

Sue Mayer

From: david mayer [dnmayer@msn.com]
Sent: 22 May 2016 08:40
To: Susan Mayer
Subject: FW: Save Stoke Lodge Website: Contact form submission from andrew nelson

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

From: andrew nelson [mailto:andrew_nelson@tiscali.co.uk]
Sent: 21 May 2016 13:34
To: stokelodgetvg@yahoo.com
Subject: Save Stoke Lodge Website: Contact form submission from andrew nelson

Name: andrew nelson

Email Address: andrew_nelson@tiscali.co.uk

Message:

7 parrys grove bs9 1tt

Walks, picnics and leisure activities with family and friends. Used all seasons, usually weekly, all parts of the site.

Value the amenity as closer than Canford and the Downs.

Support Town or Village Green status.

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From: david mayer [dnmayer@msn.com]
Sent: 22 May 2016 08:39
To: Susan Mayer
Subject: FW: Save Stoke Lodge Website: Contact form submission from cheralyn nelson

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

From: cheralyn nelson [mailto:cheralyn.nelson@tiscali.co.uk]
Sent: 21 May 2016 13:32
To: stokelodgetvg@yahoo.com
Subject: Save Stoke Lodge Website: Contact form submission from cheralyn nelson

Name: cheralyn nelson

Email Address: cheralyn.nelson@tiscali.co.uk

Message:

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From: david mayer [dnmayer@msn.com]
Sent: 22 May 2016 08:41
To: Susan Mayer
Subject: FW: Save Stoke Lodge Website: Contact form submission from jade nelson

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

From: jade nelson [mailto:parrys.grove@tiscali.co.uk]
Sent: 21 May 2016 13:35
To: stokelodgetvg@yahoo.com
Subject: Save Stoke Lodge Website: Contact form submission from jade nelson

Name: jade nelson

Email Address: parrys.grove@tiscali.co.uk

Message:

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From: david mayer [dnmayer@msn.com]
Sent: 22 May 2016 08:41
To: Susan Mayer
Subject: FW: Save Stoke Lodge Website: Contact form submission from scott nelson

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

From: scott nelson [mailto:parrys.grove@tiscali.co.uk]
Sent: 21 May 2016 13:35
To: stokelodgetvg@yahoo.com
Subject: Save Stoke Lodge Website: Contact form submission from scott nelson

Name: scott nelson

Email Address: parrys.grove@tiscali.co.uk

Message:

7 parrys grove bs9 1tt

Walks, picnics and leisure activities with family and friends. Used all seasons, usually weekly, all parts of the site.

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From: david mayer [dnmayer@msn.com]
Sent: 17 May 2016 18:14
To: Susan Mayer
Subject: FW: Save Stoke Lodge Website: Contact form submission from Graham Nicholas

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

From: Graham Nicholas [mailto:graham.nicholas@hotmail.com]
Sent: 17 May 2016 16:14
To: stokelodgetvg@yahoo.com
Subject: Save Stoke Lodge Website: Contact form submission from Graham Nicholas

Name: Graham Nicholas

Email Address: graham.nicholas@hotmail.com

Message:

20,Parrys Grove, Stoke Bishop, Bristol BS9 1TT I have lived in Stoke Bishop for 34 years and have on a daily basis made use of the excellent open green area of Stoke Lodge for the exercise of the family dog and the children. The facilities of Stoke Lodge have been invaluable in the leisure and educational upbringing of our four boys, and today as we are very much O.A.Ps a short walk from our house to enjoy the exercise, walk the dog ,watch the football and cricket and enjoy the Green open space of Stoke Lodge through all the seasons of the year. I would therefore express my strongest support for the `Town or Village Green application`.

From: david mayer [dnmayer@msn.com]
Sent: 14 May 2016 09:35
To: Susan Mayer
Subject: FW: Save Stoke Lodge Website: Contact form submission from Davyd nippress

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

From: Davyd nippress [mailto:D.nippress@hotmail.co.uk]
Sent: 13 May 2016 20:05
To: stokelodgetvg@yahoo.com
Subject: Save Stoke Lodge Website: Contact form submission from Davyd nippress

Name: Davyd Nippress

Email Address: D.nippress@hotmail.co.uk

Message:

26 sylvan way
Sea Mills

I am writing a message to show my families support for Stoke lodge's application to become a town/village green and completely oppose any plans for housing or building development/or plans to stop general public use of the grounds.

I have a wife a son of 8 and daughter of 6.

My sons football club shire colts play and train at Stoke lodge every Saturday morning. I use the park facilities regularity with my son and daughter for general play activities which often involve meeting other friends of my children. Our children's school stoke bishop use the park for outings, my daughters current school term topic is green fingers and the children have been learning about various green things at stoke lodge on outings as well as other places. My family have also been showing a keen interest in the current wooden tree sculpture which my children have been coming home and drawing. My brother in law uses the park to walk his dog most days of the week.

All in all I feel this would be a huge loss to the local community, stoke lodge is a wonderful space for all sorts of people ranging from young children's play/child and adult sports clubs/dog walkers/school trips for young children and so on.

60, Coomb Bridge Ave

Dear Mrs Mayer
Re. Stoke Lodge - Playing
Fields.

I have been walking on
the fields for at least
the passed fifty years,
enjoying the open spaces,
and making many new
friends. Also saw a friend
start a friendship which
has lead to marriage.

All the very best
to you and your husband

Pat North

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

From: Robb norton [mailto:robb_norton@hotmail.com]

Sent: 07 May 2016 21:57

To: suemayer@blueyonder.co.uk

Subject: Stoke lodge

Good evening Sue

I would like to express my concern over the future of Stoke lodge. Myself and my partner, use this community space every day to walk our dog and bring our nieces and nephews over there to play.

My partner and I live on shirehampton road and the have this amazing free community space is a real asset. I have had many discussions with fellow dog walkers on my daily walk and this has helped build a greater community spirit. We are all very concerned over the future of this space, and I know it would be nothing but detrimental to the local area and community to allow this to become sports fields for schools not in the area. Surely it should be there to benefit the local residents.

I hope we win the fight

Yours sincerely

Robb Norton
59a, Shirehampton Rd,
Stoke Bishop

From: Colin O'Connor [cmoc@btinternet.com]
Sent: 08 May 2016 09:30
To: Sue Mayer
Subject: SSLP

Susan

Together with my wife Jane, we use the Stoke Lodge Parklands on a regular basis (every day!) primarily to walk our dog but also as a means of personal exercise. We usually enter through the main entrance or the small opening on Parrys Lane and then ramble as determined by the dog. More recently we have tended to walk to the trunk of the old cedar tree to view progress on the wood carving, which is a marvel for all to see. I now find myself questioning if we would be able to get close to the tree if the Parklands were to be "off limits" to the public. Would it be like StoneHenge where the public is kept at some distance from the stone circle? Would we be forced to show our grandchildren the animal carvings through a pair of binoculars?

We rarely walk the Parklands without seeing other people, whether other dog owners or teenagers playing games. I really do not understand why or how Cotham School can selfishly believe that they have the right to claim exclusive use of this wonderful open space that is central to the people of Stoke Bishop, miles from Cotham School.

I simply cannot understand how Cotham School could ever make efficient use of the vast area of the Parklands as a place for school activities. Moreover, I cannot understand why anyone should be expected to cede their lifetime rights of use to a distant organisation.

I don't know all the background to Cotham School's claim but I hope the inquiry has researched the motivation for the current situation as one cannot help but question if there is a future commercial opportunity at stake.

In summary, I am vehemently opposed to being denied rights of access to the Stoke Lodge Parklands which are on my doorstep, not Cotham School, which appears to have its own grounds so why the need for more?

A key reason to moving into Queens Gate was because of the Parklands. I sincerely hope the outcome of the forthcoming hearing will fully evaluate and uphold the rights of the local people.

Colin & Jane O'Connor
19 Queens Gate
Stoke Bishop

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From: JASON PARKER [jason.parkerparker@btinternet.com]
Sent: 11 May 2016 12:49
To: Susan Mayer
Subject: Stoke Lodge Parkland

7, Coombe Lane
Stoke Bishop
BRISTOL BS9 2AB

11th May 2016

To whom it may concern

I can confirm that between 1990 and 2011 (and for a long period before and after these dates), I have used Stoke Lodge Parkland for many different purposes including :-

Waking
Running
Dog Walking
Athletic practise/training with my children
various ball games
Picnicking with family & friends
Bird and butterfly watching
Kite flying
Y - Games

Yours faithfully

Jason Charles Ashley Parker.

Sue Mayer

From: david mayer [dnmayer@msn.com]
Sent: 17 May 2016 14:42
To: Susan Mayer
Subject: FW: Save Stoke Lodge Website: Contact form submission from Rebecca Parkin

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

From: Rebecca Parkin [mailto:beccaparkin@icloud.com]
Sent: 17 May 2016 14:00
To: stokelodgetvg@yahoo.com
Subject: Save Stoke Lodge Website: Contact form submission from Rebecca Parkin

Name: Rebecca Parkin

Email Address: beccaparkin@icloud.com

Message:

To whom it may concern:-

10A Stoke Paddock Road, Stoke Bishop, Bristol, BS9 2DJ As a family we use the park at least 3 times a week.

My son loves to play in the park, enjoys seeing all the dogs being walked and watching teams play ball sports.

In addition my partner is a keen runner and uses the park to keep fit.

The park is at the back of our garden and we love hearing children playing, dogs barking and just seeing families enjoy Stoke Lodge.

We 100% support the right to keep the Stoke Lodge as a park and will be devastated if the council agreed to a future development.

Dear Mrs. Mayer,

As a resident of South Dene I am writing today to support the designation of Stoke Lodge Parkland as a Town Green.

My husband and I moved into South Dene in 1980 and one of the major influences in our choice of this house was the presence of the Parkland at the back of our property. When we first moved in and were both working outside Bristol it was a joy to come home and go for a walk around the field together to relax after a day's work. We enjoy this even more so now that we are retired and can do this more frequently.

We enjoy the beautiful views we have from our upstairs windows, the sound of the birds singing and of the youngsters playing as well as the sight of the squirrels scurrying around the trees. The field is in constant use by people of all ages out walking and chatting, by families with young children playing games or flying kites and, sometimes in the summer, having a picnic together. At the weekend and on many evenings it is used by football, rugby and cricket clubs for more formal sports watched by keen parents and other supporters. All this makes the field a well used, welcoming social and recreational area for local residents and some from further afield.

With our nieces and nephews we have spent many summer holiday days playing tag, rounders and other ball games in various parts of the field as well as taking them on mini nature trails around studying various trees and shrubs and watching for different types of birds. Now we enjoy taking younger members of the family to the newly built park area to play on the facilities there. As a local community we have also organised a number of different social events on the field, notably a cricket match and picnic to celebrate the millennium.

Speaking of the new play area, the construction of this, together with the improved access to the field from Shirehampton Road and along Ebenezer Lane, has further reinforced the local residents' perception of it as open recreational grounds to be enjoyed by all. To gauge the local interest in the Parkland one only has to consider the public outpouring of sorrow felt and shown by people at the recent loss of the much cherished cedar tree.

There is much more that I feel I could mention – such as the number of well maintained species trees - but I trust that what I have already said will suffice to reinforce opinions expressed in other residents' letters and to convince the Inspector of the desirability of designating Stoke Lodge Parkland a Town Green able to be feely used and enjoyed by all. Let's keep Bristol a Green city.

Yours Sincerely,

Jenny Parsons (Mrs)
10, South Dene.

Re: SSLP

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To Sue Mayer,

Re: Use of Stoke Lodge Parklands

Here are a number of examples of community use and the personal use thereof since our arrival in South Dene in December 1980.

1. National Celebrations.

- 2000 The Millenium.
- 2002 The Queen's Golden Jubilee.
- 2012 The Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

2. Personal and Family uses.

- During our early years, whilst our families' children were growing up, visits of our nephews and nieces for weekends, sleep-overs and holiday visits, accompanied by their numerous friends (maximum sleep-over numbers being 14 when the age group was 12 to 13 y.o.), we were able to use the field to play various games. Favourites were Rounders (usually with an old tennis racquet), French Cricket (an old junior cricket bat) and football.
- On fine sunny days in Spring, Summer and early Autumn family picnics were held and thoroughly enjoyed after one of the above hilarious game sessions.

3. Historical use

Although not within the period focussed on (viz 1990 – 2011) but still very relevant, I first set foot on Stoke Lodge Playing Fields in the summer of 1966. I played cricket for the University of Bristol Staff Cricket Club fairly regularly during the cricket season and from time to time our matches were played on Stoke Lodge Field. During these matches it was a regular sight to see local residents strolling around the field and desultorily watching the cricket for a while before moving on. Some walking from West Dene, or Parry's Lane, were making their way across the field to the shops in Shirehampton Road coming back with bags. It was very reminiscent of the local Recreation Grounds that I have seen in Bristol throughout my cricketing career. Since then I have always assumed that the field was in fact accepted as such, particularly as I have never seen anyone attempt to enforce a prohibition of use of the field since 1966 and have never heard it question until these last few years when other people have shown an interest in taking over the management or even the ownership of the field.

John Parsons,
10 South Dene

16 May 2016

Sue Mayer

From: david mayer [dnmayer@msn.com]
Sent: 14 May 2016 09:34
To: Susan Mayer
Subject: FW: Save Stoke Lodge Website: Contact form submission from Julia Escardo-Paton

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

From: Julia Escardo-Paton [mailto:escaj99@doctors.org.uk]
Sent: 13 May 2016 22:40
To: stokelodgetvg@yahoo.com
Subject: Save Stoke Lodge Website: Contact form submission from Julia Escardo-Paton

Name: Julia Escardo-Paton

Email Address: escaj99@doctors.org.uk

Message:

Dear Sir/Madam,

My name is Julia Escardo-Paton and I live at 25 Grove Road, Coombe Dingle, Bristol BS9 2RJ.

I strongly support the Town or Village Green application for Stoke Lodge as I would like to see that it remains a parkland for the community to use and enjoy. I love Stoke Lodge! I use it frequently to watch my children play sports (football and rugby) at the weekends and to walk my dog on weekdays. I use it at least once per week. Occasionally, I take my children there after school to play too. Every time I go to Stoke Lodge, I remark to myself how lucky we, in the local community, are to have such a beautiful parkland at our doorstep. To lose it would be disastrous and very sad.

From: Ros Pearson [pearsonr2004@yahoo.co.uk]

Sent: 13 May 2016 21:10

To: suemayer@blueyonder.co.uk

Subject: Stoke Lodge Playing Field

Further to your request for update on usage of the above field (since submission some time ago),

I can confirm that I continue to use the open space fully, as do various local groups of children and youngsters on an informal basis during evenings, weekends and school holidays.

The youngsters meet up to practice cricket, play football in groups of perhaps half a dozen friends, and enjoy fresh air and exercise in small groups in a safe and attractive space, now unique in the Sea Mills/Stoke Bishop/Coombe Dingle area. They are there most fine evenings in the summer, and during daylight weekends all year round. And they are a pleasure to see.

I used to walk my dog here regularly, in a space that meant she could run the seven miles she needed each day whilst I could only manage three in the time available. A space to throw a ball makes this possible and dozens of local people utilise the space in this way, and help keep the parkland secure by their regular presence early morning and evening, and tidy by their efforts to collect litter as they go.

To date I cross the field from home (Ebenezer Lane side) to the Adult Education Centre twice weekly. Walking on grassland is a particular pleasure, as is the view of the open sky and treescape. I have also used the same route to take my small grandchildren to the excellent playing facilities recently introduced there, as do many friends. This provides exercise and fresh air and a chance to experience and enjoy birds, squirrels and parkland which could not be achieved by an exhausting trip around the much longer perimeter. In fact we have been able to visit the Shirehampton Road shops via this route, avoiding the traffic noise and exhaust in so doing. And in good weather sit on the grass to rest on our return trip.

The art classes (at Stoke Lodge Adult Education Centre) use the grounds for landscape studies and occasionally to collect items such as fallen leaves and pine cones for still life setups.

I hope these few paragraphs give a picture of the value to locals of all ages of this precious open space, and that it can continue to be available to the public.

Rosalind Pearson
5, COOMBE LANE BS9 2AB

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

> From: Bruce Perrott [<mailto:bruceperrott@blueyonder.co.uk>]

> Sent: 15 May 2016 20:33

> To: suemayer@blueyonder.co.uk

> Subject: Stoke lodge playing fields

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> Dear Sue,

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> I am 75 years years old and was born and have lived within half a mile

> from Stoke Lodge during all these years.

> I always appreciated the wonderful trees and the open spaces. I still

> regularly walk across it and around it. Over the past few years we've

> lost Clifton High School and The National Smelting Works green space to housing!

> It will be very, very sad if we lose this open land for all of us to enjoy.

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> Yours sincerely

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> Bruce Perrott

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My address is 90 Reedley Road, Bristol. bs9 3 ta

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Sue Mayer

From: powlesland nicholas [powlesland@blueyonder.co.uk]
Sent: 20 May 2016 19:26
To: Sue Mayer
Subject: RE: Use of Stoke Lodge

Oh sorry Sue, here it is again:

Dear Sue,

I have received your address from the Druid Fountain Neighbourhood Watch and I live at 15 Glen Drive, Stoke Bishop, Bristol BS9 1SA.

I would like to register our use of Stoke Lodge Parkland. I have sent an email to the website www.stokelodgetvg.co.uk but have not heard anything.

I am involved in various groups run by St Mary Magdalene Church, Mariners Drive, Stoke Bishop, BS9 1QJ and we use Stoke Lodge for various activities. I am involved in running a group for local children (aged 7-11), Kidz Klub, on a Thursday evening 6.30-7.45pm In the summer months (after May half term), weather permitting, we hold the event on Stoke Lodge each week.

I also run the church Toddler group, Bright Sparks, and since the opening of the play park, we have held our summer picnic there.

Although not involved in it myself, the older youth groups also use the space in the summer months for various events – various outdoor games and water fights. My children attend these groups.

The church has also use the field for social football matches on a number of occasions.

As my children have grown up we have used the field for picnics, kite flying, playing ball games, learning to ride a bike, walking and jogging around – the list is endless.

I am not sure what 'evidence' I need to supply you with or whether this is sufficient, but please do get in touch if I can help in anyway.

Kind regards,

Rachel Powlesland.

15 Glen Drive
Stoke Bishop
Bristol
BS9 1SA

n 20 May 2016 at 17:25 Sue Mayer <suemayer@blueyonder.co.uk> wrote:

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

20/05/2016

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Sue Mayer

From: Sheila Preece [sheila.preece@btinternet.com]
Sent: 20 May 2016 10:30
To: 'Sue Mayer'
Subject: statement re Stoke Lodge

-Re Stoke Lodge Parkland:

I have been a user of Stoke Lodge Parkland during all the time I have lived here since 1972(in a house that overlooks the field). My 'use' is multiple: walking, bird watching, blackberry picking, looking at the magnificent trees close up, playing with grandchildren, going to Stoke Lodge House. I have never in all these years been challenged by anyone as to my presence there and neither have my family. I have entered the field by various entrances and paths. Frequency of visits is greatly enhanced in the summer but never a month has gone by without my walking over there.

I cannot understand why there should be any objections to TVG being granted considering usage similar to mine by so many people who live around here.

Sheila Preece
12 South Dene
Stoke Bishop
Bristol BS9 2BW

20/05/2016

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Sue Mayer

From: Judy Preston [mailto:mail2jkpreston@gmail.com]**Sent:** 16 May 2016 10:58**To:** suemayer@blueyonder.co.uk**Subject:** Ref Town Green Usage

My family has made use of Stoke Lodge playing field on a regular basis since I moved to Bristol in 1998. This has involved walking and informal picnics on the main field. This is our preferred location as it provides level access for all ages, provides a peaceful environment not impacted on by sharing the facility with cyclists (Blaise pathway) a safer environment for young children to be allowed to explore without constant supervision because of the proximity of water (Blaise and Badock Wood) and some magnificent champion trees.

JK Preston 30 Shaplands Stoke Bishop Bristol BS9 1AY

16/05/2016

dnmayer@msn.com

From: Geoffrey Pridham [g.pridham@bristol.ac.uk]
Sent: 17 May 2016 10:30
To: stokelodgetvg@yahoo.com
Subject: Save Stoke Lodge Website: Contact form submission from Geoffrey Pridham

Name: Geoffrey Pridham

Email Address: g.pridham@bristol.ac.uk

Message:

I live at 8, Stoke Paddock Road immediately by Stoke Lodge Park and regularly - on most days- use the park for exercise walks, accessing the park from our back garden. These walks are important and quite crucial in keeping fit for the proximity of the park makes such activity easy - I am in my seventies. The same easy access is also beneficial to our grandchildren, one of which is disabled, for playing (there is a facility for this) and for exercise. Altogether, the park contributes significantly to the quality of life in this area. It is furthermore a pleasure to look out onto from the first floor of our house.

One should add that the existence of this unspoilt park is environmentally beneficial to the neighbourhood in general as it promotes good atmospheric conditions in air quality.

From: Alfred Pope [member@apope58.freemove.co.uk]

Sent: 08 May 2016 22:19

To: Sue Mayer

Subject: RE: SSLP - Town Green Statement of usage

Dear Sue I can confirm that I walked my Dog around the perimeter of Stoke Lodge for over 12 years up to 2012. I also walk through SL in order to visit my eldest Son whom lives in Briarcliffe Road.

Alfred Pope 42 Druid Hill Stoke Bishop Bristol BS9 1EJ Telephone 968 6667

FW Save Stoke Lodge Website Contact form submission from Sarah Preddy
From: david mayer [dnmayer@msn.com]
Sent: 12 May 2016 13:32
To: Susan Mayer
Subject: FW: Save Stoke Lodge Website: Contact form submission from Sarah Preddy

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

From: Sarah Preddy [mailto:sarah.preddy@blueyonder.co.uk]
Sent: 12 May 2016 10:10
To: stokelodgetvg@yahoo.com
Subject: Save Stoke Lodge Website: Contact form submission from Sarah Preddy

Name: Sarah Preddy

Email Address: sarah.preddy@blueyonder.co.uk

Message:

My address is 16 Old Sneed Rd. I use the parkland at Stoke Lodge regularly for walking and running. My sons both play football, rugby and cricket there and my daughter enjoys using the playground. We use the entire site and not just the perimeter. Accordingly I support the application for Stoke Lodge to have town or village green status.