

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

**of
Thomas G. D. LEVINSON
4 Cote Park,
Westbury on Trym
Bristol BS9 2AD
(Retired)**

My wife, son, dogs and I moved to the above address in December 1979 and since that time have been frequent users of Stoke Lodge's playing fields for recreation. It is particularly convenient as it is only a few minutes' walk from our house. We go there on average twice a week, and sometimes twice a day.

Our main use has been dog-walking, and I used to take my son there to practice rugger and soccer. In addition, when he was young (20 years ago), it was the one place locally where we felt safe to let him go and play unsupervised with his friends.

We usually enter from Parry's Lane or West Dene. Occasionally we come in or exit via Stoke Lodge house or Stoke Paddock.

We have never been denied access.

The main benefit to us is that Stoke Lodge is a beautiful open space within easy walking distance of our house, which has to our knowledge been available to the public for general recreational purposes as well as organised sports for at least 30 years.

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

Signed



Date

27/1/2011

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

	NAME of Witness Print	T.E.D. LEVINSON
1	Your address when you used the land being claimed as "Town Green" and edged in red on Map "A"?	4 COFFE PARK BRISTOL BS9 2AD
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.	Stoke Lodge
6	By what name, if any, is The Land edged in red on Map "A" known?	No
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"?	30
9	Between which years did you use the Land edged in red on Map "A"?	1980 - date
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?			

VIA West Dene, Stoke Lodge house
on Perry's Lane.

On foot

To walk dog

Average 2x per week.

Dog walking, playing football/rugger
with son

Yes

For advice

Scout activities, football, rugby,
cricket

30 years +

No

24	Do any organisations use the Land edged in red on Map "A" for sports or pastimes? If so, please specify.	Yes. I do not know names.	
25	Do any seasonal activities take place on the Land edged in red on Map "A"	Football / cricket.	
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.	Bristol City Council	
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"?	I have never seen any indication that permission was necessary.	
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	

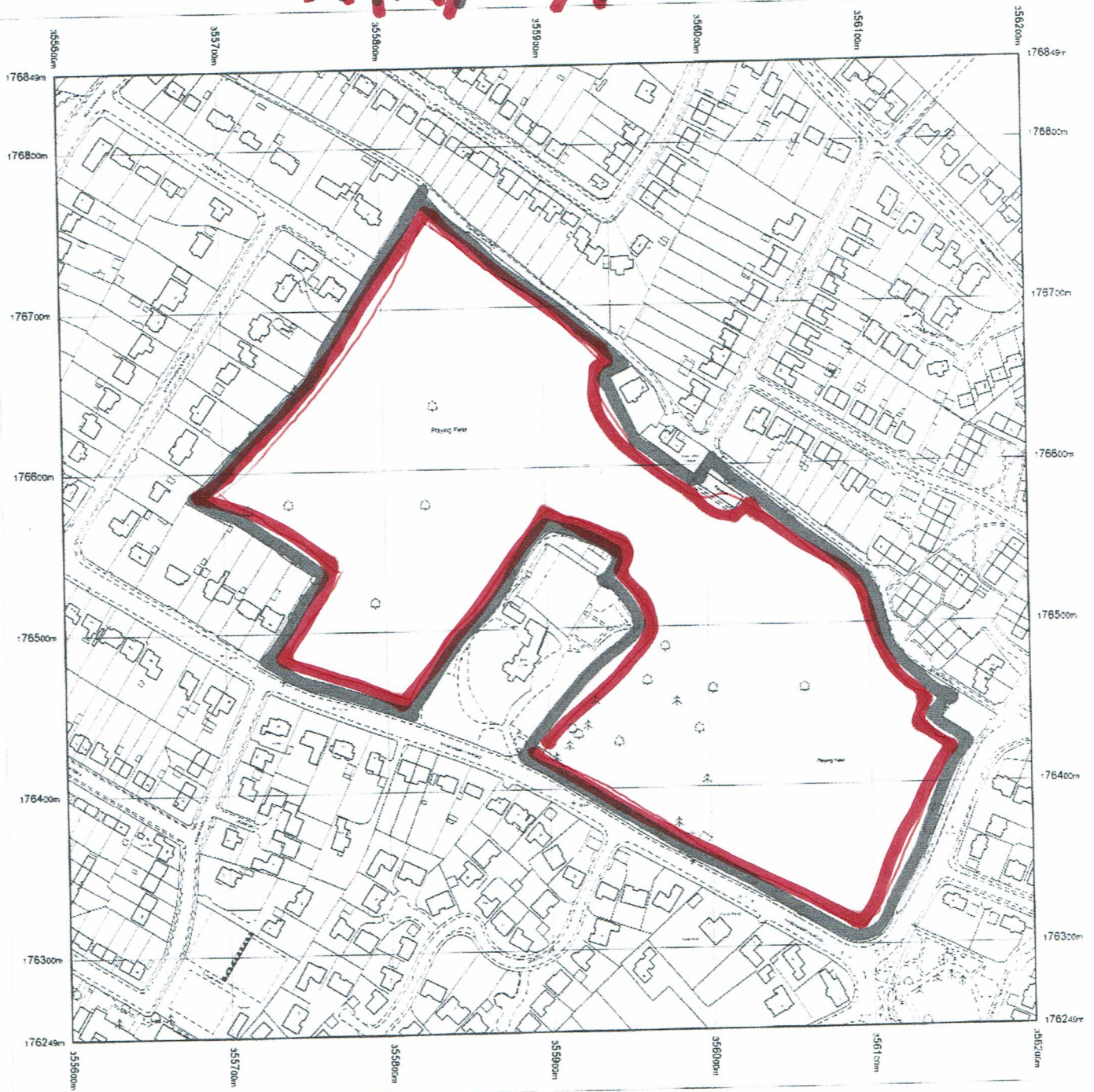
36	If yes, when and for what reason?	
37	Has any attempt been made by any means to prevent or discourage the use being made of the Land edged in red on Map "A" by local inhabitants?	Not under the 2010 Council proposals
38	If yes, give examples and dates	
39	Are you aware of any signs or notices restricting 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?	
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 30 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	T. G. Dawson
48	Name	T. G. Dawson
49	Date	28/1/2011.

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MAP 'A'



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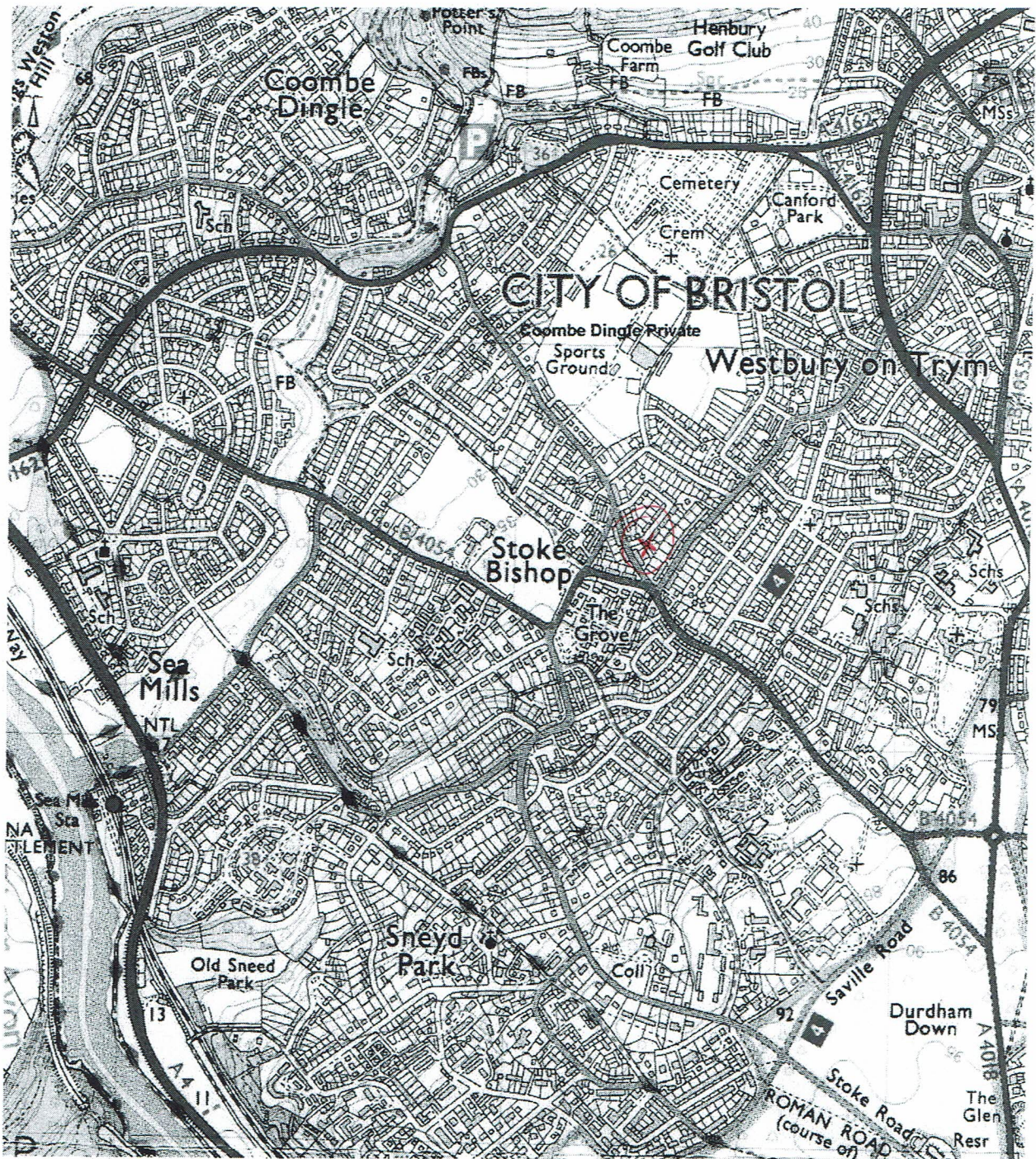
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T.R. Levinson

Map "B" of locality surrounding Stoke Lodge Parkland



0 100 200 300 400 500

Meters