



Friday 18th October 2024

For the attention of Bristol City Council PROW team

We are the owners of  We have owned and lived in this property for 39 years, since 1985.

We understand that at the meeting on 27 November 2024, the Public Rights of Way and Greens Committee will consider applications to register public rights of way over Stoke Lodge Playing Field. One of the entry points to the field is at the top of Cheyne Road and therefore any relevant rights of way that pass through the Cheyne Road entrance would start from the highway and cross the field, or emerge from the field and join with the highway, using a route in front of our home.

Cheyne Road is an unadopted highway and the owners of each of numbers 1, 1a, 2 and 4 Cheyne Road own the land in front of their home up to a boundary that forms the midline of Cheyne Road. Thus the route used by people crossing to and from the Cheyne Road entrance to Stoke Lodge Playing Field crosses land that is privately owned by us.

We confirm that:

- (a) We are aware of longstanding passage by members of the public over the land in front of our home while going to/from Stoke Lodge Playing Field,
- (b) We believe this to be 'as of right' (without force, without secrecy and without permission) and
- (c) We have no objection to such use.

Such use has taken place frequently throughout the day and on a daily basis throughout our ownership. We have never made any attempt to restrict or prevent such use in order to access Stoke Lodge, nor are we aware of any such attempt being made by anyone else.

We consider the use by members of the public of this route to have been 'as of right' and of a nature that would establish a right of way over this land. This right is currently unrecorded and it would not be possible to regularise the position by recording such a right of way without it connecting to a right of way over Stoke Lodge Playing Field.

If the Public Rights of Way and Greens Committee decides at its meeting on 27 November 2024 that the claimed routes over Stoke Lodge Playing Field (applied for by  in application IE0/1415 on 30 May 2018) should be registered, then we consider that the currently unrecorded way over our land should also be recorded on the Definitive Map.

