

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

RONA TAYLOR

Dated 5th September 2026

Proof of Evidence

1. I, RONA TAYLOR of [REDACTED] Old Sneed Avenue, Stoke Bishop BS9 1SE, write this proof of evidence in support of Professor Alan Preece's application that The City Council of Bristol Definitive Map and Statement Modification Order (No. 7) 2024 should be confirmed.

The Blue Route

2. I joined Fairfield Grammar School in 1957 and Stoke Lodge parkland was our school playing field. One afternoon per week I would go home to Sea Mills for lunch and make my own way to Stoke Lodge for games and cross the field using the Blue Route via points F-G-B-A.
3. I would describe the orientation of the Blue Route as being from an entrance to the field on Parrys Lane at the South East corner of the field towards Cheyne Road. My route followed the most direct route, with a slight deviation around the Stoke Lodge buildings.
4. I had school friends living in Stoke Bishop and during school holidays I would visit them and would use the Blue Route to get there and back. I left the school in 1964 and have always regarded the Parkland as open to everyone and continued to use the Blue Route.
5. From 1972 I have lived in Stoke Bishop and have frequently walked across the field using the Blue Route to visit my mother in Westbury Lane, Sea Mills up until 2009 and to visit my daughter in St. Edyths Road, Sea Mills from 2005 until 2023.
6. My husband and I often walk from A to F on our way to the Mill House pub or as a way to get to the path by the river Trym from Bell Barn Road to Coombe Close or the river path from Shirehampton Road to Sea Mills Lane.
7. Apart from my school years, I have never been in the Parkland when school sports are in progress because it is often out of school hours or during the holidays. The only obstruction I have come across recently are locked gates even during the evenings. However these were only installed in 2019 and before then I never had to climb over a locked gate or over some physical obstacle to enter Stoke Lodge.
8. I have not been aware of signs banning my access and have never been challenged about my right to be there. I never sought or received permission from anyone to use the route.

SUMMARY

9. In summary I have used the following Route over the following period:

Blue route: 1957 to present

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: _____

RONA TAYLOR

Dated: _____

5th Sept 2026