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

**Full Name: Richard John Hall of No 1 Stoke Lodge Cottages West Dene Stoke bishop
Bristol BS9 2BH**

Occupation: Retired Graphic Design Manager of Imperial Tobacco Ltd.

We first used the parkland in September 1999 when we moved to our current address. We have never been denied access.

Activities

Walking around the perimeter several times a week for exercise.

Playing games with children and grandchildren

Sitting out on chairs or rugs to benefit from late sunshine, usually on a summer's evening.

Picnics with family and friends.

Walking dogs of family and friends.

Crossing the area to access Shirehampton Lane for bus or shopping.

Watching a game of cricket or football.

Use of Stoke Lodge for Art, French and Italian classes.

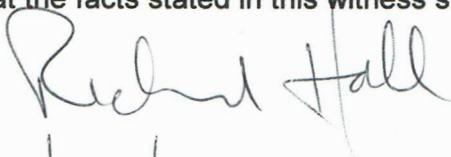
I access the parkland directly from West Dene or my garden gate.

Enjoyment of mature specimen trees and wildlife, especially birds, associated with the combination of open grassland, trees and hedgerows. Also this area featured in a wild life documentary by the BBC Natural History Department about the diversity of wildlife in an urban setting.

Social interaction with the many people who frequent this Parkland on a regular basis.

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

Signature



Date

1/02/2021

Save Stoke Lodge Parkland - Application for Town Green Registration – Evidence Questionnaire	
	NAME of Witness Print RICHARD HALL
1	Your address when you used the land being claimed as "Town Green" and edged in red on Map "A"? 1, STOKES LODGE COTTAGES BRISTOL BS9 2BH.
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. YES
6	By what name, if any, is The Land edged in red on Map "A" known? STOKES LODGE PLAYING FIELDS
7	Has the land, referred to in question 6, ever been known by any other name? If so what? STOKES LODGE PARKLAND
8	For how many years have you known about the Land edged in red on Map "A"? 11 YEARS
9	Between which years did you use the Land edged in red on Map "A"? From 1999 TO 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 CREMATORIUM
	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"?			DON'T KNOW
14	How do you gain access to the Land edged in red on Map "A"?			THROUGH GARDEN GATE - DIRECTLY ONTO FIELDS
15	How do you travel to and from the Land edged in red on Map "A"?			ON FOOT
16	Why do you go on to the Land edged in red on Map "A"?			WALK, EXERCISE, SOCIAL INTERACTION.
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)			DAILY
18	What activities do/did you take part in on the Land edged red on Map "A"?			WALKING, PLAYING GAMES WITH GRANDCHILDREN EXERCISING DOGS.
19	Does your immediate family use the Land edged in red on Map "A"?			YES
20	If so, for what?			see 18 above
21	Do you know of any community activities that take place or have taken place on the Land edged in red on Map "A"?			Football / Cricket Tai Chi
22	If so please list them and state when and for how long they have taken place?			Outdoor drawing & painting. Instruction into Arboriculture
23	Do/did you participate in any of them?			YES

24	Do any organisations use the Land edged in red on Map "A" for sports or pastimes? If so, please specify.	Footballers University	Cotnam School.
25	Do any seasonal activities take place on the Land edged in red on Map "A"	Sports Day -	Company Sports Event
26	Please tick all the activities that you have seen taking place on the Land edged in red on Map "A"		
	Children playing	☒	Fetes - TV "Casualty" Filming
	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
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 SCHOOL	
29	Has the owner or occupier seen you on the Land edged in red on Map "A"?	YES	
30	What did they say? If anything?	Nothing	
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?	N/A	
33	Did anyone ever give you permission to go onto the Land edged in red on Map "A"?	NOT DIRECTLY - but v do have access through my gate.	
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	

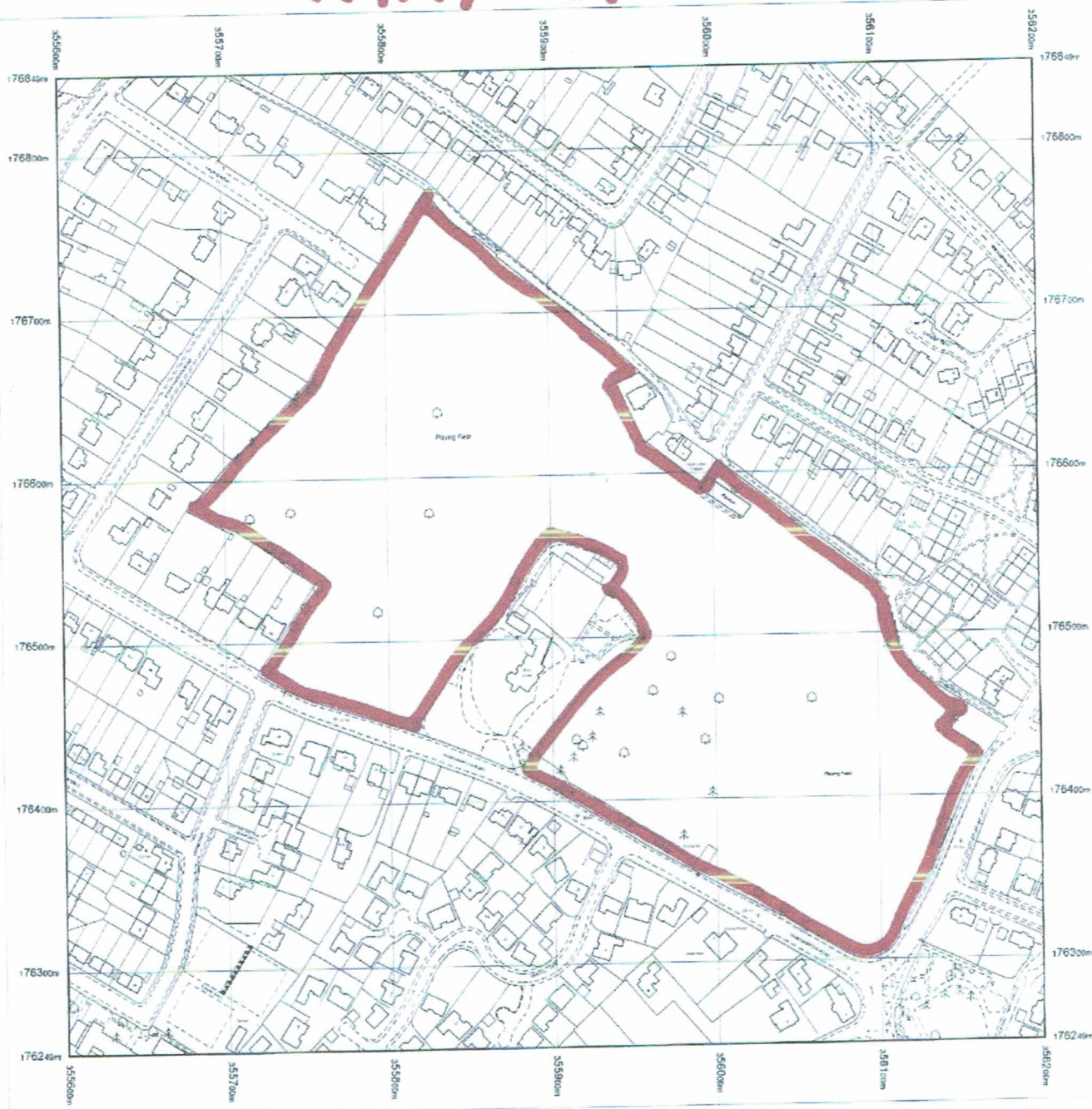
36	If yes, when and for what reason?	N/A
37	Has any attempt been made by any means to prevent or discourage the use being made of the Land edged in red on Map "A" by local inhabitants?	Not as far as I know
38	If yes, give examples and dates	N/A
39	Are you aware of any signs or notices restricting access to the Land edged in red on Map "A" by local inhabitants?	YES - New sign at Stoke Lodge house put up recently
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)	See att'd 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 years without anybody trying to stop me and I believe the activity should be treated by the law as having a lawful origin.	11
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	
48	Name	RICHARD HALL
49	Date	2/2/2011

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MAP 'A'



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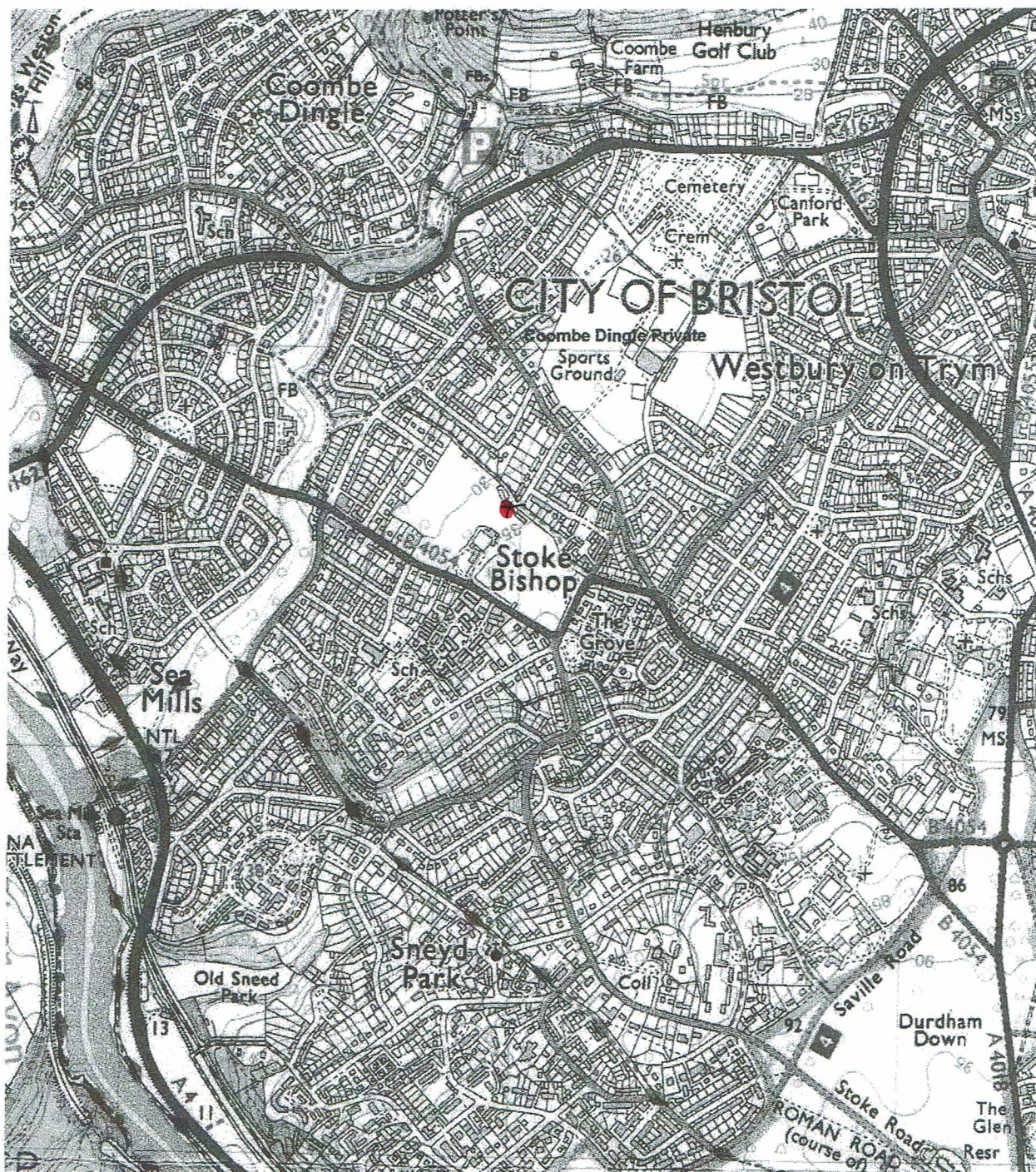
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Map "B" of locality surrounding Stoke Lodge Parkland



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