

Structure to Witness Statement

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Witness Statement in support of
Town Green Application for Stoke Lodge Parkland
2. Full Name Christopher John Elson
3. Current address 14 Belvedere Road, Bristol BS6 7JQ
4. Occupation Emeritus Professor of Immunology
5. Please describe in your own words as much information and details of fact as possible, this must not include any rumour or exaggeration, and should include your knowledge of:
 - a. When you or your family started to use Stoke Lodge Parklands and/or the House?

I have run on Stoke Lodge Parklands for almost 40 years.

- b. During this period were you ever denied access, and if so by whom?

No

- c. What variety of activities you and your family have been involved in on the Parkland?

Walking and running. I still run on the Parkland about 3 times /week. During the Summer months, when light permits, I am coach to a group of athletes who train on the Parklands once a week. Stoke Lodge has the advantage that the perimeter is almost exactly 1 mile, it has some gentle inclines and it's an uplifting place to train

- d. If as a group what was the name of the group

The group is composed of athletes from Bristol & West Athletic Club, and Westbury Harriers as well as students from Bristol University.

- e. How you travelled to and from the site and which access you used?

We meet at Bristol Universities Coombe Dingle Sports complex and jog to Stoke Lodge. Entrance is by the changing rooms.

- f. Do you have any evidence of your use of Stoke Lodge including photographs, letters, press cuttings, etc, that we could copy and include in our application?

No

g. What do you value most about Stoke Lodge?

see above

h. Any other relevant information that demonstrates ongoing community use.

6. Include closing statement:

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

Signature: .C.J Elson..... *C.J. Elson*.....

Date:9/2/2011.....

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

	NAME of Witness Print	CHRISTOPHER JOHN ELSON.
1	Your address when you used the land being claimed as "Town Green" and edged in red on Map "A"?	14, Belvedere Road, BRISTOL BS6 7JQ
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.	✓
6	By what name, if any, is The Land edged in red on Map "A" known?	Stoke Lodge Parkland
7	Has the land, referred to in question 6, ever been known by any other name? If so what?	Stoke Lodge Playing Fields
8	For how many years have you known about the Land edged in red on Map "A"?	39
9	Between which years did you use the Land edged in red on Map "A"?	1972 - present
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	<p>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</p>	
	<p>Local infants school <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Local junior school</p> <p>Local secondary school <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Residents association <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Neighbourhood watch <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Neighbourhood Partnership</p> <p>Local place of worship <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Community centre</p> <p>Sports facility</p> <p>Swimming pool</p> <p>Library</p> <p>Alt green space within easy walking <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Area police <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Doctors surgery</p>
		<p>Community activities</p> <p>A central feature</p> <p>Scout hut</p> <p>other</p> <p>other</p> <p>other</p> <p>other</p>
13	<p>To your knowledge are there any public paths crossing the Land edged in red on Map "A"?</p>	
14	<p>How do you gain access to the Land edged in red on Map "A"?</p>	
15	<p>How do you travel to and from the Land edged in red on Map "A"?</p>	
16	<p>Why do you go on to the Land edged in red on Map "A"?</p>	
17	<p>How often do/did you use the Land edged in red on Map "A"?</p> <p>(apart from use of any public paths on the Land)</p>	
18	<p>What activities do/did you take part in on the Land edged red on Map "A"?</p>	
19	<p>Does your immediate family use the Land edged in red on Map "A"?</p>	
20	<p>If so, for what?</p>	
21	<p>Do you know of any community activities that take place or have taken place on the Land edged in red on Map "A"?</p>	
22	<p>If so please list them and state when and for how long they have taken place?</p>	
23	<p>Do/did you participate in any of them?</p>	

ON FOOT OR BY CAR

TO RUN WALK OR COACH
MY RUNNING GROUP & GROUP

MOST DAYS

SEE 16

YES

WALKING OR RUNNING

YES

BROWNIES, FOOTBALL, RUGBY
CRICKET, WALKERS,

YES

RUNNING CLUBS
RUNNING GROUPS FROM LOCAL

24	Do any organisations use the Land edged in red on Map "A" for sports or pastimes? If so, please specify.		YES RUNNING GROUPS FROM LOCAL
25	Do any seasonal activities take place on the Land edged in red on Map "A"		YES
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"/>	Bonfire parties
	Rounders	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Bicycle riding
	Drawing and painting	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Carol singing
	Dog Walking	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	other RUNNING!
	Team Games (Formal)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	other
	Team Games (informal)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	other
	Picking blackberries	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	other
	Community celebrations	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	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.		NO
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"?		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?	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?	NO
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 39 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	b.g. Elson
48	Name	PROFESSOR C.S. ELSON
49	Date	17/2/2011

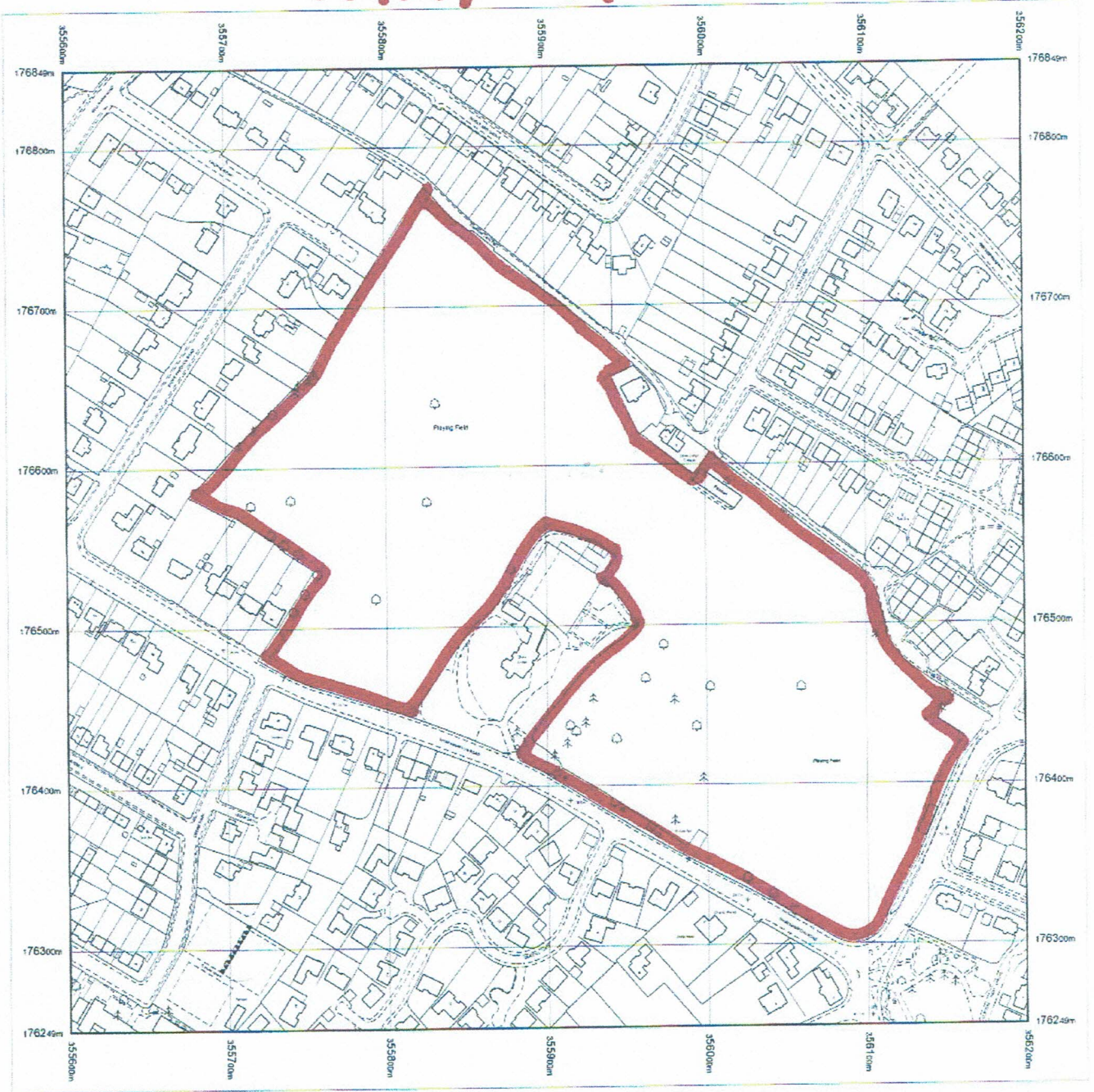
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MAP 'A'



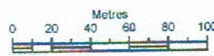
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Map "B" of locality surrounding Stoke Lodge Parkland



b. g. Olson