

Statement for Stoke Lodge Playing Field
by Mary Alpass, retired teacher
5 Cheyne Road, Stoke Bishop.

I have lived here for over 10 years and I have always appreciated the above space for relaxation and recreation. After a day's work, especially during the summer, I would use the calm atmosphere to take a walk and consider work problems. Since retiring, I have used the space for exercise and as a shortcut when walking to Stoke Lane or Stoke Hill shopping areas. Our family also uses the field for jogging and we all benefit from the elderflower cordial and blackberry crumbles made from fruit picked there!

My Kitchen looks out onto the road (Cheyne) and I often remark how many people walk up and down the road to get access to the green space - dog walkers, pram pushers, joggers and runners, students for Stoke Lodge lectures and courses to name but a few. I also regularly take up a bag and collect litter from the edge of the field to maintain the appearance and cleanliness

of the space that means so much to us all. A bin provided for dog waste would be a very welcome addition.

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

Mary C. Apans

21/2/11

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

	NAME of Witness Print	MARY ALPASS
1	Your address when you used the land being claimed as "Town Green" and edged in red on Map "A"?	5 CHEYNE ROAD STOKE BISHOP BS9 2DH
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?	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"?	12 years
9	Between which years did you use the Land edged in red on Map "A"?	1999 - 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"?				
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?				

24	Do any organisations use the Land edged in red on Map "A" for sports or pastimes? If so, please specify.	Local football clubs, Scouts + Brownies, Cricketer			
25	Do any seasonal activities take place on the Land edged in red on Map "A"	Yes - Bristol Univ. - S-Bishop Cleeve Academy, Cedar Park, Clifton High Elderflowers, nuts, berries +			
26	Please tick all the activities that you have seen taking place on the Land edged in red on Map "A"				
	Children playing	☒	Fetes	☐	Bonfire parties
	Rounders	☒	Football	☒	Bicycle riding
	Drawing and painting	☒	Rugby	☒	Carol singing
	Dog Walking	☒	Cricket	☒	other
	Team Games (Formal)	☒	Bird watching	☒	other
	Team Games (informal)	☒	Picnicking	☒	other
	Picking blackberries	☒	Kite flying	☒	other
	Community celebrations	☒	People walking	☒	other
27	Do you know the name of the owner of the Land edged in red on Map "A"? And if so please state.	Yes - 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			

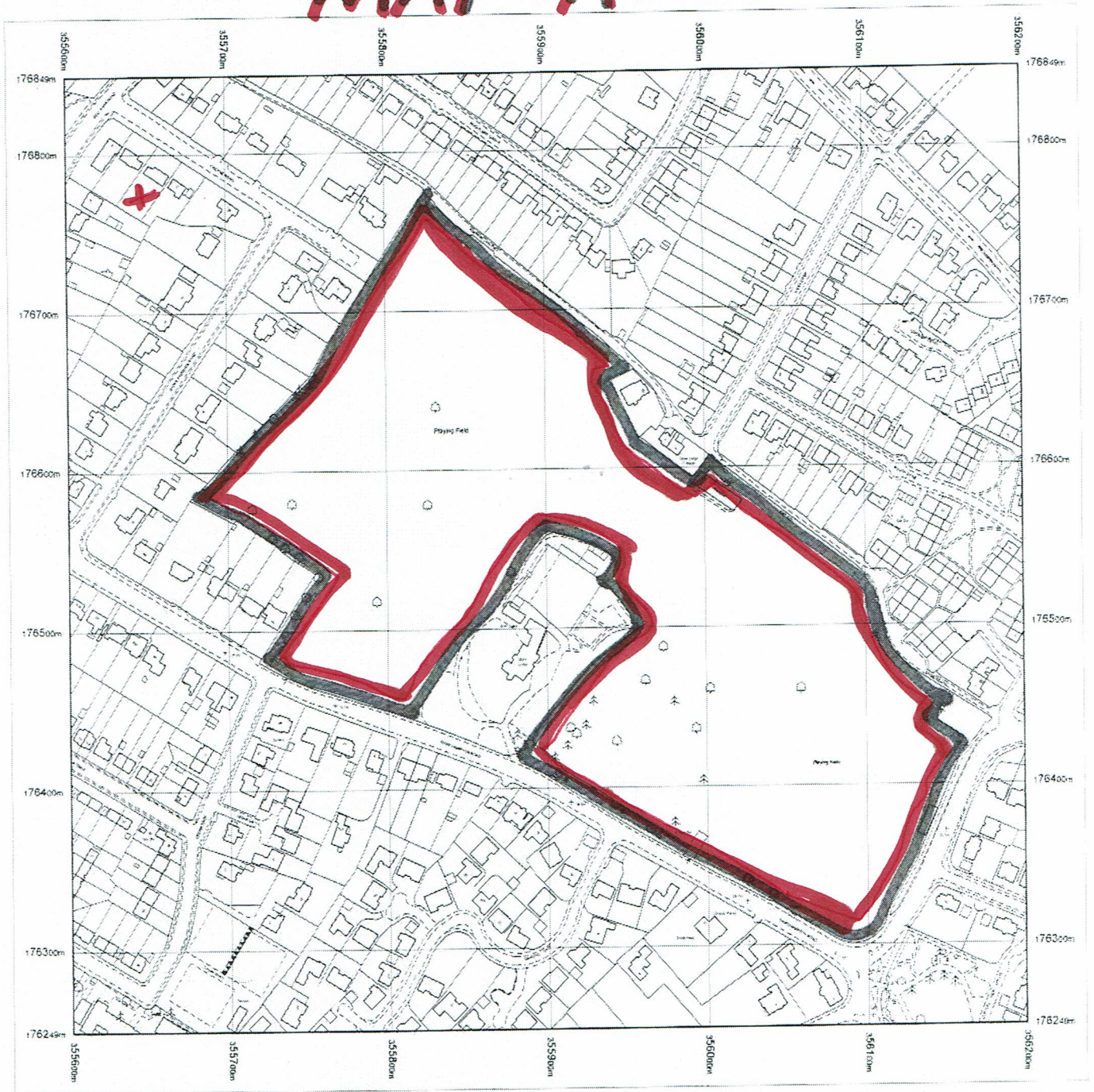
36	If yes, when and for what reason?	
37	Has any attempt been made by any means to prevent or discourage the use being made of the Land edged in red on Map "A" by local inhabitants?	No
38	If yes, give examples and dates	
39	Are you aware of any signs or notices restricting access to the Land edged in 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 12 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	Mary C. Alpass
48	Name	MARY C. ALPASS
49	Date	1/2/11

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MAP 'A'

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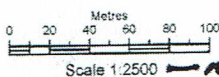
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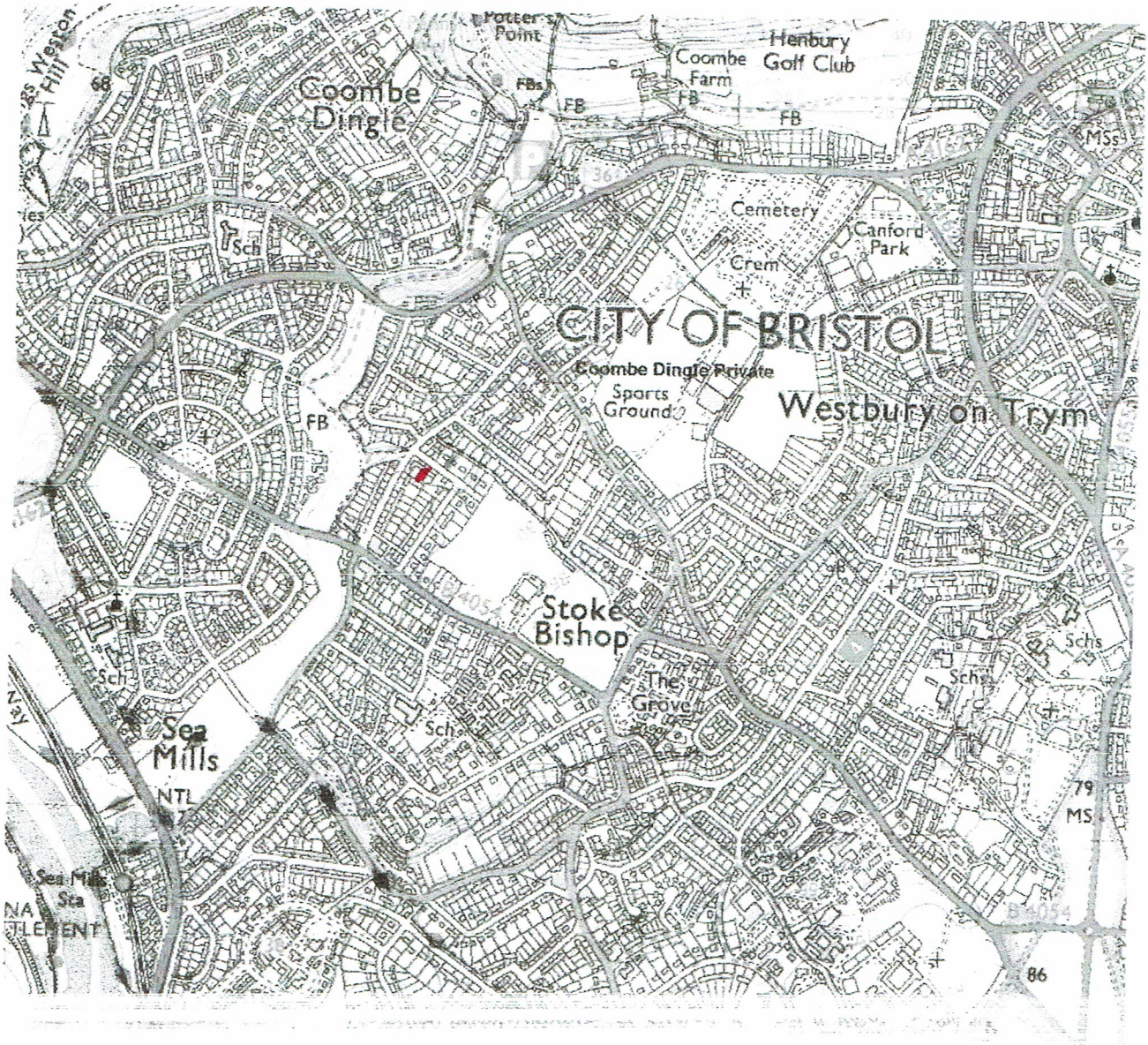
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Map "B" of locality surrounding Stoke Lodge Parkland



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