


7	<p>The University recognises that the Playing Fields should continue to be used for recreational purposes by the local community and, as such, the University's department of Sport, Exercise & Health has a broad remit to actively encourage further participation in sport, exercise & health more generally.</p> 	<p>This comment recognises the legitimate ongoing use "as of right" by the Community; and whilst we welcome the offer of help, it should be recognised that not all the Community wish to be part of the Formal offering made by Coombe Dingle Sports Centre but wish to continue to use the Parkland as they have done over the past 64 years.</p> <p>None of the issues raised in the objection and the response in this paragraph has any relevance to the Town or Village Green legislation qualifying criteria.</p>
8	<p>The University welcomes the opportunity to work with local groups involved in healthy activity but would like to ensure the Playing Fields are safe and risks are minimised. This may be simply to monitor such use or it could be to directly inform groups/individuals if any ground works, chemicals are being used or if bookings were being made so that potential clashes could be avoided. It would also want to ensure that sporting groups using the site had sought permission and had paid the appropriate amount to ensure fairness to those that follow all procedures and pay their way and to reinvest in the site maintenance. This is not to say that informal family groups or scout groups, etc, would be charged but we do have a duty of care to all users. We want all users to be safe and to ensure the facilities/equipment are not abused.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Community welcomes this opportunity to communicate on issues of common interest 2. The Community shares the view that the Parkland should be safe and risks minimised 3. The Community does not need monitoring (or controlling) by Coombe Dingle given that they are stake holders in their own right 4. Information on any permissible ground works and chemicals used would be welcome particularly given the complaints about the inappropriate disposal of chemical containers used by Coombe Dingle Sports Club staff on the site 5. The Community is not willing to book their informal use with Coombe Dingle in advance 6. The Community does operate "deferment" (see paragraph 9 below) and has made the arguments in the response to the objections raised by Bristol City Council as to why this does not preclude the Application for TVG from succeeding 7. This issue of ensuring that all sports users pay describes a problem that does not exist at present. By definition use "as of right" is free. Is Coombe Dingle suggesting that all community users who kick a football on Stoke Lodge pay an entrance fee? 8. It should be recognised that Coombe Dingle Sports Centre is neither the landowner nor the tenant under the lease for Stoke Lodge but is a commercial enterprise employed as the grounds maintenance sub-contractor. <p>None of the issues raised in the objection and the response in this paragraph has any relevance to the Town or Village Green legislation qualifying criteria.</p>
9	<p>It has always been the case that use of the playing fields by third parties, including dog walkers, has deferred to the organised use of the site as playing fields by schools and local sports clubs. Any such other use by third parties has never been authorised, or as of right.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. We welcome the confirmation that the Community (third party users) has "always.... deferred" to the Formal Sports users. Please refer to our arguments regarding "Deferment" contained in the response to the objections raised by Bristol City Council at paragraphs 13 and 26 2. We welcome the confirmation that the Community use (third parties) has never been authorised, as one of the qualifying criteria for use "as of right" is 'without permission' 3. We question whether Coombe Dingle Sports Centre is qualified to decide if the Community use for informal sports and general recreation (lawful sports and pastimes) is "as of right" or not