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Summary Proof of Anna Caple

This is a summary of the Proof of Evidence of ANNA CAPLE.

1. This statement gives evidence for the following Routes over the following periods:

- Blue Route: 1966 to present
- Green Route: 1966 to present
- Yellow Route: 1966 to present

The Yellow Route

2. I was born in [REDACTED] and our home at [REDACTED] Bell Barn Road was within easy walking distance of the Cheyne Road entrance so over the decades this has been the start of any journey along the footpaths of Stoke Lodge.
3. I first set out my use of the Yellow Route. Initially I would have been taken by my Mum to the shops on Stoke Lane and for visits with friends on Parrys Lane and Coombe Lane. As I grew up, I walked more often with my sister and Mum (they both submitted evidence forms in 2025) on our way to Canford Park or Stoke Lane shops to the post office or to pick up other things Mum might need.
4. As a teenager I would often walk to my friend's house on Bell Barn Road and on up Cheyne Road, we would use all the routes across Stoke Lodge as we had friends all over the locality. Our favourite destination was Canford Park and Westbury shops. Once married with children, from 1998, I would take them to the shops, often with Mum.

Use of other routes

5. I also set out my use of the Green route to access the Shirehampton Road shops. I don't recall ever having to open any gate and we absolutely never climbed over gates. I used the Green route independently from around 1975 but my Mother's evidence is that she used it from 1963 going to the local shops or on social visits and she would have had me with her from 1966 onwards.
6. I went to Clifton High School from 1976 to 1984 and their playing fields were on the opposite side of Parrys Lane from Stoke Lodge. During those school years when we were timetabled with PE in the afternoon I could walk home from school with a friend following the Blue route to Cheyne Road. This would've been a weekly occurrence during term time. I also had friends living on Druid

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Hill and beyond, Parrys Lane and Coombe Lane, and I would use all the routes to get to and from their houses for socialising.

7. No one ever stopped me and told me I shouldn't be there and I never saw any sign telling me there was no entry to the parkland. It was a frequently and commonly used space and never once did anyone I spoke to lead me to believe that there was any reason not to use it.
8. I used the Blue route independently from around 1978 but my Mother's evidence is that she used it from 1963 going to the local shops or on social visits and of course she would have had me with her from 1966 onwards. I never sought or received permission from anyone to use the route.
9. I still use the footpaths across Stoke Lodge and encounter others doing so.