

## APPENDIX 1 – Witness Evidence Summary

### Decision Report – Commons Act 2006 – Sections 15(1) and (3) – Application to Register Land as a Town or Village Green – Land Adjacent to Vowley View and Highfold, Royal Wootton Bassett

	Name & Address	Within Neighbourhood within locality	Where do people using land come from	Ever seen by landowner	Permission	Ever prevented from using land	Signs/ notices/ obstruction	Lawful Sports and Pastimes	Community Activities	Seasonal Activities	Activities seen	Always lived in locality	Area of land known to you	Frequency of use	Used only part of the land	Period of use	Continued use at time of application
1	Mrs Margaret Allen 7 Vowley View RWB SN4 8HT	Yes	Immediate locality	No	No	Yes – Cooper Estates fenced in 2006 then padlocked gate May 2015	No	Normal recreation activities, social gatherings, Picnics, BBQ, collecting wild fruit	Celebration events, BBQ	Grass cutting, childrens activities, social meetings mostly summer or special occasions	Yes daily: Social activities, wild fruit picking, children playing, grass cutting, people meeting, country walkers, BBQ's, picnics, tree climbing, childrens sports	Since house was built 1967	1971 – present day	Because of my age occasionally, anytime	No	1971-2015	Denied access May 2015 by padlocked gate, unlocked wooden gate until May 2015
2	Mrs Pamela Batterham Ruby Cottage The Maltings RWB SN4 7EZ	No	Vowley View and Highfold	No	No	No – Fence erected 2006	No	BBQ's for local residents, athletics by my sons	No	Street BBQ, August / June / July since 2003	BBQ's, Athletics, football, cricket	Moved away from No.1 Highfold in 2008	1979 - 2016	Seasonal	No	1979 - 2008	Padlocked gate May 2015
3	Mr Mike Brewser 69 High Street RWB SN4 7AR	No	Vowley View and surrounding area	No	No	No – Fence erected by unknown persons	No	BBQ's, parties, photography	BBQ's, parties, meetings, fireworks Nov 5th	Fireworks party in the past	Parties, BBQ's, fireworks displays, photo opportunity	Grew up at no.11 Vowley View and played on the land	48 years	Weekly		1969 - 1995	Unable to use the land now due to fencing and locked gate
4	Mr Nigel Brewser Milbourne Manor Cottage Milbourne Malmesbury SN16 9JA	No	Vowley View and surrounding area	Don't know	No	Yes – Fence 2014/15 but continued use	No	Recreational, parties, play	Queens Jubilee, parties, BBQ, since 1980's	No	Varied – children playing, communal gatherings	Rowan Drive – 1978 -1985, Vowley View 1985 – 1987, Sheridan Drive 1987 - 2010	1969 – present day	When our daughter was young she played on it frequently	No	1969 - 2010	Not used now
5	Mrs Charman Hopelands Tetbury Hill Gardens Malmesbury Wiltshire SN16 9JP	No	Vowley View residents	No – to my knowledge the owner never visited this site until a few years ago so for at least 40 years it was left	No permission needed as no one other than the residents looked after the land, no one to ask for permission as it had been left for the residents to look after it	Yes – only since the fence gate was locked about 1 year ago	No	Parking my brothers jeep 1980, garden parties, fetes, played on this piece of land from 1969/70 – 1980 as a child. Parties, games, blackberry picking, social events for all the children on the road, planting vegetables	Residents here have been tending this piece of land and growing vegetables. Parties, fetes etc	Parties and BBQ's but since the fence it was hard to hold them	Other neighbours children playing on the land, parties	Lived in the house since they were built and now visit mother 3 times a week	1970 - 2016		No, used all of it	1970 - 2010	
6	Mrs Laurette Churchill 8 Speedwell Avenue St George Bristol	No	Vowley View, Highfold and neighbouring estates	No	No	No	No	To play as a child and for community events, BBQ's, picnics etc.	BBQ's, picnics, celebrations (e.g. Royal Wedding), since early 1980's when I was a child. Street events at least annually	BBQ's, picnics, summer at least annually since early 1980's.	Most days - children playing, community events, people sitting on bench, chatting / relaxing, neighbours maintaining the land (mowing, growing flowers), people picking blackberries	13 Vowley View 1980 – 1985, 10 Vowley View 1985 -2010,	1980 - present	Daily as a child, seasonally as an adult	No	1980 - 2010	Can't use the land now – gate locked
7	Mrs Rosemary Cole 14 Vowley View RWB	Yes	The immediate locality	No – not to my knowledge	No	Yes – by Cooper Estates May 2015 – Erection of fence 2006, locked gate May 2015	No	Neighbourhood gatherings and safe play area, picnics, BBQ's	Gardening, play, BBQ's. Annual BBQ during summer over the last 30 years before May 2015	Before May 2015 BBQ's and national events mainly summer months, annual BBQ pre May 2015 for about 30 years	Frequently playing / nature, leisure activities involving local inhabitants	14 Vowley View, lived here for the past 30 years.	1985 – present day	Seasonal	No	1985 – May 2015	Access denied May 2015 – padlocked gate
8	Mr Ian Dowse 2 Highfold RWB SN4 8HX	Yes	Local residents	No	No	Yes – by landowner May 2015, padlocked gate fitted	No	Recreational, playing football and BBQ	Street BBQ, 4-5 years annually	Street BBQ	Weekly, football, family and friends playing ball games	2 Highfold	2002-2015	Seasonal	No	2002-2015	Not used now, cannot use as padlocked gate
9	Mrs K Dowse 2 Highfold RWB SN4 8HX	Yes	Local residents	No	No	Yes, landowner padlocked gate May 2015	No	Recreational – playing with children, community get together for street BBQ	Street BBQ, 4-5 years annually	Street BBQ	Weekly, playing football, tree climbing, children playing ball games	Current address	2002 - 2015	Seasonal	No	2002 - 2015	No, May 2015 gate padlocked
10	Mrs Christina Doyle 18 Vowley View RWB SN4 8HT	Yes	Residents and visiting families / friends	Yes	No	Yes – Continued use from "in our street". Steel fence removed by intervention of MP Mr James Gray	No	Meetings, family BBQ's, music concerts	BBQ's etc for 34+ years, yearly or monthly as required, music, meetings	BBQ's, music, meetings	Frequently – meetings	Vowley View	34+ years	When required	Yes, as marked on the map	34+ years	No, gate locked
11	Mr Edward Doyle 18 Vowley View RWB SN4 8HT	Yes	N/A	Yes	No	No	No	Annual street BBQ gathering, music recitals	Family gathering 30+ years, meeting place	Family gathering 30+ years, meeting place	Gardening (vegetables), grass cutting, family BBQ's, meetings, music	Lived adjacent	1982 - 2016	Weekly	Yes, as marked on the map	1982-2016	Yes. Gate locked no access
12	Mr M J Engley 9 Vowley View RWB SN4 8HT	Yes	Local residents	No	No	Yes, perimeter fence 2006, use continued	No	Social event, BBQ	Children playing 40 years, BBQ's, Royal Weddings, Jubilees, over the last 40 years	BBQ's, summer, annually 40 years +	In the warmer weather, social events, children playing ball games, cricket, tree climbing the horse chestnut tree which was felled last year by the landowner	9 Vowley View	Since 1972 – moved house with my parents	Seasonal	No	1970's - 2015	Yes, Seasonal use now
13	Mrs Judith Gosnell 6 Vowley View RWB SN4 8HT	Yes	Local residents	No	No	Locked gate May 2015, fence not maintained access possible. Fence and gate installed 2006 and subsequently locked	No	Celebrations, maintenance, tree planting and plants, BBQ's, picnics, street parties, garden maintenance	BBQ's, street parties since 1977 (1977, 1982, 2003, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2015), Royal Jubilees and local parties	Blackberrying and sloe picking each autumn every year	All the time until May 2015, chatting, dog walkers, locals, football, cricket, tree climbing (before felled) , gardening, grazed by deer and cattle	No.6 Vowley View	1975 - 2016	Seasonal	No	1975 -2016	Yes. Only used for essential maintenance now
14	Mr R P Gosnell 6 Vowley View RWB SN4 8HT	Yes	Vowley View, Highfold, others unknown	No	No	Gate became locked May 2015. Access gained through missing slats and broken fence	No	BBQ, mowing, planting bushes and flowers, 2 trees, vegetables, trimming bushes, talking to NWDC mower before 2006	BBQ's and street parties, 1977 – 2015, mainly annually	No	3-4 times per year BBQ, helping with maintenance and repairs, cricket, football, tree climbing, blackberry picking, dog walking before Brynards Hill housing began opposite	6 Vowley View	1975 to present	About 4 times per year	No	1975 - 2015	No, Refrained from using it since summer 2015 pending outcome on planning issues, since August 2015 BBQ
15	Emma Hoekman 63 Briedveldsingel 3055 PJ Rotterdam	No - Formerly 8 Vowley View RWB SN4 8HT	Neighbourhood and walkers	No – originally open space	No	Cooper Estates prevented access since May 2015	No	Playing as a child, meeting friends, street BBQ, picnics, street parties, blackberry picking	BBQ, national celebrations, annually	Social road BBQ, annually in summer, since birth in 1975 so assume before this also	Frequently, golf, cricket, football, tree climbing, dog walking	8 Vowley View. Moved from my previous home in 2000	Feb 1975 to present day	All the time, part of the locality	No	Feb 1975 – 2000 and 2000 to present if visiting	Yes, Occasionally when visiting
16	Mrs K Hopkins	Yes	Locally to Vowley	No	No	Yes – gate and lock put up	No	Blackberry and sloe picking.	Annual Vowley BBQ	Annual BBQ, summer,	Football, BBQ with	Aug 1999 – present	Aug 1999 to	Weekly	No	Aug 1999 to	No, fenced and

	1 Vowley View RWB SN4 8HT		View, Highfold, Sherfields, ex- residents invited			with fence, big tree cut down. Obstruction still in existence, since 2015		Children used to play football and climb the tree	(each summer), queens golden jubilee	annually for 30 plus years	residents, blackberry picking. Veggie patch, children playing, people using the bench to read	day	present day			present day	locked
17	Mr Alan R Jones 12 Vowley View RWB SN4 8HT	Yes	Vowley View and rest of estate	No	No	Yes – Cooper Estates in May 2015 it was their decision to erect fencing and locked gate, still in place. In 2006 fence was erected but access allowed via unlocked gate	No	Communal activities, i.e. BBQ's and picnics with family, games etc. National celebrations , i.e. Queens birthday etc	National holidays etc since 1984, social gatherings since 1984	Picnics and BBQ's plus maintenance of the area, summertime and spring since 1984 (32 years)	Recreation as required. Recreational games, communal picnics and BBQ's and social get together	Moved to 12 Vowley View in August 1980	1980 to present	When weather permitted	No	1980 – May 2015	Yes, before 2015 when access gate locked
18	Mrs June Jones 12 Vowley View RWB SN4 8HT	Yes	Vowley View, Highfold, Sherfields and locality	No	No	Yes – Cooper Estates in May 2015 as the owner of the land, erected the fence and padlocked wooden gate. The whole community was prevented from using the land. Fence was erected in 2006 after rejection of planning application.	No	Vowley View picnics and BBQ's, childrens games and royal celebrations	Royal national celebrations, since 1984, annually	BBQ's, grass cutting, in the summer, annually and monthly for 35 years	Daily, games and walking, leisure	Since 1980	1980 - present	Whenever weather permitted	No	1980 to May 2015	Yes, prior to 2015 – land not available since fenced in and gated
19	Mrs Maxwell-Lindsley 20 Avenue Road Swindon SN4 8HT	No	Neighbourhood, local community	No, was open land	No	Yes – Cooper Estates May 2015, as the landowners prevented use and the hindrance / obstruction is still in place. After planning application rejected, developer erected a fence	No	Playing when I was a child, picnics, tea parties with friends, street BBQ. Picking blackberries	National celebrations, BBQ parties since the area was left as a green space by the previous developer. Annually, sometimes more frequently	Road BBQ, summer, annually since I was born in 1980 and before that	Frequently – climbing tree, football, walking dogs, childrens parties	From birth to 2006	Dec 1980 to present day	All the time, part of the road	No	Dec 1980 to 2006. 2006 to present day when visiting	Yes, Occasionally when visiting my parents
20	Mr W J Palmer 8 Vowley View RWB SN4 8HT	Yes	Neighbourhood	No	No	Cooper Estates in May 2015 padlocked wooden gate and fence with stakes which are broken and missing. The fence is broken and owner does not maintain. After planning application rejected, developer erected fencing	No	Pre-May 2015 – annual BBQ, national events, grass cutting. Royal weddings, jubilees, social events, childrens parties, fireworks	Celebration BBQ for 35 years, annually and when required	Children playing, BBQ, cutting grass, summer, annually, but when needed. 35 years	Weather permitting, daily – dog walkers, blackberry and sloe picking, football, cricket, tea parties	Lived opposite this land since 1982	1975 – present day	All the time	No	Dec 1982 – May 2015 when fenced and locked.	No – try to keep it looking tidy
21	Mrs J Palmer 8 Vowley View RWB SN4 8HT	Yes	Neighbourhood / Locality	No	No	Yes – Cooper Estates in May 2015 – Fence down not maintained by owner, fence with stakes missing, padlocked wooden gate. Developer erected fencing following rejection of a planning application	No	Pre May 2015 – Foster good neighbourhood relations by annual BBQ, celebrate national events, nature activities, grass maintenance. Social events, royal weddings, jubilees, general husbandry	Celebration BBQ or similar, 35 yrs approx, annually and when required.	BBQ events, childrens leisure activities, grass cutting. Mostly summer, annually and selectively, 35 yrs approx	Daily weather permitting – country walking, dog walkers, blackberry picking, limited sporting activities	Resident opposite this land since 1982	1975 – present day	Constantly	No	Dec 1982 – May 2015 (yr of the locked fencing)	No not as an amenity, try externally to keep it looking respectable – denied access since 2015, try to externally maintain it
22	Mr David Lloyd Pope 10 Vowley View RWB SN4 8HT	Yes	Vowley View, Highfold and some surrounding streets	No (not to my knowledge)	No	Locked gate May 2015, still in place. A picket fence was erected in 2006/7, with an unlocked gate. This seemed to be to confirm ownership rather than to deny access. Gate locked from May 2015	No such notices have ever been erected	Neighbourhood BBQ's, picnics, celebration or royal events (weddings, jubilees) to cut the grass after fence erected and to mend the fence	Picnics and BBQ's at least since 1980 when I moved to Vowley View. Annual summer BBQ	Summer picnic / BBQ, June – August, annually, occurring since before we moved here in 1980	Children playing daily. Football, cricket, tree climbing, childrens games	Yes – I live at 10 Vowley View, opposite the green	1980 - present	I walked on it weekly as opposite my house	No	1980 –May 2015	No – not since gate locked in May 2015
23	Mrs Laurette A Pope 10 Vowley View RWB SN4 8HT	Yes	Mainly from the street, but also some neighbouring streets	No	No	Landowner put up a fence, gate was left unlocked 2006-2007, access still gained through the open / unlocked gate. The gate has been locked since May 2015	No	For street BBQ's, to collect blackberries, to play with my children, to talk to neighbour, to plant shrubs, gardening, social events	BBQ's and picnics since at least 1981 to my knowledge, annually. 1981 was to celebrate the wedding of Prince Charles and Princess Diana and was such a success we continued to meet each year	Street BBQ / picnic in summer, date depends on the weather and/or peoples vacations, annually for 35 years	Daily football practice, cricket practice, putting, maintenance, gardening, playing, talking, sitting on benches	Yes – I live opposite the land. 1980 – 1985 at 13 Vowley View, 1985 – present at 10 Vowley View	Sept 1980 to present day.	When the children were small at least weekly and possibly daily if the weather was good enough for them to play outside	No	Summer 1985 – May 2015	No, stopped when gate was locked May 2015
24	Mr Richard Pope 1 Eastwood Avenue RWB SN4 8BX	No	The local neighbourhood	No	No, I always believed it to be owned by the Council	Gate was locked in 2015, someone applied for planning and the restriction is still present on the land	No	I played on the land daily as a child, especially during the summer months. Football, tag, hide and seek etc. The last time was a street BBQ a few years ago (prior to fence)	Street parties, BBQ's ever since I can remember, took place every few years	BBQ's, street parties, summer every year or two for as long as I can remember.	Daily – sports, street parties, BBQ's	I live near the land and my parents live opposite	1980 (ish) to present	Daily in summer, fairly regularly outside of summer (probably weekly)	No	1980 (ish) - 2015	No, fenced off with locked gate
25	Mrs Joan Roe 89 Longleaze RWB SN4 8AU	No	They live in the residential area close to the land	No	No	Coopers Estates said they owned the land and have restricted access since May 2006 through a gate which was unlocked, the gate is now locked and the hindrance / obstruction still exists	No	For childrens games, the community BBQ and other celebrations, street parties	National celebrations, Royal weddings, anniversaries, annual community BBQ. Since mid 1970's	BBQ, July each year, annually for more than 30 years.	Daily – childrens games	Lived in Vowley View for 6 years (1971 – 1977 at 3 Vowley View) and now return frequently for social functions (1979- present at 89 Longleaze about half a mile away	1971 - present	Frequently, seasonal	No	1971 – 1977 – frequently. 1979 – present – returning to join friends for social occasions	Yes, Used the land up until May 2015
26	Mr Stuart Sutton 13 Vowley View RWB SN4 8HT	Yes	Mostly Vowley View Residents and Surrounding Streets	No	No – Tacit permission by virtue of it having been an open, free area	2013? Wooden fence erected, entered via a gate until a padlock was added in 2015. Hindrance or obstruction is still in place	No	Social and community gatherings, BBQ's, assist with general maintenance, celebratory parties	Parties, BBQs, childrens play area, since 1985, annually, but children played daily / weekly	No		I live about 25 yards away	1985 - 2016	Monthly	No, Used all of it	1985-2015	No – gate padlocked
27	Miss Sally Thornhill 8 Middle Ground RWB SN4 8LJ	No	Residents of Vowley View and other nearby streets	No	No	No - not personally but a fence and locked gate erected so residents can no longer use it	No	Regularly played as a child, street parties, Royal wedding, street BBQ's, football, general play	Street parties over 30 years, often royal celebrations: Royal Jubilees, weddings		Weekly play or parties, sometimes other children playing	19 Vowley View	1979 – 2016 (36 yrs)	Weekly	No	1979 - 1999	No, never use the land now