

Save Stoke Lodge Parkland



Newsletter October 2017

Dear member

We are asking for your support one more time

Cotham have applied to the Court to introduce “New Evidence” and to “Amend their Grounds of Claim” in support of their application to get the decision of the Bristol City Council (BCC) Public Rights of Way & Greens Committee (PRoW&GC) to register Stoke Lodge as A Town or Village Green (TVG) overturned at the forthcoming Judicial Review (JR) scheduled for the 21st & 22nd November.

Despite the fact that this change was submitted by Cotham later than stipulated; the Court has acquiesced and given “permission” for it to be included for consideration at the JR. Unfortunately this will involve our legal team in unbudgeted additional work in the preparation of our responses and representation.

Our initial budget advised by Beachcrofts, in March, was £50k + Vat (£60k); you donated £68k which gave us a buffer for contingencies. The latest budget from Beachcrofts, including all additional costs introduced by Cotham since March, is £60k + Vat (£72k). Hence we will require an additional £4-5k to cover legal fees. We have currently paid out over £49k in fees and the balance will be required in the next five weeks.

The Community response to our previous request for donations was spectacular and I am sorry to have to come back for more but without these additional funds we will not be able to respond to these new arguments in our submission or at the JR.

Please help one more time and donate what you can so that we can continue the fight to maintain free public access to the Parkland.

Cheques should be made out to “Save Stoke Lodge Parkland” and delivered or posted to:- Sue Mayer at 68a Coombe Lane, Westbury on Trym, Bristol, BS9 2AY.

If you prefer to make an electronic transfer directly from your own bank account; our bank details are: - **Lloyds Bank plc**, sort code: – **30-99-38**, account number: - **35688368**

To enable us to return your share of any unused money we need you to provide your name and address together with any cheque or cash; and if you are making a donation by electronic transfer please include your name and postcode as part of the payment reference and additionally e-mail your name and address to:- stokelodgetvg@yahoo.com

I apologise once more for having to make this request, which has been brought about by the ongoing actions of Cotham Academy lawyers, but is necessary to ensure a fair hearing for local residents at the Judicial Review.

Kind Regards

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