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From: Geoff and Sally Causton [gcauston@virginmedia.com]
Sent: 16 May 2016 15:11
To: stokelodgetvg@yahoo.com
Subject: Save Stoke Lodge Website: Contact form submission from Geoff and Sally Causton

Name: Geoff and Sally Causton

Email Address: gcauston@virginmedia.com

Message:

We would like Stoke Lodge Parkland to be granted "Town or Village" status and retained as a community green space for the following reasons:

Our family have been using Stoke Lodge Parkland regularly for 38 years since 1978.

I used to jog on the fields when younger, but now my wife and I enjoy walking there nearly every day being the only green space within walking distance. We enjoy the beautiful trees and space and meet friends and fellow walkers there which makes us feel part of the community.

We take our four grandsons to the Stoke Lodge play area regularly which they love, and they also enjoy being able to run free in the open space. They also enjoy kicking a ball around (one of them goes to a weekly football club on the field), and throwing frisbees without them going over a neighbour's fence. They also enjoy flying kites on the fields too, and hope to play cricket when older as they have watched cricket matches on the fields.

Access to the space has been restricted for years. At present only those able to clamber through gaps in the fences can enter the green space from Parry's Lane end. We look forward to the proposed pedestrian crossing on Shirehampton Road which will make a big difference to the safety of crossing this busy road. However we would also like to see better access in the form of a gate on the Parry's Lane end of the fields, making them accessible for mothers with buggies and less able people to enjoy the space as well.

There are so many children nowadays who are unable to experience greened areas and big open spaces where they can run free - so many areas are concreted over. The health benefits of just experiencing green leafy spaces are now acknowledged for people generally, not to mention the exercise they take whilst visiting such areas.

It can only benefit the City of Bristol to show its Green credentials by saving this unique space for posterity, for the people of the city.

Geoff and Sally Causton
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From: Callaghan, David Nicholas (Storage) [david.callaghan@hpe.com]

Sent: 09 May 2016 15:28

To: suemayer@blueyonder.co.uk

Subject: Stoke Lodge parkland

I can confirm that I have enjoyed unrestricted use of the Stoke Lodge parkland for dog walking, picnicking and family fun times (including building snowmen, seeing hot air balloons land and even proposing to my wife!) since we moved to the area in 2006.

We continue to use this great area and our two young children enjoy the open fields and trees along with the recently built playground.

Yours faithfully,
David Callaghan

50 Stoke Hill
Bristol
BS9 1ER

From: Steph Chadwick [steph.chadwick@blueyonder.co.uk]

Sent: 14 May 2016 11:51

To: Sue Mayer

Subject: Re: RE Stoke Lodge

To whom it may concern:

I have been a resident in Rayleigh Road for the last 18 years, and have used Stoke Lodge extensively all this time.

I have three sons, who grew up playing on the fields in all weathers. We also used the area for family picnics. We then had a dog for 12 years, so walked on the fields daily. I still walk there almost daily as I strive to get my 10.000 steps a day.

The fields are a very valuable space for local residents, easily accessible on foot and bike with a real sense of community amongst the people that use them regularly.

They are a wonderful wildlife reserve, in particular for birds. I hear robins, wrens, blackbirds, song thrushes, goldfinch, greenfinch, black cap and nuthatch regularly and have seen flocks of fieldfare on the fields in the winter. A couple of years ago, a buzzard took to sitting on the football post at the bottom of the field regularly.

As a local GP, I am only too well aware of the health benefits of local green spaces, easily accessed and free to users. It is heartening to see runners every day, people walking and families playing. I am sure this is because they are local, with no need to get into a car from Stoke Bishop to easily reach them.

I would strongly urge that Stoke Lodge should be designated a Town or Village Green (TVG) and not sold off.

Dr Stephanie Chadwick
9 Rayleigh Road
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Bristol
BS9 2AU

-----Original Message-----

> From: Darla Charleston [mailto:darlac1@me.com]
> Sent: 10 May 2016 20:35
> To: stokelodgetvg@yahoo.com
> Subject: Save Stoke Lodge Website: Contact form submission from Darla
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>Addresss:
4 South Dene, BS9 2BW.

Chris Chubb Save Stoke Lodge Website Contact

From: david mayer [dnmayer@msn.com]

Sent: 11 May 2016 08:19

To: Susan Mayer

Subject: FW: Save Stoke Lodge Website: Contact form submission from
Chris Chubb

-----Original Message-----

From: Chris Chubb [mailto:chrischubb@hotmail.com]

Sent: 10 May 2016 21:13

To: stokelodgetvg@yahoo.com

Subject: Save Stoke Lodge Website: Contact form submission from Chris Chubb

Name: Chris Chubb

Email Address: chrischubb@hotmail.com

Message:

Address 187 Stoke Lane, Westbury on Trym, BS9 3RT

I write in support of the application for village green status. I regularly take my children down throughout the parkland to play football and run around. We value this amenity hugely and would strongly support the application

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From: Gill Cleverdon [gmclev@hotmail.com]**Sent:** 07 May 2016 19:47**To:** Sue Mayer**Subject:** Re: SSLP - Town Green Statement of usage

I would like to say how much we use the Stoke Lodge playing fields. As a child I always played in the field with friends, I have walked all of my dogs over the years across the field from Cheyne Road to Parrys Lane to friends there and played ball and cricket with the children. . When my children were growing up we always walked from West Dene to Cedar Park school and back again in the afternoon, naturally playing ball.

We moved to Old Sneed Park but Stoke Lodge was our playground as it was the nearest open space, Now I live in Queens Gate and bought the house in retirement so I could have an open space to walk with my dog and enjoy the beautiful trees on level ground. Sadly the cedar has died but is being carved for our enjoyment.

I have lived within less than half a mile of Stoke Lodge since I was 11. I am now 80. It means so much to me to keep this as an open space for the pleasure of the next generations as I have had.

We have lost the Clifton High school fields, the Smelting works fields (now Queens Gate) please please don't deprive us of Stoke Lodge. We have a beautiful city because we have open spaces.

Now when my grandchildren visit we have the joy of taking them across the road to run around together in the field.

On every day come rain or shine the area is enjoyed by walkers, children playing, people walking their dogs(and always clearing up) and of course football and sports days for various schools. Saturday's are busy days and it's lovely to hear the children competing in sports. The car park and roads near are always busy then.

What s great shame the sports pavilion has been allowed to get into such disrepair. Is this because the council have this land earmarked to sell? It does not do justice to the quality of Stoke Lodge facilities.

I do hope the Minister listens to a very local persons plea.

Yours sincerely.

Gill Cleverdon

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On 7 May 2016, at 18:11, Sue Mayer <suemayer@blueyonder.co.uk> wrote:

SSLP - Town Green Statement of usage

We have just **eight days in June** to convince the Inspector at the Inquiry that Stoke Lodge Parkland should be designated as a Town or Village Green.

This is our last and only opportunity to demonstrate the huge number of Residents that rely on Stoke Lodge Parkland for recreation exercise and casual sport.

If you are one of the thousands of visitors to this green oasis, now is the time to

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From: nicola cooper [nicola.cooper9@btinternet.com]**Sent:** 11 May 2016 13:33**To:** suemayer@blueyonder.co.uk**Subject:** Re: SSLP - Town Green Statement of usage

We bought our house 17a Druid Stoke Avenue in May 1994. At the time we had 3 young boys and as our garden does not have flat grass space we spent a lot of time playing cricket, football and running about on Stoke Lodge playing fields. We always accessed it by hopping over the low wall near the roundabout where Shirehampton Road begins so I have never seen any signs. I was under the impression that the land had been gifted by the owner to the Council for the use of the residents of Stoke Bishop for recreation and for its beauty in perpetuity.

As the boys grew up they used Stoke Lodge on their own for football and with their scout troop. I have for years run on Stoke Lodge as it is better for my knees than a hard surface. I have walked over it with friends and always collect blackberries in late summer. Whenever I use it there are always lots of other people walking dogs practising rugby kicks or golf shots, jogging or playing with their children even when it is raining.

I understand that the reason that the Council wish to dispute the application for Village/Town Green status is that they wish to sell it or let the University fence it. This will not benefit the local community. The Council have already allowed the other playing fields- the Rio Tinto Zinc site and the Clifton Girls playing fields to be sold for housing so it would be unfair for the only flat open space in Stoke Bishop to be built on or made inaccessible for the residents of Stoke Bishop.

Nicola Cooprt

I understand that the Council

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From: Paul Cooper [<mailto:paul.cooper@osborneclarke.com>]
Sent: 12 May 2016 15:48
To: suemayer@blueyonder.co.uk
Subject: Stoke Lodge Parkland

Hello Sue,

I am e mailing in response to your request for a statement of local use of the parkland since 1990.

We moved to Druid Stoke Avenue in 1994 and have used the park land on a regular basis since moving in.

We have three sons and when they were you we used to go to the parkland to play football and other ball games, fly kites and fly model aeroplanes.

My wife and I still use it. It can be interesting to watch a few overs of cricket in the summer and we walk over the field (not around it!) regularly.

Address: 17a, Druid Stoke Avenue,

Stoke Bishop

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Kind regards

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Sophie Cox Save Stoke Lodge Parkland

From: david mayer [dnmayer@msn.com]

Sent: 11 May 2016 08:20

To: Susan Mayer

Subject: FW: Save Stoke Lodge Website: Contact form submission from Sophie Cox

-----Original Message-----

From: Sophie Cox [mailto:Sophie-cox@hotmail.co.uk]

Sent: 10 May 2016 15:33

To: stokelodgetvg@yahoo.com

Subject: Save Stoke Lodge Website: Contact form submission from Sophie Cox

Name: Sophie Cox

Email Address: Sophie-cox@hotmail.co.uk

Message:

Sophie Cox

30 Cooper Road

BS9 3RA

We as a family value Stoke Lodge for recreational use and support the town or village green application.

Sue Mayer

From: Alastair and Peggy Craig [alastairpeggy@gmail.com]
Sent: 20 May 2016 00:08
To: suemayer@blueyonder.co.uk
Subject: Stoke Lodge Playing Fields

Dear Sue Mayer,

I wish to support the application for Stoke Lodge playing fields to be designated a Town or Village Green. Although I no longer live in Stoke Bishop the period from 1984 to 1996 I found the playing fields an excellent place for training my guide dog puppies to socialise. As a family we often used the fields for enjoying family games and picnics. It is so important to keep these open spaces for recreational use for future generations. I really hope the application is successful.

Yours sincerely,
Elizabeth Craig (Mrs)
Dunkirk Farmhouse,
Dunkirk,
Badminton,
GL9 1 AG

Sent from my iPad=

From: Lorna Crook [lorna.crook@virginmedia.com]
Sent: 08 May 2016 17:44
To: 'Sue Mayer'
Subject: RE: SSLP - Town Green Statement of usage

Lorna Crook

67 Coombe Lane

BS9 2AZ

SSLP

I have been in Bristol for 46 years and have regularly used Stoke Lodge field over that period of time. I used to take my children up to the park land to play football and cricket and hide and seek and in the Autumn to pick the wild blackberries. I also have always had a dog and I walked the dog there too.

Now that the children are grown up, I take my grandchildren up to the field and we play ball, and try the long jump, and also play hide and seek. They too have a dog so again the dog is walked there too. They also enjoy 'ready steady go' and we race round the track in the Summer.

All in all we have valued this open space as a family for many years and feel that it must remain an open space for future generations to enjoy

With best wishes

Lorna Crook

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From: Malcolm Davies [malcolmdavies2@gmail.com]

Sent: 07 May 2016 22:18

To: Sue Mayer

Subject: Re: SSLP - Town Green Statement of usage

Sue

Having lived in South Dene for the last 35 years and brought up a family of five children, Stoke Lodge Parkland has been our family's playground.

We've used the park for all sorts of activities – flying kites, playing cricket and football, climbing trees and generally running off steam.

These days we are beginning to take our grandchildren to the park and they really look forward to coming to Grandma and Grandpa's so that they can go to the park.

Regards

Malcolm Davies

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Stoke Bishop

Bristol BS9 2BW

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From: Justine Davies [justine3@hotmail.co.uk]

Sent: 09 May 2016 19:32

To: Sue Mayer

Subject: Re: Stoke Lodge

Sorry Sue - 20 Old Sneed Park, bs9 1rf.

Justine.

Sent from my iPhone

On 9 May 2016, at 18:55, Sue Mayer <suemayer@blueyonder.co.uk> wrote:

Hi Justine,

Thank you for your note, unfortunately you omitted to say where you live and I do not seem to have you on our mailing list but that's not a problem, there is no requirement to be a member. However if it was your intention to support us at the Public Inquiry with this statement, we will need your address to be included in it as verification.

Look forward to hearing from you,

Kind Regards,

Sue

From: Justine Davies [<mailto:justine3@hotmail.co.uk>]

Sent: 09 May 2016 13:55

To: suemayer@blueyonder.co.uk

Subject: Stoke Lodge

Hi there,

I am emailing you to say that I/we use Stoke Lodge virtually every day to walk the dog, use the play park, play football, play rugby (for St Brendan's rugby club) or just kicking practice and to play cricket. We are a local family of five + a dog and we will really miss Stoke Lodge if we are unable to use it on a daily basis. Many thanks for all your help and efforts in campaigning for Stoke Lodge to remain in public use.

Kind regards,

Justine Davies.

Sue Mayer

From: Martin Davis [mfdavis@btinternet.com]
Sent: 19 May 2016 09:24
To: suemayer@blueyonder.co.uk
Subject: Development of Stoke Lodge Parkland, Stoke Bishop.

Witness Statement in support of the Town Green Application for the Stoke Lodge Parkland/Playing Field in Stoke Bishop.

From Dr. Martin Davis
10 Cooks Folly Rd
Sneyd Park
Bristol BS9 1PL

Statement, 19 May 2016

From 1967 to 1978 I, my wife and our two children lived a 4 Old Sneyd Avenue, Stoke Bishop. We were frequent users of the Stoke Lodge playing field, playing football or cricket with our children and for walks. Access was always open - one's presence there was never challenged. Since moving to our present address we have frequently noted that the open space has remained for the use both for sports matches and by the public in general.

Stoke Lodge playing field is the last remaining open green space in Stoke Bishop. It is an important amenity for local residents, who have made use of the facility, to my knowledge, for more than 40 years.

If any of the Objectors, Bristol City Council, Cotham Academy or Bristol University, are successful, the loss to the local community of a long-standing amenity will be very detrimental. I therefore fully support the application for Town Green status.

My wife, Elizabeth, also fully supports this statement.

Martin Davis

Sent from my iPad

Save Stoke Lodge Parkland

Dear Mr Mayer.

I am passionate to save Stoke Lodge - but do not have a computer - so

① Name Miss Jean Doddrell (C.T.C.C. Dip Ed) Local Piano Teacher)

See enclosed article from B.S.9

② Address 3, Lynolake Ave Bristol B.S.9.1.B.S. Tel. 9850846

③ Use of Park Nearly everyday I walk up my road - & then ^{the field} across to Cheryne Rd. I sit on the log & enjoy the wonder of the trees & open space.

In Feb 2014 in broad daylight I was ^{mugged} on ^{the} Sea Mills. As a result my left arm is permanently

damaged & I can no longer drive into the country. So the local park in turn is precious.

I love nature & history. The trees are old & rare. I see children playing & old folk strolling in the peace & beauty.

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(3+4) So yes then value the amenity & use the whole ground. At times I walk round the whole field to see the first catkins & squirrels playing.

⑤ I SUPPORT 'Town or Village Green Application'

COMMENT - Other folk have no computers! Please give your phone number or address
Thank you. Jean Doddrell

BS9 People *Apr 20 <<173>>*

A few years ago I was chatting to a local business owner about the magazine and he suggested that for a regular article I could have a chat to some of the many interesting local people in and around BS9 and give them the opportunity to tell a little of their story. Although I've had that idea on the back burner since then it has never found its way into the magazine - until now. So thank you John, finally your suggestion is put into practice.

So without further ado, "BS9 People". Rightly or wrongly as human beings we love to find out about other people, whether watching them, reading about them or talking to them. I guess it is because we are social animals. The headlines and column inches seem to be full more of those who shout, spend or expose more, but, to me at least, more interesting are the "normal" people that I can relate to, understand and who will tell me interesting stuff. So each month, if this goes to plan, I hope to have a chat with a "normal" person and share with you a little about them.

First up then, for no reason other than this idea cropped up in a phone call with her recently, is piano teacher Jean Doddrell (see here on the right with her sister Anthea) who lives in Stoke Bishop.



Are you a Bristolian, Jean?

I am indeed - born and brought up in Horfield, just down from the Wellington pub. I moved to Stoke Bishop with my parents and sister fifty odd

years ago and still live in the house they bought when they decided they wanted a bit more space nearer the countryside.

Are you from a musical family?

Yes, my mother was a music teacher so there was always music in the house and I fell in love with the piano when I was five years old. In my teens I helped her out by giving lessons to other people. My father was a driving instructor and I learned to be good at that too, giving driving lessons to some of his pupils when he needed help. The piano is my real passion although I taught myself to play the cello and violin and I still love to learn to master the organ.

Are musicians born or can they be taught?

I think people are born with a talent for music but that said almost anyone can learn to play music - all it takes is enthusiasm, plenty of practice, and of course a good teacher. You are never too late to learn either. Many of my pupils are adults - one recently took their second piano exam, Grade 6, at the age of seventy.

Learning the piano is like learning a language, and playing the piano is I think like speaking two different languages at the same time - the right and left hands are often doing very different things. And if you play the organ where you are using your feet to work the pedals then I suppose that is like three languages at once.

Has piano teaching always been your career?

I trained as a teacher and spent many years teaching in primary schools in Bristol but at some point I decided to leave and try to make a go of piano tuition. It wasn't easy at first - I only had two pupils to start with - so I supplemented things with running nursery groups and holiday clubs, focusing in music and art. Over time the numbers of pupils increased and now I have pupils from across the area. Most come to me following recommendation from other pupils.

I guess you always have music on in the house.

KIRSTIE Stoke lodge

From: Kirstie [kirstie.dayus@yahoo.com]

Sent: 07 May 2016 22:05

To: suemayer@blueyonder.co.uk

Subject: Stoke lodge

Hello, my name is Kirstie and I have been a resident of Stoke bishop from age 12(1986, living with my parents) to 20 and then again from age 30 when I bought my second property. I have used Stoke lodge over the years for many varied reasons including meeting up with friends, walking other people's dogs and now my own. Rounders matches, picnics and generally hanging out. I would hate for this gorgeous pace to be restricted or shut off from the public when it is so regularly used

Regards

Kirstie x

22, Briarwood

BS9 3SS

Sent from my iPhone

FW Save Stoke Lodge Website Contact form submission from Lee Dineen
From: david mayer [dnmayer@msn.com]
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To: stokelodgetvg@yahoo.com
Subject: Save Stoke Lodge Website: Contact form submission from Lee Dineen

Name: Lee Dineen

Email Address: leedineen@hotmail.co.uk

Message:

Address: 22 Parrys Close, Stoke Bishop, Bristol, BS9 1AW.

This beautiful green site should remain so. As a family of 4 we regularly use the site for family walks, playing games with the children and walking our trainee guide dog. This site MUST remain parkland and not developed for the very future of our children and our children's children. Open space to play, run, walk, sit, play sport, relax is vital in todays 24hr society. My family and I fully support the maintenance of this park as a green space.

Lee Dineen

From: Dodsworth, Richard [richard.dodsworth@ee.co.uk]

Sent: 09 May 2016 09:53

To: suemayer@blueyonder.co.uk

Cc: cathd@blueyonder.co.uk

Subject: Town Green Statement of use

Hi Sue,

I have lived on Coombe Lane for over 10 years and since moving in have regularly used Stoke Lodge. My usage increased significantly once my son was born 8 years ago and we now use Stoke Lodge several times a week, riding bikes, playing football, rugby, frisby and virtually any other ball game you can think of. If we were unable to use Stoke Lodge it would certainly mean less exercise for us and would also mean I would have to take the car to the next nearest open grass area which would increase pollution in the local area!!

Rich
68, Coombe Lane,
Westbury-on-Trym,
BS9 2AY

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From: grahamdonald@blueyonder.co.uk**Sent:** 11 May 2016 11:40**To:** Susan Mayer**Subject:** Stoke Lodge TVG

Dear Sue

We discussed evidence for the forthcoming Inquiry.

As you know, I live at 39 Woodland Grove, Bristol BS9 2BD. Our garden gate leads directly into Ebenezer Lane, from which we have direct access to Stoke Lodge parkland. My family and I have lived here since September 1993. When we arrived, my daughter (Mary) was 13 and my son (Chris) was 11. Both used to play in Stoke Lodge but Chris made the greater use of it for informal games of football and cricket throughout his teenage years. Later, he played cricket there with his best man and other friends on the morning of his wedding in April 2009. Now Chris has two boys of his own, he takes them to Stoke Lodge when they come to stay. Their most recent visit was over this year's May Day weekend when we had a kick about in Stoke Lodge and the boys (aged 6 and nearly 4) spent some time in the playground. I would add that Chris was astonished and displeased to see a Bristol City Council notice purporting to restrict access to Stoke Lodge. He had always understood that the area was for the use of local people, subject to teams playing more formal games there, of course.

My road often has summer events (usually in July). A feature of these has been games and races for both children and adults which take place in Stoke Lodge parkland. We have never had any conflicts with organised sports or games taking place there.

Graham Donald

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@GrahamDonald_

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Sue Mayer

From: Donald, Chris [Chris.Donald@bankofengland.co.uk]
Sent: 16 May 2016 09:14
To: suemayer@blueyonder.co.uk
Subject: Stoke Lodge

Hello Sue,

I wanted to send you some thoughts with respect to Stoke Lodge. I understand you are pulling together information for some sort of inquiry – I wish you luck with that.

I moved to Woodland Grove in 1993. I was 11. One of my first memories is of playing cricket and football with friends in stoke lodge. I used to call it "the field". During the week people would walk their dogs, play sport or just relax in the sunshine. At the weekend it would be used by rugby players, footballers, cricketers. It's a lovely space, very large, very green. The surrounding residents are very lucky to have it.

Now the playground has been built I take my children there. When we're there, we can see it being consistently used and enjoyed by children of various ages.

It just seems so unnecessary to restrict the area and I was shocked the council had put up a sign.

People who use the area are respectful. I don't remember seeing litter and I've never seen any conflict between people who use the area informally and those who use it for organised sport.

Clearly where an area has been booked the group that book it have the right to use it. But the field is massive and these sorts of question arise (and are answered) all over the country. It's just common sense.

In 23 years I have used and seen others use and enjoy Stoke Lodge responsibly and respectfully. It is important to the local area and would be a loss were it to go or were access to be restricted when the only apparent reasoning is bureaucratic nonsense.

Best wishes,

Chris Donald

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16/05/2016

Sue Mayer

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Name: Sarah dove

Email Address: sarah_dove@hotmail.co.uk

Message:

Dear sir/madam

I live at 4 Cheyne road and use stoke lodge playing fields almost every day. I use it for exercise to run around the field and do circuit training. I go for walks on it with family and also cut across the middle of the park to make journeys shorter. It would be a great shame to me if I could no longer use it. Please keep it as public access. I support the village green application.

Kind regards
Sarah