

WITNESS STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF
TOWN GREEN APPLICATION FOR STOKE LODGE PARKLAND

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Occupation: Receptionist

When the family moved into Bristol from Keynsham in 1982 I became aware of Stoke Lodge and walked our two irish setters on the playing fields. On no occasion was I denied access, felt I shouldn't be there or questioned by anyone. I was aware of other dog walkers and children playing in the field. I have found it a safe place to walk whereas as a woman often walking alone Blaise Woods can be a little too secluded for comfort.

Both my sons have met friends for impromptu games of football and we have enjoyed taking our young grand daughters for walks and ball games over the years. I have found that people are considerate to other users – we have always cleared up after our dogs and found other dog walkers do the same.

Having lived in Stoke Bishop continuously since 1982 I and my family have walked to the fields and have not therefore had to resort to the car to reach an open space suitable for walking.

I have also used Stoke Lodge House for Spanish lessons and Art lessons which has been a great local facility not requiring car travel. During some art classes we have used the parkland as a subject for our drawing and painting.

Just living nearby it is great to see the parkland being used for sport, football and cricket and also children playing in a safe environment. I often see elderly people, some with sticks, walking there as it is relatively flat and safe.

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

Signed *S Hayes*

Date *26.1.2011*

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

	NAME of Witness Print	SUSAN HAYES	
1	Your address when you used the land being claimed as "Town Green" and edged in red on Map "A"?	3 STOKES PARK ROAD LATER SINCE 1997 21 PARRYS GROVE	
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"	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?	STOKES LODGE	
7	Has the land, referred to in question 6, ever been known by any other name? If so what?	NOT AWARE	
8	For how many years have you known about the Land edged in red on Map "A"?	28 Years	
9	Between which years did you use the Land edged in red on Map "A"?	1982 - Present Day	
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			
	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
	Neighbourhood watch		Alt green space within easy walking	other
	Neighbourhood Partnership		Area police	other
	Local place of worship	☒	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?			

Entrance on Pany's Lane

Walk

Walk - Dog Walk - Grandchildren

Daily

Walking

Yes

Walking - Dog Walk - Football

Children's Football - Cubs & Scouts
Cricket

As above

No

24	Do any organisations use the Land edged in red on Map "A" for sports or pastimes? If so, please specify.	Cubs / Scouts / Schools / Football	
25	Do any seasonal activities take place on the Land edged in red on Map "A"	School Sports / Games	
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.	General Public	
29	Has the owner or occupier seen you on the Land edged in red on Map "A"?	N/A	
30	What did they say? If anything?	N/A	
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?	NO	
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?	N/A	
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	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?	Some Ambiguous signs
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?	N/A
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 28 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	SHayes
48	Name	SUSAN HAYES
49	Date	26.01.2011

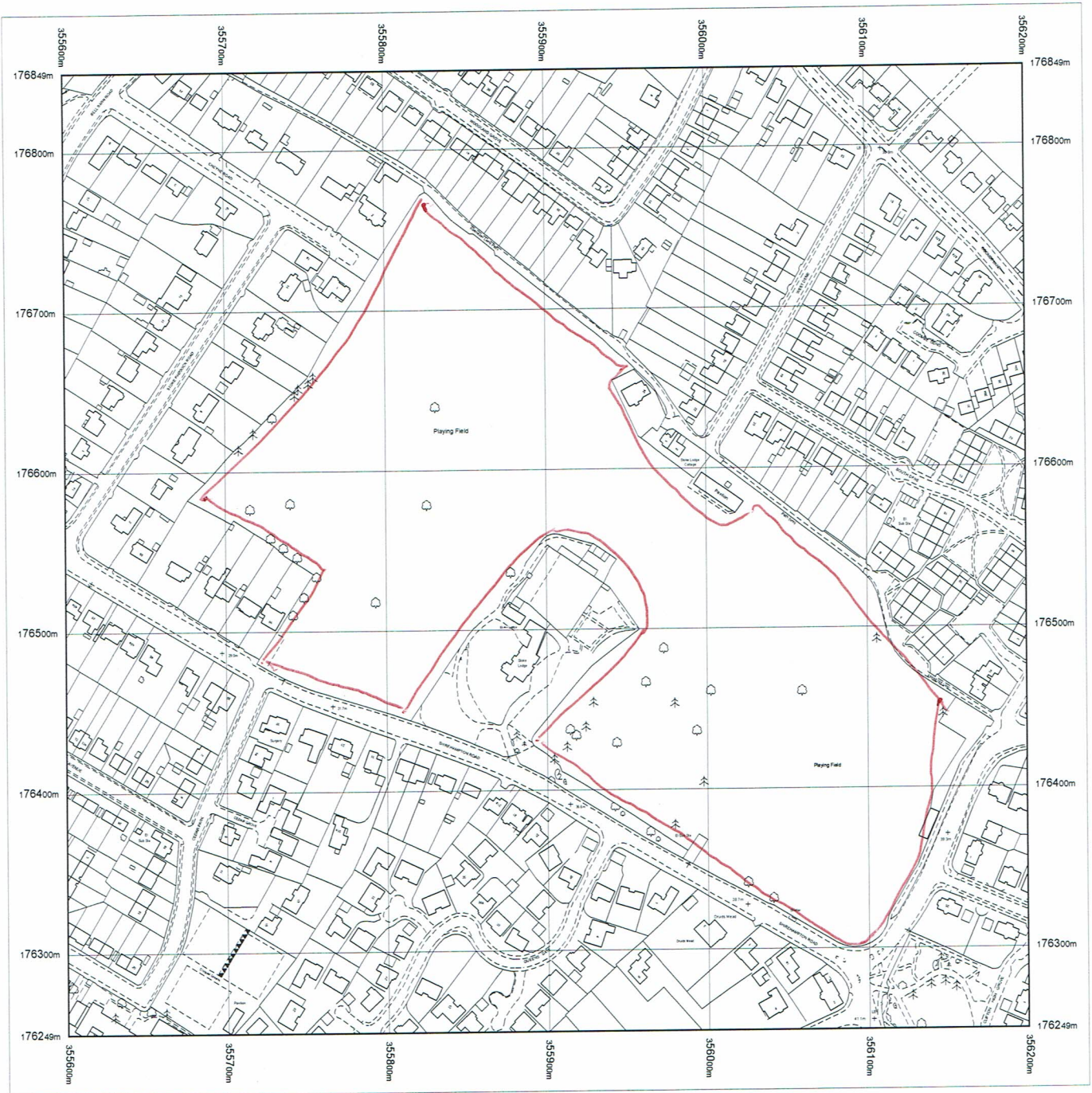
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MAP A



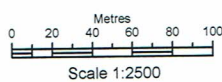
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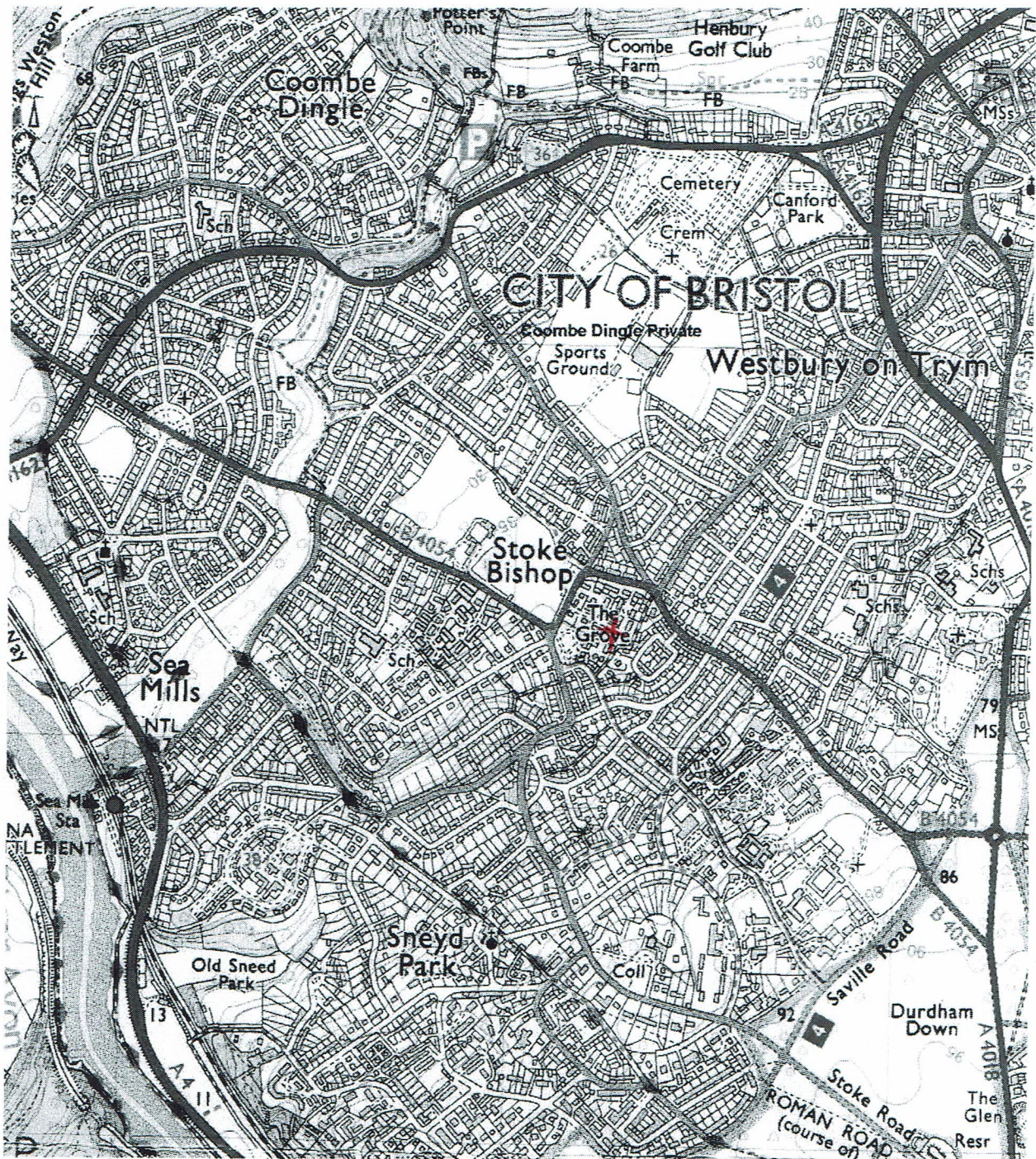


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Map "B" of locality surrounding Stoke Lodge Parkland



0 100 200 300 400 500

Meters