

In an inquiry relating to:

**Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981
Section 53**

**City Council of Bristol Definitive Map and Statement
Modification Order No.7 2024**

Planning inspectorate reference:	ROW/3363939
Applicant:	Mr Alan William Preece
Order Making Authority:	Bristol City Council
Date of Inquiry:	6 October 2026

PROOF OF EVIDENCE

OF

JUDITH FORSTER


Dated *3rd* **September 2026**

Proof of Evidence

I, JUDITH FORSTER, of [REDACTED] Foley Road Claygate Surrey KT10 0LU write this proof of evidence in support of the application seeking confirmation of the City Council of Bristol Definitive Map and Statement Modification Order (No. 7) 2024.

1. I moved into West Dene in 1962 and lived there with my parents and siblings until 1971. We used the Red route (Route 2: C-D-E-B-I-H on the Order Plan) regularly to cross to Shirehampton Road. From 1962 until 1971 even as a young child I would have been pushed in a pram by my parents or walked across the field on this route to go to the shops or to visit friends. From September 1965 until 1971 would cross to school (Cedar Park) using the Red route at least twice a day.
2. I also regularly used the Yellow route (Route 4: F-G-I-H on Order Plan). My grandparents lived in Cheyne Road and I would also cross from West Dene to Cheyne Road at least 3 times a week to visit them over the same period from 1962 until 1971.
3. As set out below I have used all the routes in the intervening years to visit family and friends from subsequent addresses until the current period.
4. In 1971 we moved to Old Sneed Road but I still crossed Stoke Lodge regularly to visit friends who lived on Bell Barn Road and Coombe Bridge Avenue and my grandparents who lived on Cheyne Road until 1987 using the route from Druid Hill to Cheyne Road (the Blue route). I would have done this at least once a week from 1971-1978.
5. In 1978, I left school and moved away from Bristol, and my parents moved from Old Sneed Road to Old Sneed Park. I continued using the Blue route to visit family and friends on Bell Barn Road, Coombe Bridge Avenue and Cheyne Road when visiting my parents every couple of months up until 2013.
6. I also continued to use the other routes when visiting family and friends in the local area (including West Dene and Coombe Lane): from West Dene to Cheyne Road (Yellow route), West Dene to Shirehampton Road (Red route) and Cheyne Road to

Shirehampton Road (Green route). Again, I would have done this at least once a week from 1971-1978 and then every couple of months until 2013.

7. I would have mainly walked on these routes at weekends or during the holidays either on my own or with family or friends.
8. My parents moved to Queens Gate in 2013 and when visiting I have continued to walk across the field from Shirehampton Road to West Dene (the Red route) and from Shirehampton Road to Cheyne Road (the Green route) to see family and friends. I have done this every couple of months when visiting Bristol.
9. At no stage was I ever approached and told I could not cross the field nor was I obstructed from crossing or using the field until the more recent years when Cotham School erected a fence blocking access.
10. I have no recollection of sports being played which interrupted access crossing to school and back nor to any extent when playing and crossing the field at weekends or holiday periods however if there had been sports activity on the field we would have walked around the pitches to avoid it as we crossed the field.
11. At the time of crossing the field on any of these routes I do not recall seeing any signs that prevented access.
12. I have never had to seek permission to cross Stoke Lodge.

Summary

13. In summary I have used the following Routes over the following periods:

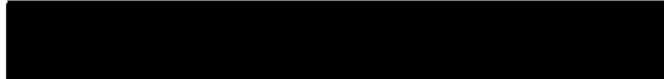
- Red Route: 1962 to present
- Yellow Route: 1962 to present
- Blue Route: 1971 to present
- Green Route: 1971 to present

Proof of Evidence of JUDITH FORSTER
Date: September 2026
For the Applicant
APP/JF/1

Statement of Truth

I believe that the facts stated in this proof of evidence are true. I understand that proceedings for contempt of court may be brought against anyone who makes, or causes to be made, a false statement in a document verified by a statement of truth without an honest belief in its truth

Signed:



JUDITH FORSTER

Dated:

3rd September 2026