



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No. 59/U/26

In the Matter of Reed Pond Walk Open Space and
Copse, Gidea Park, Havering, Greater London.

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as Reed Pond Walk Open Space and Copse, Gidea Park, Havering, being the part of the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. V.G.74 in the Register of Town or Village Greens maintained by the Greater London Council of which no person is registered under section 4 of the Commons Registration Act 1965 as the owner.

Following upon the public notice of this reference the Preservation of Open Spaces Company Ltd claimed to be the freehold owner of the land in question and no other person claimed to have information as to its ownership.

I held a hearing for the purpose of inquiring into the question of the ownership of the land at Watergate House, Adelphi, WC2N 6LB on 30th April 1974.

At the hearing the Preservation of Open Spaces Company Ltd was represented by Mr. Ian McCulloch of Counsel, and Mr. Peter Clarke, solicitor, appeared for Mr. E.D. Wade, the applicant for the registration.

The land in question formed part of a building estate known as the Gidea Park Estate, which belonged to Gidea Park Ltd. By an indenture made 5th June 1912 between (1) Gidea Park Ltd (2) Sir Herbert Henry Raphael, Charles Albert McCurdy and Sir John Tudor Walters (3) certain named purchasers of plots the land became subject to certain restrictive covenants. By an indenture made 24th March 1928 between (1) Gidea Park Ltd (2) The Preservation of Open Spaces Company Ltd the land was conveyed to the latter company subject to the restrictive covenants.

On this evidence I am satisfied that the Preservation of Open Spaces Company Ltd is the owner of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the Greater London Council, as registration authority, to register that Company as the owner of the land under section 8(2) of the Act of 1965.

I am required by regulation 30(1) of the Commons Commissioners Regulations 1971 to explain that a person aggrieved by this decision as being erroneous in point of law may, within 6 weeks from the date on which notice of the decision is sent to him, require me to state a case for the decision of the High Court.

Dated this 24th day of May 1974


Chief Commons Commissioner