

Structure to Witness Statement

1. Insert Heading;

Witness Statement in support of

Town Green Application for Stoke Lodge Parkland

2. Full Name *MRS RACHEL M. POWLESLAND*
3. Current address *15 GLEN DRIVE
STOKE BISHOP
BRISTOL. BS9 1SA.*
4. Occupation *FULL TIME HOUSEWIFE + MOTHER.*
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?
 - b. During this period were you ever denied access, and if so by whom?
 - c. What variety of activities you and your family have been involved in on the Parkland?
 - d. If as a group what was the name of the group
 - e. How you travelled to and from the site and which access you used?
 - 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?
 - g. What do you value most about Stoke Lodge?
 - 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:

Rachel M. Powlesland

Date:

JANUARY 30TH 2011.

We moved into Glen Drive in September 1997 and immediately began to enjoy the benefits of having Stoke Lodge so nearby, a safe open green space within walking distance from our home. Over the years we have used and continue to use the playing fields in a variety of ways for numerous activities.

When our boys were young we would take a picnic up there, kick a ball around and take them for a walk. It was a safe place for them to wander as they learnt to walk.

As they have grown we have used the area for more recreational activities, a place for them to learn to ride their bikes.

And now we still frequently use Stoke Lodge for activities such as kite-flying, Frisbee, football or even just for a stroll. In the winter we go there to build snowmen and in the summer for a picnic tea after school.

We have gathered conkers in Stoke Lodge and picked blackberries there.

As a busy mum at home, I am able to use the fields to go for a run and also enjoy a lap around the field and a quick chat after school drop-off in the mornings.

I am also involved in running a Youth Group at the local Parish Church of St Mary Magdalene. We particularly value the safe open space of Stoke Lodge in a central locality within the neighbourhood where we can take the children & youth. From this year, in the summer months we intend to use Stoke Lodge for the venue of our weekly meetings (weather permitting) to play rounders, football, parachute games and wide games, or to just sit and chat on the field and enjoy being outside. The church have also been known to hold a Boxing Day football match on the fields.

My children attend(ed) the local Primary School; we have had trips from school to Stoke Lodge for picnics, games on the field. And the year 6 have their annual leavers party there too.

Stoke Lodge playing fields are a valuable asset to the local and wider community. They are used by a vast number of individual people, families and organisations for a huge variety of recreational activities.

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

Rachel M. Pawlesland

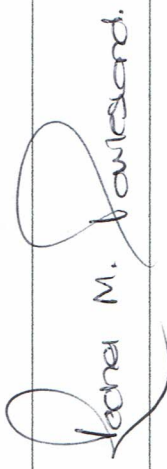
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Save Stoke Lodge Parkland - Application for Town Green Registration – Evidence Questionnaire

	NAME of Witness Print	RACHEL POWLESLAND
1	Your address when you used the land being claimed as "Town Green" and edged in red on Map "A"?	15 GLEN DRIVE STOKE BISHOP BRISTOL BS9 1SA.
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?	N/A.
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"?	13 YEARS 6 MONTHS
9	Between which years did you use the Land edged in red on Map "A"?	SEPTEMBER 1997 – STILL USING IT-
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 USED BY CHURCH YOUTH GROUPS ✓
	Neighbourhood watch		Alt green space within easy walking	✓	other ANNUAL SCHOOL LEAVING PICNIC ✓
	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"?			No	
14	How do you gain access to the Land edged in red on Map "A"?			ON MAP - PARKED.	
15	How do you travel to and from the Land edged in red on Map "A"?			By foot	
16	Why do you go on to the Land edged in red on Map "A"?			BECAUSE IT IS A BEAUTIFUL OPEN SPACE, CLOSE TO HOME OPEN TO ALL SORTS OF RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES Varies according to what we are doing but frequently throughout the year (see witness statement)	
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)			NUMEROUS (see witness statement) such as games - sports, walking, with family or community to enjoy being outside.	
18	What activities do/did you take part in on the Land edged in red on Map "A"?			YES	
19	Does your immediate family use the Land edged in red on Map "A"?			SEE '18' AND WITNESS STATEMENT.	
20	If so, for what?			CHURCH YOUTH GROUPS (SEE ABOVE) '12'	
21	Do you know of any community activities that take place or have taken place on the Land edged in red on Map "A"?			RECREATIONAL USE - SEASONAL, + CENTRAL DUE TO SAFETY, PART OF THE SITE, INTEND TO USE INCREASINGLY MORE.	
22	If so please list them and state when and for how long they have taken place?			YES - YOUTH LEADER.	
23	Do/did you participate in any of them?				

24	Do any organisations use the Land edged in red on Map "A" for sports or pastimes? If so, please specify.	VARIOUS SCHOOLS, LOCAL FOOTBALL TEAMS *CRICKET TEAMS UNIFORMED ORGANISATIONS, CHURCH.	
25	Do any seasonal activities take place on the Land edged in red on Map "A"	YES - VARIOUS.	
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.	NO	
29	Has the owner or occupier seen you on the Land edged in red on Map "A"?	NO YES - GROUND STAFF.	
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"?	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	

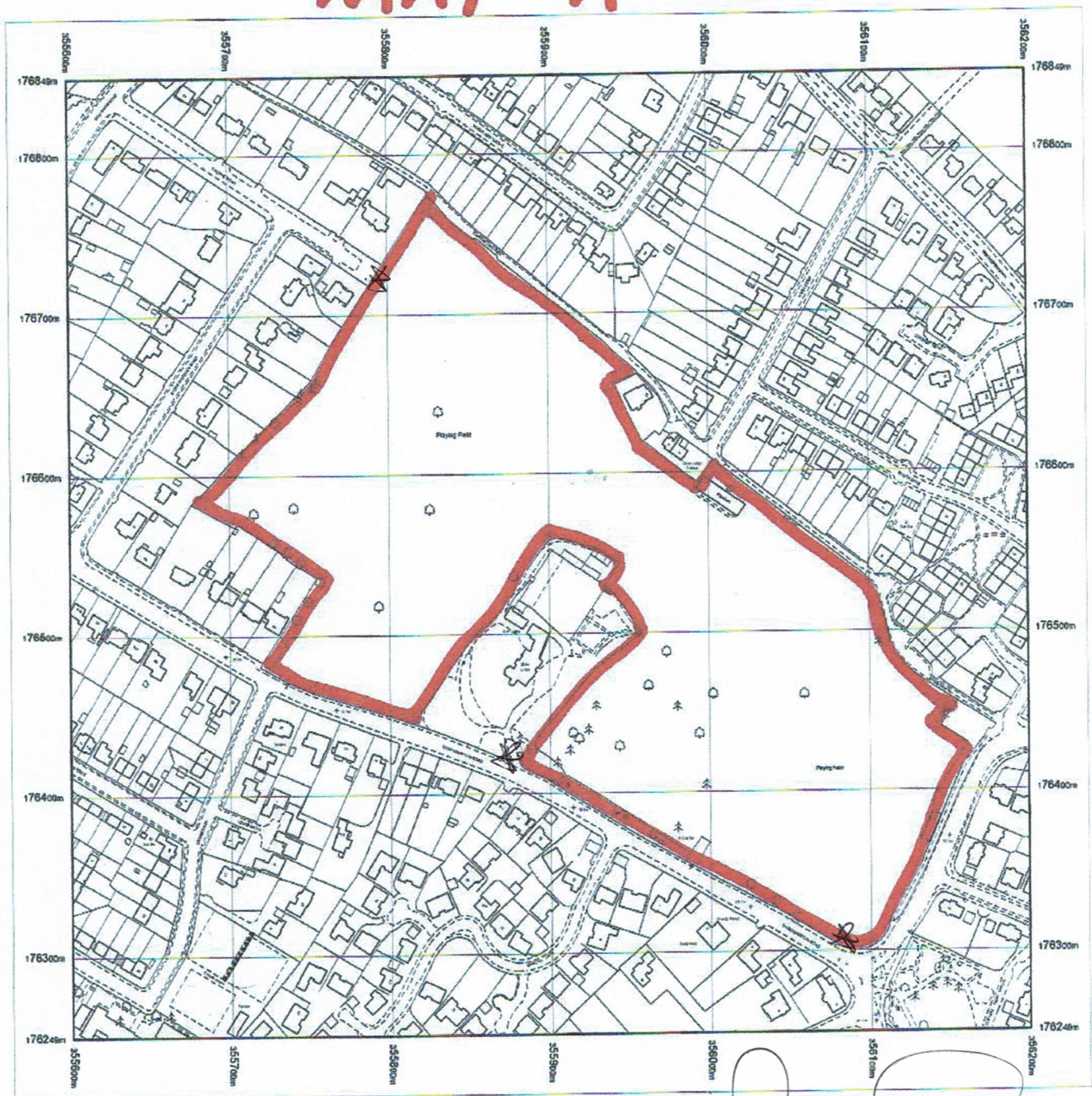
36	If yes, when and for what reason?	N/A.
37	Has any attempt been made by any means to prevent or discourage the use being made of the Land edged in red on Map "A" by local inhabitants?	No Physical Attempt Made.
38	If yes, give examples and dates	N/A.
39	Are you aware of any signs or notices restricting access to the Land edged in red on Map "A" by local inhabitants?	MEANING SUGGESTS SAME USE PERMITTED SIGNATORY (ANGL COUNTY COUNCIL) NO LONGER EXISTS.
40	Do you have any photographs or any other evidence of use of the Land edged in red on Map "A" by local inhabitants?	NOT AVAILABLE.
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)	Attached.
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 13 1/2 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	
48	Name	RACHEL M. POWLESLAND
49	Date	JANUARY 31ST 2011.

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MAP 'A'



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Map "B" of locality surrounding Stoke Lodge Parkland



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