

STATUTORY DECLARATION OF:

LORNA CROOK

I, LORNA CROOK of [REDACTED] Vicarage Road Bristol BS8 3PH 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.
2. In my user evidence form dated 10 March 2026, I note that I used one or other of the routes applied for nearly every day from 1970 – 2016. On further more detailed consideration of how I used these specific routes for specific purposes, I can say with certainty that I used the routes at least as set out below. I may also have used the routes for other purposes that I do not recall specifically, and may also have used other routes to cross the field that are not applied for under this order. This explains any discrepancy there may appear to be between the frequency set out in my user evidence form and what is set out below.

Yellow route:

3. I used the Yellow route (H-I-G-F on the Order Plan) regularly from my home at Woodland Lodge on Coombe Lane to walk the dog to Cheyne Road and shops on Shirehampton Road and (until it closed) to Lloyds Bank where Mr [REDACTED] was the cashier. I also regularly used this route to go to see friends in Coombe Bridge Avenue. I also sometimes went this way to walk in the woods in the Trym Valley.
4. Also I often walked from Coombe Bridge Avenue where we first lived to go via this route to shop at the bakery on Stoke Lane as my neighbour Mrs [REDACTED] particularly liked their bread and it was quite straightforward to use the field and to give the children a run and the dog a walk.

5. I used this route once or twice a week. I enjoyed walking in the field and seeing people en route rather than walking in the road.

Use of other routes:

6. Often I walked across the field to Stoke Lodge from Coombe Lane via West Dene to vote or go to a course at Stoke Lodge House during the day, using the Red route (C-D-E-B-I-H on Order Plan). This would be once a week when the course was running. Occasionally (once every few weeks) I picked up the children from Cedar Park School by walking across the field on the Red route in the school year 1983/4 (my daughter's final year of primary school).
7. My use of the Blue route was to go to Stoke Bishop village to the shops at the bottom of Stoke Hill – in particular, to go to my hairdresser. I did this perhaps once a month.
8. I do not remember any gates on the Yellow or Blue routes. On the Red route, if there was a gate on the entrance to the Adult Education Centre, it was not locked. I do not recall any notices telling people to keep out and until Cotham School put up a fence around the field in 2019 no one was ever stopped from using the routes and no one said they were not public rights of way.
9. I did see schools playing in the field and sports clubs and young children playing football at the weekend, but this never prevented me using the routes.

SUMMARY

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

- Yellow Route: 1970 to 2016
- Red Route: 1970 to 2016
- Blue Route: 1970 to 2016

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

Signed.....



Print Name..... LORNA LOUISE CROOK

Sworn at..... AMD Solicitors

This 28th day of August 2026

Before..... Sarah Kate Trigg

(Signing solicitor)



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