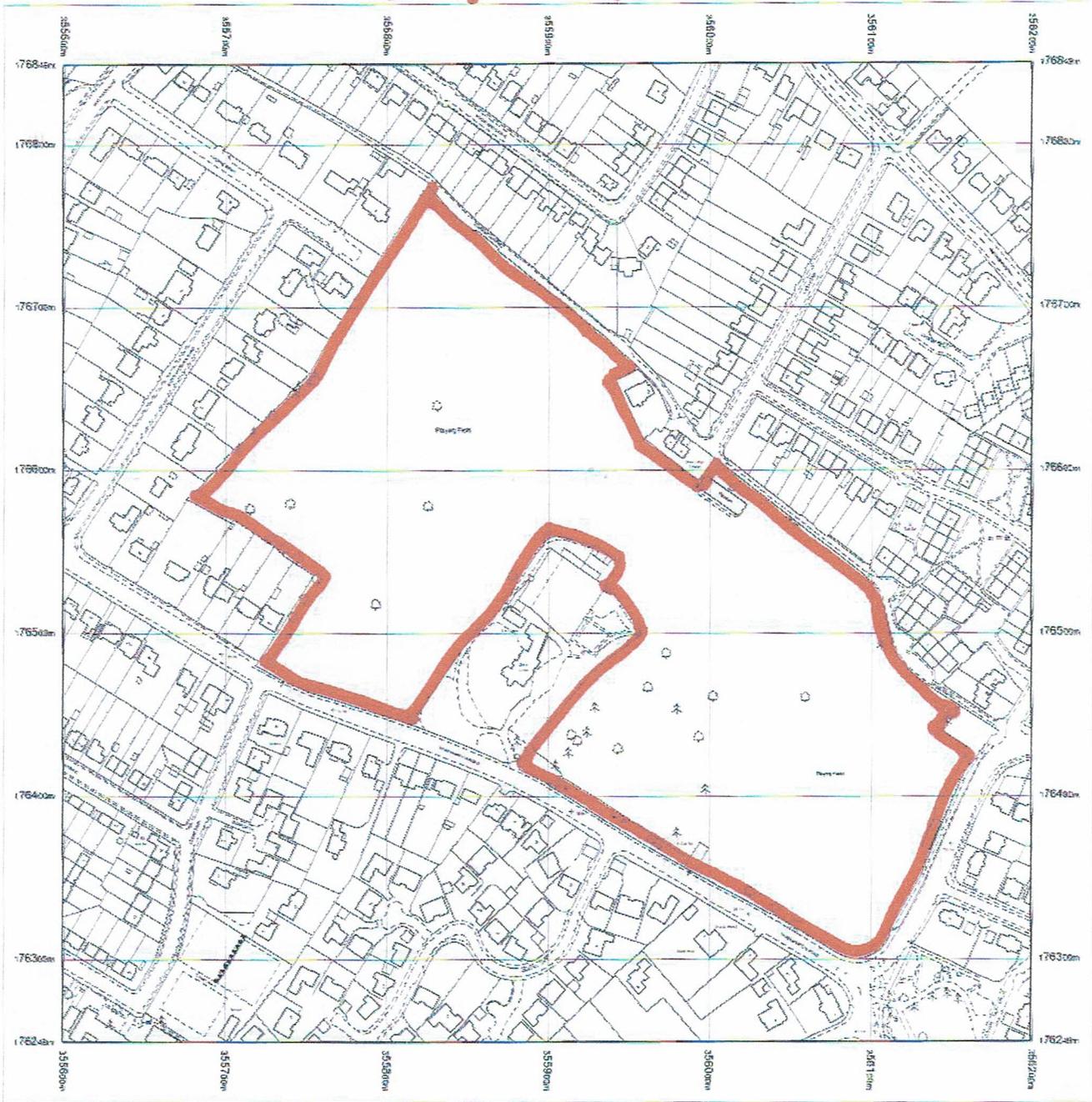
Yes

BBC for wildlife filming  
 Stoke Bishop Enckes Club University  
 Cotham School, Clifton High School  
 Cedar Park, Scouts and Brownies, Sport  
 Blackberry picking, Summer Fetes, Clubs

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"	
26	Please tick all the activities that you have seen taking place on the Land edged in red on Map "A"	
	Children playing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Rounders	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Drawing and painting	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Dog Walking	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Team Games (Formal)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Team Games (informal)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Picking blackberries	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Community celebrations	<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Bonfire parties	
	Bicycle riding	
	Carol singing	
	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.	
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?	
40	Do you have any photographs or any other evidence of use of the Land edged in red on Map "A" by local inhabitants?	
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)	
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 anybody trying to stop me and I believe the activity should be treated by the law as having a lawful origin.	years without
45	<i>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.</i>	
46	<i>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.</i>	
47	Signed	James B. Oubland G.A. Ackland
48	Name	JAMES BRYANT ACKLAND VALENTINE ANNE ACKLAND
49	Date	3 February 2011

MAP 'A'



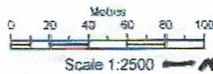
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