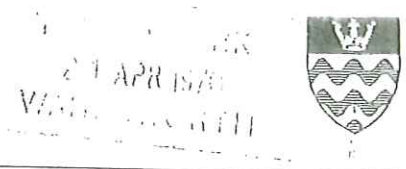


GREATER LONDON COUNCIL

Director-General and Clerk to the Council, A. W. Peterson, CB, MVO

Appendix 1.1



THE COUNTY HALL, LONDON, SE1

Please reply to the Director-General quoting DG/D3/RWC

01-633 5000 ext 7324 or ext 6058

your ref

17 April 1970

Dear Sir,

Commons Registration Act 1965

As you know the following open spaces are proposed for transfer to your Council under Section 58(2) of the London Government Act 1963:

- Garratt Green
- Tooting Bec Common with Streatham Green
- Tooting Graveney Common
- Wandsworth Common

The Council has registered them as 'common lands' under the provisions of the Commons Registration Act 1965. No applications for registration of right of common over any of these lands had been made before the time limit expired on 2 January 1970 and no rights of common could therefore be exercised over the lands after 31 March 1970. In these circumstances the Council is not under any duty to submit objections. If it did so, it would be applying to set aside its own applications at a time when applications by any other interested parties would not be possible and if the Council decided to refer its objections to the Commons Commissioners it would be faced with the difficult task of proving that no common rights existed at the date of registration.

If no objections are made, by the Council or any other person or body, the registrations will become final on 30 September 1970 or 31 July 1972 depending on the date of registration. If the registrations remain, my view is that the Council's position would not be adversely affected under existing statutory provisions. The lands have always been regarded as "commons" and subject to statutory restrictions regarding their use for building or other purposes. Because of these, the consent of the Minister of Housing and Local Government has been sought for the erection of buildings and the permanent enclosure of parts for public recreational purposes or for the taking of parts of the land for the construction widening and alienation of any street. Registration does not impose any additional statutory restrictions.

In view of the proposed transfer of common land, under the foregoing conditions, to your Council I will be glad if you will consider whether you wish to object to the provisional registrations.

Yours faithfully,

for Director-General

The Town Clerk
London Borough of Wandsworth

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LPS-CRA
DG/D3/RWC

Ext. 327

Dear Sir,

21st April, 1970

Commons Registration Act 1965
Garratt Green
Tooting Bec Common (that part
in the Borough of Wandsworth)
Tooting Graveney Common
Wandsworth Common

Thank you for your letter of the 17th April.

You will appreciate that as your Council has effected provisional registrations under the above Act in respect of these "open spaces" I must presume that this action was taken in the light of the best information available to it at the relevant time.

My Council has no information which would suggest anything to the contrary and it must therefore accept your Council's registrations.

Of course if anything further comes to light during the prescribed objection period I would of course then have to reconsider the whole matter.

Yours faithfully,

for Town Clerk.

The Director General,
Greater London Council,
The County Hall,
London, S.E.1.