

Application No.

Register Unit No(s):

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COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965  
GREATER LONDON COUNCIL  
REGISTRATION AUTHORITY  
30 MAY 1967

COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

### Application for the registration of land as common land

*IMPORTANT NOTE: Before filling in this form, read carefully the notes on the back. An incor-  
rectly completed application form may be rejected.*

*'Insert name of registration  
authority (see Note 1).*

To the **GREATER LONDON COUNCIL**

Application is hereby made for the registration as common land of the land described  
below.

**Part 1.**

Name and address of the applicant.

*(Give Christian names or fore-  
names and surname or, in the  
case of a society or other body,  
the full title of the body. If part  
2 is not completed all corres-  
pondence and notices will be  
sent to the applicant.)*

**The Greater London Council  
The County Hall  
S.E.1**

**Part 2.**

Name and address of solicitor, if any.

*(This part should be completed  
only if a solicitor has been in-  
structed for the purposes of the  
application. If it is completed,  
all correspondence and notices  
will be sent to the solicitor.)*

**Part 3.**

Particulars of the land to be registered, i.e. the land claimed to be common land.

*(See Notes 2, 3 and 4).*

Name by which usually known **Tooting Bec Common with Streatham Green**

Locality **London Boroughs of Lambeth and Wandsworth**

For applications submitted after 30th June, 1968 (to be disregarded in other cases).

Does the prescribed fee of £5 accompany this application? If not, state whether this is for reason (a) or (b) mentioned in Note 7, and give the appropriate particulars required by that note.

*\*The application must be signed by the applicant personally, unless the applicant is a body corporate or unincorporate, in which case it must be signed by the secretary or some other duly authorised officer.*

Signature of applicant or of person on applicant's behalf.

*L. J. Kelly*

Date

*26<sup>th</sup> May 1964*

# Statutory Declaration in Support

To be made by the applicant personally, unless the applicant is a body corporate or unincorporate, in which case the declaration must be made by the person who has signed the application. Inapplicable wording should be deleted throughout.

Insert full name.

I, **ALMA JESSE FRY**  
solemnly and sincerely declare as follows:

1. I am the person who has signed the foregoing application.
2. I am <sup>the employment of</sup> a ~~Divisional Valuer in/to~~ <sup>Divisional Valuer</sup> ~~in/to~~ the applicants and am duly authorised by the applicants to make the foregoing application.
3. I have read Notes 2 and 3 on the back of the application form and believe that the land described in the application is common land.
4. The plan now produced and shown to me marked " **A** " is the plan referred to in the application.

'Strike out this paragraph if it does not apply.  
'Insert capacity in which acting.

'Strike out this paragraph if there is no plan.  
'Insert "marking" as on plan (see Note 5).

And I make this solemn declaration, conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the Statutory Declarations Act 1835.

Declared by the said Alma Jesse Fry  
.....  
at THE COUNTY HALL  
in the LONDON BOROUGH OF HAMBETH  
this 26th day of MAY 1967

*Alma Jesse Fry*

Before me,

Signature *John Russell*  
Address 22 Highbury Rd  
Hampstead, London N1  
Qualification Justice of the Peace

REMINDER TO OFFICER TAKING DECLARATION:  
Please initial all alterations and mark any plan as an exhibit.

## Registration authorities

The applicant should take care to submit his application to the correct registration authority. This depends on the situation and which is claimed to be common land. Except where there is an agreement altering the general rule (see below), the registration authority for land in an administrative county is the county council; for land in a county borough, it is the county borough council, and for land in Greater London, it is the Greater London Council.

In the case of land which is partly in the area of one registration authority and partly in that of another, the authorities may by agreement provide for one of them to be the registration authority for the whole of the land. Public notice is given of such agreements, but an applicant concerned with land lying close to the boundary of an administrative area, or partly in one area and partly in another, should, if in doubt, enquire whether an agreement has been made and, if so, which authority is responsible for that land.

## 2. Meaning of "common land"

Common land is defined in the Commons Registration Act 1965 as—

(a) land subject to rights of common (as defined in the Act—see Note 3 below) whether those rights are exercisable at all times or only during limited periods;

(b) waste land of a manor not subject to rights of common.

It does not include a town or village green or any land forming part of a highway. (There is a separate form available for town or village greens, which are also registrable under the Act.) "Land" includes land covered with water, so that common land can, for instance, include ponds and lakes.

## 3. Meaning of "rights of common"

Rights of common are not exhaustively defined in the Act, but it is provided that they include catlegates or beastgates (by whatever name known) and rights of sole or several vesture or herbage or of sole or several pasture. They do not, however, include rights held for a term of years or from year to year. Further information is contained in the official explanatory booklet "Common Land" available free from local authorities; the following extract is not an authoritative statement of the law, but is intended for general guidance only:

"A right of common is generally taken to mean a right which a person may have (generally in *common with* someone else) to take part of the natural produce of another man's land; for example, a right to the herbage (a right of common of pasture); a right to take tree loppings or gorse, furze, bushes or underwood (a right of estovers); a right to take turf or peat (a right of common of turbary); a right to take fish (a right of common of piscary); a right to turn out pigs to eat acorns and beechmast (pannage). There are various other types of rights of common, some existing only in particular areas, and it is impossible to give a complete list. The Act does not therefore attempt to give a comprehensive definition of the expression 'rights of common.'"

## 4. Land descriptions

Except where the land has already been registered under the Act (as to which see below and Note 6), the particulars asked for at part 3 of the form must be given, and a plan must accompany the application. The particulars in part 3 are necessary to enable the registration authority to identify the land concerned, but the main description of the land will be by means of the plan. This must be drawn to scale in ink or other permanent medium and be on a scale of not less, or not substantially less, than six inches to one mile. It must show the land to be described by means of distinctive colouring (a coloured edging inside the boundary will usually suffice), and it must be marked as an exhibit to the statutory declaration (see Note 5).

Where the land has already been registered and comprises the whole of the land in one or more register units, a plan is unnecessary provided the register and register unit number(s) are quoted (see Note 6). If the application concerns only part of the land comprised in a register unit, however, it will not always be possible to dispense with a plan. A plan will not be needed if the land can be described by reference to some physical feature such as a road, river or railway, so that the description might, for example, read "The land in register unit No. .... lying

## 5. Statutory declaration

The statutory declaration must be made before a justice of the peace, commissioner for oaths or notary public. Any plan referred to in the statutory declaration must be marked as an exhibit and signed by the officer taking the declaration (initialling is insufficient). A plan is marked by writing on the face in ink an identifying symbol such as the letter 'A'. On the back of the plan should appear these words:

This is the exhibit marked 'A' referred to in the statutory declaration of (name of declarant) made this (date) 19 before me,

.....  
(Signature and qualification)

If there is more than one plan care should be taken to choose a different identifying letter for each.

## 6. Previous registration: inspection and search of registers

It is possible that the land has already been registered under the Act. If it has been registered as common land, it will not be registered as such again pursuant to a further application, but the further application will be noted on the register. This will entitle the applicant to notice of any objection to the registration. If the land has been registered as a town or village green, registration as common land will take effect as an objection to the earlier registration as a town or village green, and the latter will take effect as an objection to the later registration as common land. It is also possible that the land is exempt from registration; the registration provisions of the Act do not apply to the New Forest, Epping Forest or the Forest of Dean, nor to any land exempted by order under section 11. To ascertain whether land has been registered under the Act, or is exempt, anyone may inspect the registers at the office of the registration authority, or the copies of register entries affecting land in their areas held by other local authorities including parish councils. Alternatively, an official certificate of search may be obtained from the registration authority. A requisition for an official search must be made in writing on C.R. Form No. 21, a separate requisition being required for each register. If the land is registered, the certificate will reveal the register unit number(s) and whether any rights of common and claims to ownership are registered. If the land is exempt from registration, the certificate will say so, and it will not be possible to register it under the Act.

## 7. Submission of application: fees

The application must reach the registration authority properly completed during one of the registration periods allowed under the Act. The first registration period begins on 2nd January, 1967 and ends on 30th June, 1968, and the second begins on 1st July, 1968 and ends on 2nd January, 1970. There is no charge for applications made during the first registration period, but every application made during the second registration period must be accompanied by a fee of £5, unless—

(a) during the first registration period the applicant gave the registration authority notice in C.R. Form No. 5 of his intention to make the application, or

(b) the land did not become registrable as common land until after 30th April, 1968.

If (a) applies, the applicant should quote in part 4 of the application the number on the acknowledgment from the registration authority. If (b) applies, he should state in part 4 when and by what means the land became common land.

## 8. Action by registration authority

The registration authority will on receipt of the application send an acknowledgment. If this is not received within 10 days the applicant should communicate with the authority. Later, the applicant will be informed whether the application has been accepted or rejected. If it is accepted, then—

(a) if the land is not already registered as common land, it will be provisionally registered as such, or

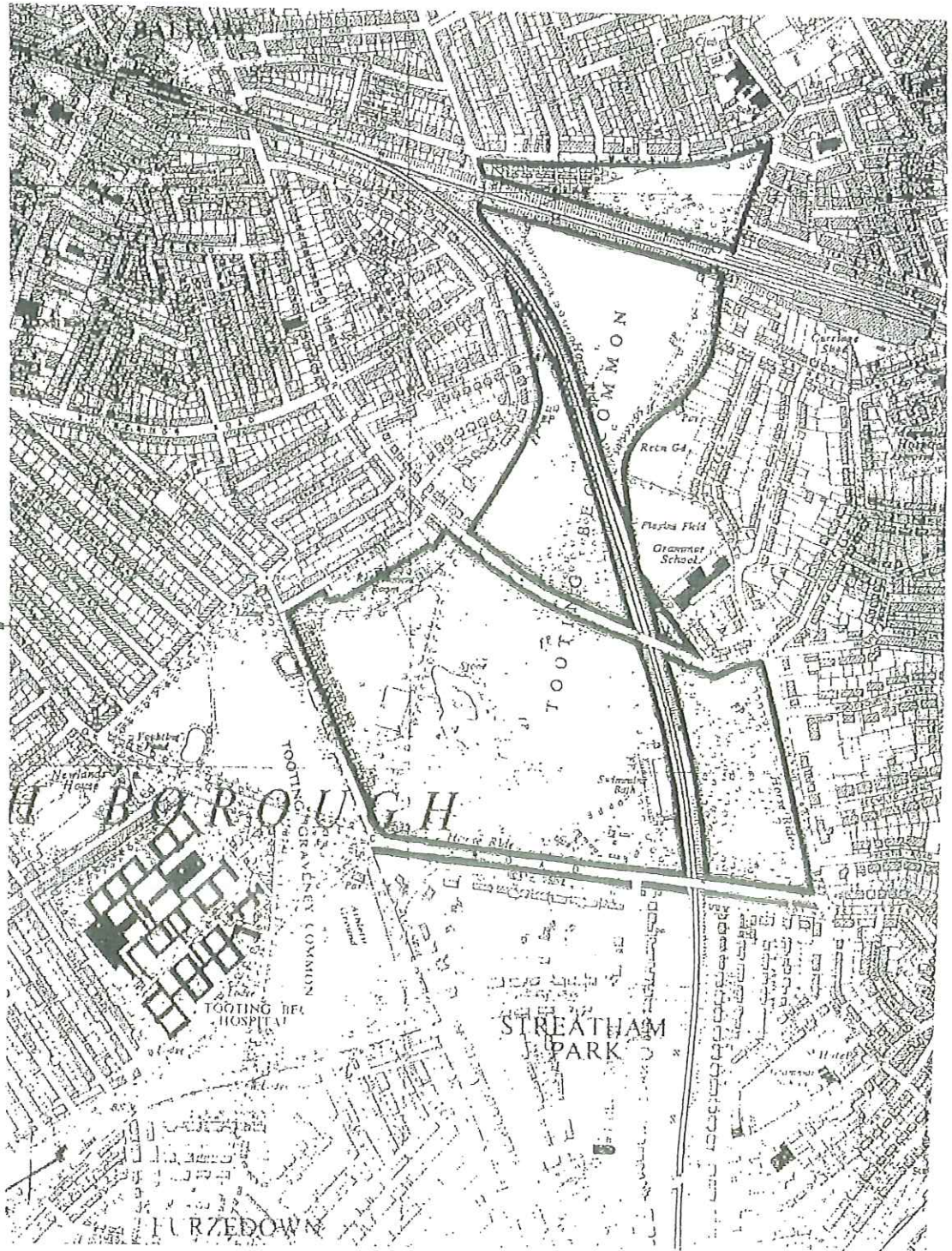
(b) if it is already registered as common land, the application will be noted on the register.

The applicant will in either case be informed, and will in due course be notified of any objection to the registration. (As to objections, see the official explanatory booklet "Common Land", available free from local authorities.)

## 9. False statements: groundless applications

The making of a false statement to procure registration may render the maker liable to prosecution. Moreover, a registration

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