

STATUTORY DECLARATION OF:

SARAH ELIZABETH DIBB

**I, SARAH ELIZABETH DIBB of [REDACTED] Cheddar Road Axbridge BS26 2DL do
Solemnly and Sincerely declare:**

1. I make this statement in support of the application seeking confirmation of the City Council of Bristol Definitive Map and Statement Modification Order (No. 7) 2024.
2. I can confirm that my grandparents lived at [REDACTED] South Dene from circa 1938. I moved there as a child in 1959, when my family moved into the house to look after my grandfather after my grandmother died. I lived at [REDACTED] South Dene from 1959 until 1975 when I moved out of my family home.
3. During this time I used the Red Route (West Dene/Shirehampton Road) daily. The back garden of the property of [REDACTED] South Dene provided access via a gate to the lane that borders Stoke Lodge playing fields. On walking down the path there was open access to the playing fields.
4. As a child I used this route daily for access across to Shirehampton Road to cross over to attend Cedar Park Primary School from 1959 – 1966.
5. From 1959 as a child, initially with family and then independently I used this route to access the bank and local shops on Shirehampton Road on a daily basis. I also used the route to walk our dogs again on a daily basis.
6. When using this route from 14 South Dene between 1959 until I left home in 1975 I was never approached in any way to desist from using this route. There were never any signs indicating this access should not be used.
7. I also used the Red Route once per week to attend an evening class at the training centre in Stoke Lodge from 1975 -1976. I had moved out of [REDACTED] South Dene then but

lived nearby in Bristol, so I called for my mother before the class each week and we walked together using that route.

8. I don't remember P.E lessons there (probably because I was at school or work during the day). The playing fields were used quite regularly for cricket practice and matches in the evenings and at weekends, mostly during the summer, and for football more intermittently in the winter. If we were walking across this route we would adjust our route as necessary to respect the sport being played.
9. My elderly father continued to live at [REDACTED] South Dene until his death in 2009. He used the route daily to walk with his dog to collect his paper from the Newsagents on Shirehampton Road. From 1996 - 2009 he lived on his own until the age of 93.
10. This activity kept him physically fit and socially active as he met and chatted to other dog owners and families who lived in the neighbourhood also engaged in using this route. He was never challenged on walking this route at any time.
11. I continued to use this route about once a week from when I moved out in 1975 until my father's death in 2009 (during which I was a frequent visitor to my father). From 1996 to 2009 I visited my father every weekend (I was working during this period) and I used the route at least weekly either with my father or in later years on my own to fetch his paper and walk the dog.

USE OF OTHER ROUTES

12. I can attest and confirm that I used the Yellow Route (West Dene/Cheyne Road) on a similar basis for regular access to the Shirehampton shops from the end of West Dene into the playing fields and joining Cheyne Road from the bottom of the playing fields via a footpath.
13. This use occurred between 1959 - 2009. During this period I used the Yellow Route at least weekly depending on the route my father wanted to take. Cheyne Road provided a good link to the top of Bell Barn Road and so nearer to the Newsagents. Also there was a Veterinary practice in that bank of shops which my father and myself used to take his dog to.

SUMMARY

14. Stoke Lodge was a massive part of our lives growing up. We were regularly using all routes. I was never challenged nor saw any signs prohibiting access to the routes. I was never asked to seek express permission from anyone to use these routes and used them regularly and openly.

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

- Red Route: 1959 to 2009
- Yellow Route: 1959 to 2009

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

Signed [REDACTED]

Print Name. SARAH ELIZABETH DIBB

Sworn at. BRGP LAW - WINSCOMBE OFFICE

This 21st day of August 2026

Before..... [REDACTED]

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