



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No. 59/U/25

In the Matter of Sidcup Green,  
Bexley, Greater London.

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as Sidcup Green, Bexley, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. VG 75 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 no person claimed to be the freehold owner of the land in question and no one 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, London, WC2N 6LB on 30th April 1974.

At the hearing Mr B.M. Munns, Chairman of the Lamorbey and Sidcup Local History Society, informed me that the land in question was probably owned by the Lord of the Manor of Chiselhurst, Major John Marsham-Townsend. After the hearing the Clerk of the Commons Commissioners wrote to Major Marsham-Townsend to enquire whether he claimed to be the owner of the land. By a letter dated 9th September 1974 Messrs Trower Still and Keeling, Major Marsham-Townsend's solicitors, stated that he did not wish to make any claim to the ownership of the land.

In the absence of any evidence I am not satisfied that any person is the owner of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the Greater London Council, as registration authority, to register the Council of the London Borough of Bexley as the owner of the land under section 8(3) 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 4th day of October 1974

Chief Commons Commissioner