



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No.59/U/21

In the Matter of Woodford Bridge Green,  
Redbridge, Greater London.

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as Woodford Bridge Green, Redbridge, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No.V.G.36 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 Corporation of the London Borough of Redbridge 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 Corporation was represented by Mr.A.A. Child, solicitor.

Part of the land in question was conveyed to the Woodford Urban District Council by a conveyance made 1st September 1905 between (1) Jane Georgiana Bowater ffennell (2) Woodford Urban District Council. The whole of the remainder of the land, with the exception of the path leading from Cross Road to St.Paul's Church, was conveyed to the Urban District Council by a conveyance made 30th September 1904 between (1) Henry Arthur Mornington, Earl Cowley and the Trustees of the late Earl of Mornington (2) the Urban District Council.

By the Essex Review Order 1934 the Urban District of Woodford was abolished and its area became part of the new Urban District of Wanstead and Woodford. By a Royal Charter of 20th August 1937 the Urban District was created a municipal borough. Finally, on 1st April 1965 the Borough of Wanstead and Woodford became part of the London Borough of Redbridge by virtue of section 1 of and schedule 1 to the London Government Act 1963 and the land was transferred to the Corporation of the London Borough of Redbridge by article 16(2) of the London Authorities (Property etc) Order 1964.

For these reasons I am satisfied that the Corporation of the London Borough of Redbridge is the owner of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the Greater London Council, as registration authority, to register the Corporation as the owner of the land under section 8(2) of the Act of 1965. In the absence of any evidence as to the ownership of the path leading from Cross Road to St.Paul's Church I shall direct the Greater London Council to register the Council of the London Borough of Redbridge as the owner of the path 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 24th day of May 1974

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. J. G. Smith', written over a horizontal line.

Chief Commons Commissioner