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Stoke Lodge Parkland comprises approximately 21 acres of curtilage to the Grade 2 listed Farm and Manor House known as Stoke Lodge; and is an exceptional example of free, safe, open, green space for recreation and exercise for all ages and family groups and has been used and enjoyed extensively by the community consistently for legitimate recreational use, as of right, throughout the ownership by Bristol City Council which has extended since 1947.

The size of the Parkland provides sufficient critical mass to enable many and varied activities to be conducted simultaneously without disruption. The Location provides unrivalled vistas across North Bristol but still manages to provide a calm and tranquil setting including considerable wooded areas with many specimen trees set in ample space and consequently provides enormous amenity value to the community.

Save Stoke Lodge Parkland (SSLP) is a properly constituted community group. For details of our Constitution please refer to our web-site www.stokelodgetvg.co.uk . We were formed to ensure ongoing free public access, as of right, to the land.

In March 2011 a Town or Village Green Application was submitted by David Mayer to secure the Parkland as green space for future generations. This Application was heard over a period of seven years and was finally defeated in May 2018 on a legal precedent. The full history of all the events together with all documentation are set out in our web site.

We support a new Town or Village Green Application (TVG2) that has been submitted by Emma Burgess from community group “**We Love Stoke Lodge**” unencumbered by the precedent that led to the defeat of TVG1.

Since our inception we have also campaigned to:

1. Use Section 106 monies to provide children’s play facilities (opened in 2014).
2. Use Section 106 monies to provide a zebra traffic crossing across Shirehampton Road adjacent to the main entrance to Stoke Lodge (Opened 2015).
3. Object to inappropriate development on the land (application rejected).
4. Object to inappropriate development on the land when the applicant took the application to a Planning Inspector (rejection upheld).
5. Objected to planning application to install a perimeter fence to exclude the community (proposal withdrawn)
6. Objected to the proposal to install a perimeter fence to exclude the community under “Permitted Development Rights” (Fence installed but still under investigation by the Local Government Ombudsmen).