



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No.59/U/19

In the Matter of St.Chad's Recreational Grounds,
Chadwell Heath, Barking, Greater London.

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as St.Chad's Recreational Grounds, Chadwell Heath, Barking, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No.V.G.76 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 Council of the London Borough of Barking 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 Mr. K.A. Keon, solicitor, appeared for the Council of the London Borough of Barking.

The western half of the land the subject of the reference was allotted to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Parish of Dagenham to be held in trust as a place for exercise and recreation for the inhabitants of the parish and neighbourhood by the award dated 30th November 1865 made under the Acts for the Inclosure, Exchange, and Improvement of Land. The eastern part of the land was similarly allotted by the award dated 16th January 1866 made under the same Acts.

By virtue of sections 6(1)(c)(iii) and 67 of the Local Government Act 1894 both pieces of land were transferred to the Dagenham Parish Council. On 1st April 1926 the parish of Dagenham was converted into the Dagenham Urban District by the Essex (Dagenham Urban District) Confirmation Order 1926 made under section 57(3) of the Local Government Act 1888. The Urban District was created a Borough by Royal Charter dated 10th September 1938 and the land was transferred by article 5(1) of the Borough of Dagenham Scheme 1938. Finally, on 1st April 1965 the part of the Borough of Dagenham in which the land is situate became part of the London Borough of Barking 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 Barking 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 Barking 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.



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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 'J. S. J. J. J.', written in a cursive style.

Chief Commons Commissioner