

News Update 06.01.17

We have secured a victory at the Bristol City Council - Public Rights of Way and Greens Committee (PROW&GC), on 12th December 2016, where they decided that the Land should be registered as a Town or Village Green.

However, we still face two possible challenges: -

1. Cotham may appeal the decision of the PROW&GC by using a Judicial Review. We wait to see if they do take up this option and if they do we will need to get involved in the Legal Process. This will require the services of a barrister/QC to put our case. This will be expensive and we will need to raise funds; but we will advertise locally if we do need to raise money from the local community.
2. Cotham have made a planning application (16/06304/F) to erect a perimeter fence to exclude free public access. We have encouraged local residents to write and object. We have also employed a Planning Consultant to submit a Report setting out why the application should fail. There are currently (06.1.17) 673 letters on the BCC web site with well in excess of 500 of those objecting to the fence. The period for submitting objections has now closed. The application is scheduled to be heard by a planning committee in early February.

Therefore there is little that you can do currently except to make sure all your friends and neighbours that use Stoke Lodge are up to date with the latest situation. However if we need to raise funds to engage a barrister it would be helpful if you could respond to our notification if that becomes necessary.

If you are not a member of our community group 'Save Stoke Lodge Parkland' and would like to join (its free) please send an e-mail via the contact button confirming your wish to join together with your full postal address. This will ensure that you are kept up to date.