

**STATUTORY DECLARATION OF:
JUDITH STIRK**

**I, Judith Stirk of [REDACTED] Brean Down Avenue, Henleaze Bristol
BS9 4JF do Solemnly and Sincerely declare:**

1. This statement is made in support of the application by Professor Alan Preece seeking confirmation of the City Council of Bristol Definitive Map and Statement Modification Order (No. 7) 2024.

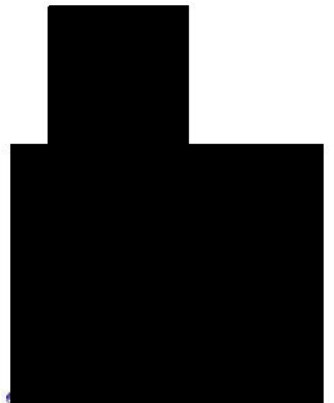
Use of "Red" Route (C-D-E-B-I-H on the Order Plan)

2. As a child I attended West Dene school, located at 35 Shirehampton Road (1954-59). It was regular practice for pupils to be walked together, accompanied by a teacher, across Stoke Lodge, along West Dene to the University Playing fields in Coombe Lane for PE/Sports and for Sports Days, using the Red route on each journey to and from Coombe Lane. I can clearly remember this happening, probably once a week for our class and presumably the same for other classes.
3. After leaving primary school, during the 1960s I would regularly (around twice a month) accompany my Mother when walking our family dog using the Red route, and more recently in the late 1980s and 1990s when my Mother lived in Cote Park I would again use this route when walking her dog once every few weeks.

Use of Other Routes

4. I can confirm that I also used the "Green" Route (F-G-E-D-C on the Order Plan) as a regular route to school. From approximately 1954 until 1958/9 I routinely walked from my house to and from West Dene School. I used to walk to the top of Cheyne Road where there was a gap in the hedge that bordered Stoke Lodge Field (G). I would go through the gap and then walk across the playing fields towards (E), walk along the path (D) towards the main exit gate onto Shirehampton Road. The reverse on my homewards walks. This was term time Monday-Friday (5 days a week there and back in most weeks of term time). No-one ever told me I could not use this route. there were no signs prohibiting entry.

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In those days children roamed freely.

5. I had regular use of the Red and Green routes during the 1950s and 1960s and thereafter as set out above, continuing to use these routes occasionally in the 2000s when I am in the area until access was denied by the current fencing.

6. I would like to add that I worked at Fairfield Grammar School (latterly known as Fairfield High School) from 1992 until 2010. FGS used Stoke Lodge Playing Fields for Sports/PE for several decades prior to the current leaseholders, Cotham School.

I was not a member of the PE staff and did not accompany the students to Stoke Lodge for their PE lessons but if there had been any safeguarding issues related to the students' use of Stoke Lodge or accidents occurring there, I would have been aware of this. During the entire period of my FGS employment I do not recall a single incident when our students were adversely affected in any way by carrying out Sporting activities in the then unsecured, open to all, Stoke Lodge Playing Fields.

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

- Red Route: 1954 until present
- Green Route: 1954 until present

And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true by virtue of the Statutory Declaration Act 1835

Signed.....

Print Name.....

Sworn at.....

This day of 2026

Before.....

(Signing solicitor)

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