

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

Mrs Patricia North

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Retired

I have enjoyed walking on Stoke Lodge for over thirty five years; on average six days a week, usually walking from my house.

I love going in the woods, but now that I am slightly disabled and inclined to stumble, the Lodge is a much safer place for me. It is also so beautiful in all seasons and is home and playground to Foxes and Badgers to name a few. What is to become of this lovely Island if more and more land is given over to Concrete.

I love taking my dogs walking there. We often meet people there, and make new friends, which is lovely for me as I live alone.

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

Signature: Pat North

Date: 3 February 2011

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

	NAME of Witness Print MRS. P.M. North	
1	Your address when you used the land being claimed as "Town Green" and edged in red on Map "A"?	13. Brierecliffe Rd 60 Coombe Bridge Ave B89, 22.S.
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	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?	Stoke Lodge
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"?	40yrs.
9	Between which years did you use the Land edged in red on Map "A"?	1970 - 2011
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"? Yes									
14	How do you gain access to the Land edged in red on Map "A"? Top of Cheyne Rd									
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"? To exercise dogs									
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) 11 11									
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"? Moved away									
20	If so, for what? as 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"? Summer Picnic birthday Party/Picnic									
22	If so please list them and state when and for how long they have taken place? these									
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.	B University Shire football club Clifton High Cotham	
25	Do any seasonal activities take place on the Land edged in red on Map "A"	cricket Rugby football gogging	
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
27	Do you know the name of the owner of the Land edged in red on Map "A"? And if so please state.	BCC	
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"?	Yes	
30	What did they say? If anything?	no	
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?	as above	
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"?	—	

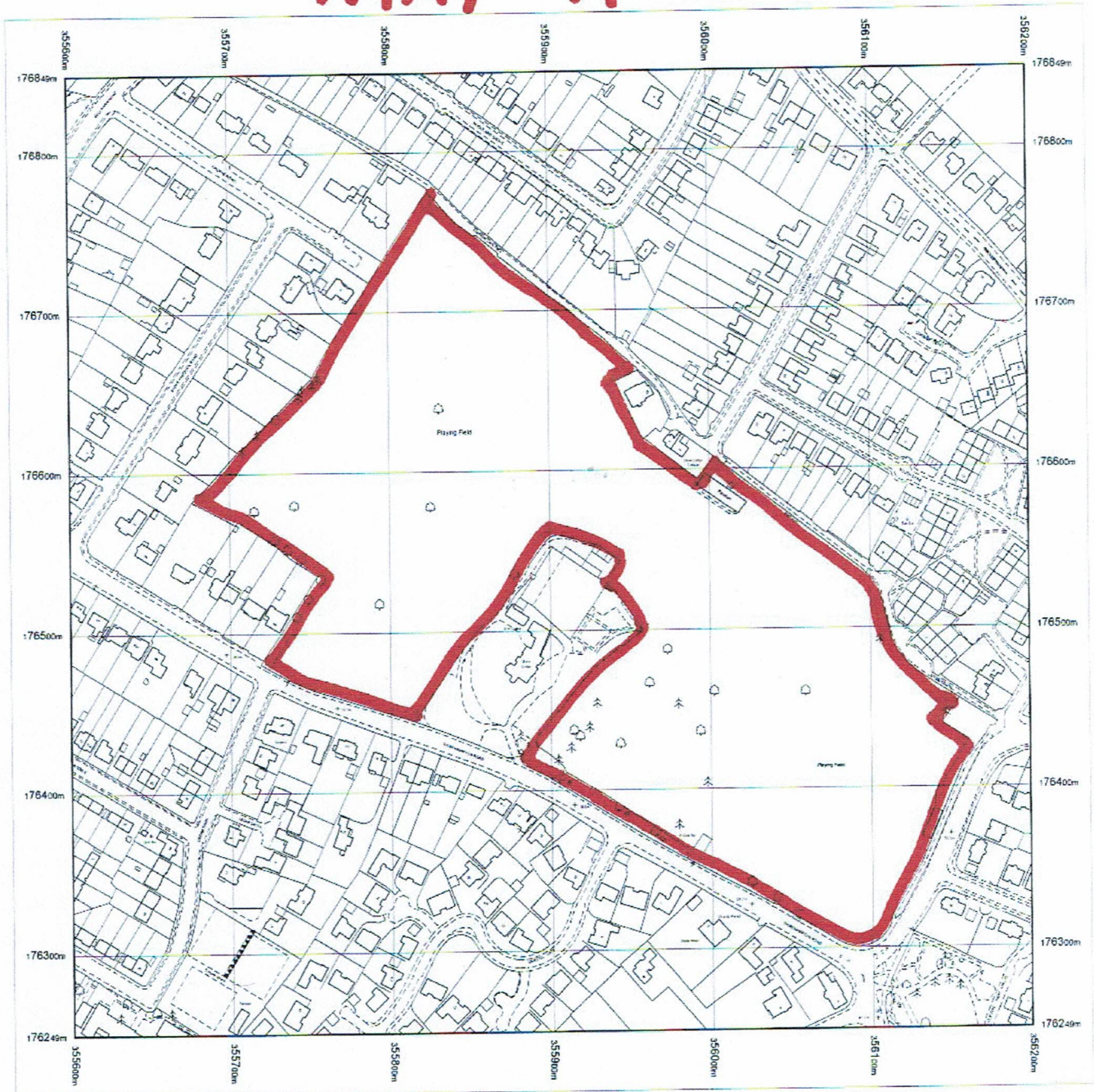
36	If yes, when and for what reason?	/
37	Has any attempt been made by any means to prevent or discourage the use being made of the Land edged in red on Map "A" by local inhabitants?	no
38	If yes, give examples and dates	/
39	Are you aware of any signs or notices restricting access to the Land edged 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?	
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?	see 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 41 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	Pat North
48	Name	Mrs. P. North
49	Date	3.2.2011

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MAP 'A'



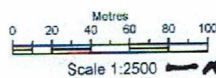
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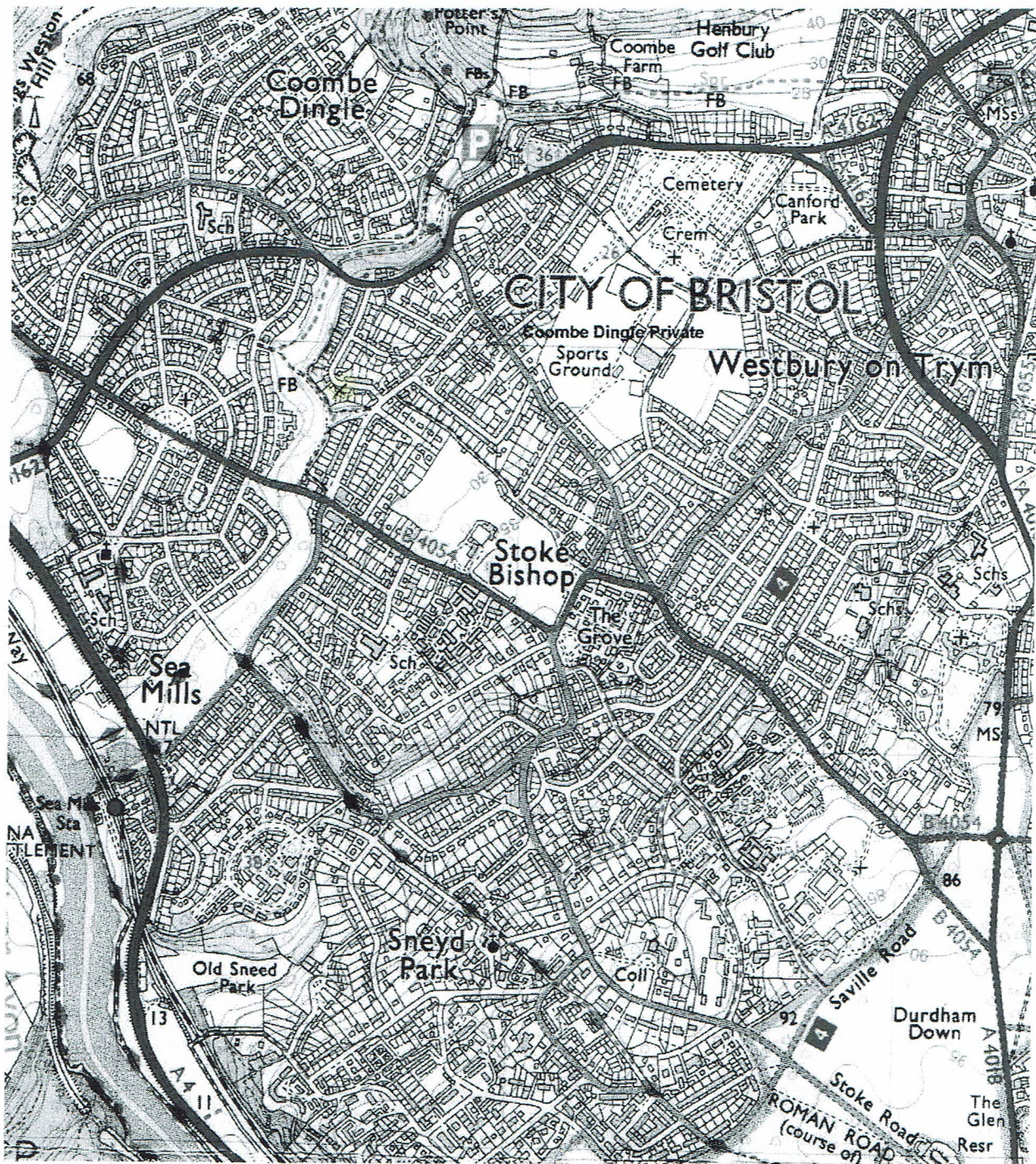
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Map "B" of locality surrounding Stoke Lodge Parkland



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