

**STATUTORY DECLARATION OF:  
MALCOLM DAVIES**

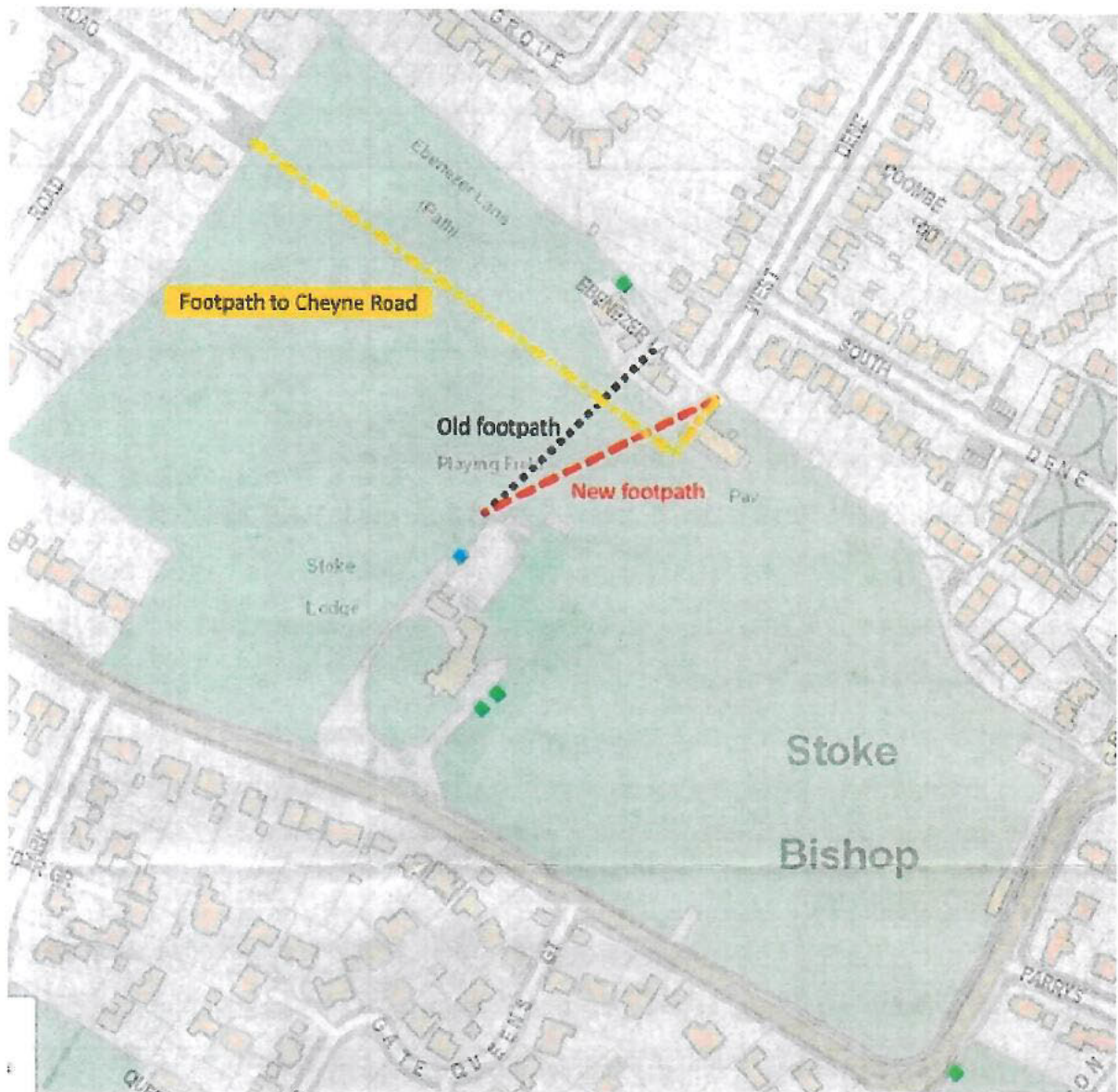
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**I, MALCOLM DAVIES of [REDACTED] South Dene Bristol BS9 2BW do Solemnly and Sincerely declare:**

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. I have known Stoke Lodge for over 75 years from when I was aged 5 or 6 to today aged 82. Back in circa 1950 my mother took me, from our home at [REDACTED] Cedar Park, to play with a similar aged girl who lived in Stoke Lodge house. I think she was the daughter of the housekeeper there.
3. My brother and I and local friends, when using the field, used to chat to the groundsman – I think his name was Mr. [REDACTED] and he lived in one of the stone cottages at the end of West Dene on Ebenezer Lane.

**Use of the Red Route**

4. To my knowledge this was the accepted way for people to cross Stoke Lodge to get to Shirehampton Road. I and friends used it in the 50s to get to West Dene when travelling from my Cedar Park home. I'm fairly sure that parents and pupils of West Dene School would have used it when the school moved into 35 Shirehampton Road, as well as parents and pupils of Cedar Park School.
5. The route entrance used to be through a cottage garden on Ebenezer Lane. At some date during the 50s the footpath diverted slightly to a new entrance at an opening in the stone wall on Ebenezer Lane, just up from the top cottage. Below is a map showing both footpaths (including the earlier and later versions of the Red route).



6. I used the new Red route both as a young child, and later through the late 50s and 60s as a teenager roughly 10 times a year to get to and from West Dene and the University playing fields and, subject to recent gates being unlocked, still use it today.
7. In 1970 I moved away from the area but in 1981 returned with my wife and family to [REDACTED] South Dene. Like my wife and I, our five children went to Stoke Bishop Primary School in Cedar Park, and were taken, during term time, to school daily across Stoke Lodge from 1981 to 1991 using the new footpath entrance between the sports pavilion and the top cottage (as referred to in my statement dated 23 November 2025 where I described this as 'every other week and daily when children were at school'). In my 2018 statement I referred to this later period of use (although I also

said that I and others had used the route since the 1950s); when I discovered that my earlier period of use was also relevant, I provided a second user form in 2025.

8. When Cotham School open their gates my wife and I continue to use this path with our grandchildren, to make use of the children's playground west of Stoke Lodge house.

#### Use of the Yellow Route

9. Since 1981 we have used this same entrance to cross the field to Cheyne Road to go to the shops and dentist on Shirehampton Road. I do this approximately once or twice a month and my wife at least once a week when the gates are open.
10. I was never challenged nor saw any signs banning people from walking on these footpaths and I used both Routes regularly and openly. I never received express permission from anyone to use either route.

#### SUMMARY

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

- Red Route: 1950s-1970 and 1981 to present
- Yellow Route: 1950s-1970 and 1981 to 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..... MALCOLM DAVIES

Declared  
Sworn at..... 139 Whiteladies Rd, Clifton, Bristol BS8 2PL.

This 26<sup>th</sup> day of August 2026

Before.....

(Signing solicitor)

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