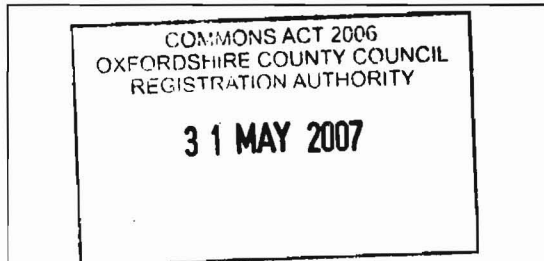


FORM 44

**Commons Act 2006: Section 15****Application for the registration of land as a Town or Village Green**

Official stamp of registration authority indicating valid date of receipt:



Application number:

CR/NLReg15

Register unit No(s):

VG number allocated at registration:

(CRA to complete only if application is successful)

**Applicants are advised to read the 'Guidance Notes for the completion of an Application for the Registration of land as a Town or Village Green' and to note the following:**

- All applicants should complete questions 1–6 and 10–11.
- Applicants applying for registration under section 15(1) of the 2006 Act should, in addition, complete questions 7–8. Section 15(1) enables any person to apply to register land as a green where the criteria for registration in section 15(2), (3) or (4) apply.
- Applicants applying for voluntary registration under section 15(8) should, in addition, complete question 9.

**1. Registration Authority**

To the

DEMOCRATIC SERVICES  
CHIEF EXECUTIVES OFFICE  
COUNTY HALL  
OXFORD OX1 1ND

**Note 1**

Insert name of  
registration  
authority.

**Note 2**

If there is more than one applicant, list all names. Please use a separate sheet if necessary. State the full title of the organisation if a body corporate or unincorporate.

If question 3 is not completed all correspondence and notices will be sent to the first named applicant.

**2. Name and address of the applicant**

Name: PAUL SIMMONS / GARY GUMMER / ROSA SNOW

Full postal address:

18 MERCURY CLOSE  
BAMPTON  
OXON  
Postcode OX18 2AH

Telephone number: (incl. national dialling code) 01993 852317

Fax number: (incl. national dialling code) —

E-mail address: —

**3. Name and address of solicitor, if any**

Name:

Firm:

Full postal address:

Post code

Telephone number: (incl. national dialling code)

Fax number: (incl. national dialling code)

E-mail address:

**Note 3**

This question should be completed if a solicitor is instructed for the purposes of the application. If so all correspondence and notices will be sent to the person or firm named here.

**Note 4**

*For further advice on the criteria and qualifying dates for registration please see section 4 of the Guidance Notes.*

*\* Section 15(6) enables any period of statutory closure where access to the land is denied to be disregarded in determining the 20 year period.*

**4. Basis of application for registration and qualifying criteria**

If you are the landowner and are seeking voluntarily to register your land please tick this box and move to question 5.

Application made under **section 15(8)**:

If the application is made under **section 15(1)** of the Act, please **tick one** of the following boxes to indicate which particular subsection and qualifying criterion applies to the case.

**Section 15(2)** applies:

**Section 15(3)** applies:

**Section 15(4)** applies:

If **section 15(3) or (4)** applies please indicate the date on which you consider that use as of right ended.

If **section 15(6)\*** applies please indicate the period of statutory closure (if any) which needs to be disregarded.

**Note 5**

The accompanying map must be at a scale of at least 1:2,500 and show the land by distinctive colouring to enable it to be clearly identified.

\* Only complete if the land is already registered as common land.

**Note 6**

It may be possible to indicate the locality of the green by reference to an administrative area, such as a parish or electoral ward, or other area sufficiently defined by name (such as a village or street). If this is not possible a map should be provided on which a locality or neighbourhood is marked clearly.

**5. Description and particulars of the area of land in respect of which application for registration is made**

Name by which usually known:

MERCURY CLOSE (THE AMERICAN) PLAY PARK

Location:

MERCURY CLOSE, BAMPTON, OXON

Shown in colour on the map which is marked and attached to the statutory declaration.

Common land register unit number (if relevant) \*

**6. Locality or neighbourhood within a locality in respect of which the application is made**

Please show the locality or neighbourhood within the locality to which the claimed green relates, either by writing the administrative area or geographical area by name below, or by attaching a map on which the area is clearly marked:

PARISH OF BAMPTON, OXON

Tick here if map attached:

## 7. Justification for application to register the land as a town or village green

### Note 7

*Applicants should provide a summary of the case for registration here and enclose a separate full statement and all other evidence including any witness statements in support of the application.*

*This information is not needed if a landowner is applying to register the land as a green under section 15(8).*

Sir/ Madam

Following proposals by Bampton Parish Council to sell part of Mercury Close Play Park for development, we, the applicants, first raised a petition against development that collected around 350 signatures, and then formed an action group, called Save Our Space, to register the land as Town Green.

Mercury Close play Plark was installed in 1966 as part of the Mercury Close housing development for the Ministry of Defence. When the houses were sold to the private sector in 1985/86 the Bampton Parish Council bought the land for £250 and paid a further £250 for the play equipment on it.

We believe the park therefore has existed for 40 years during which time the people of Bampton have enjoyed use "as of right" and still continue to do so. Our application is only to cover the period from 1985 ( the date of the Land Registry Map supplied as Exhibit 1) to the present date, as this is the earliest officially documented evidence we currently have. We have collected statements from 4 local residents who have used the park over this period but could have collected many many more. The park is still well used by many local children for sport and recreation, although the play equipment ( the original ) is nearing the end of its life.

We believe that if our children are to really draw inspiration from the 2012 London Olympics, and have a chance of avoiding obesity, they must have space to run and play.

It is with this in mind that we make this applicaton for Town Green Status for Mercury Close Play Park under section 15/2 of the Commons Act 2006.

**Note 8**

Please use a separate sheet if necessary.

Where relevant include reference to title numbers in the register of title held by the Land Registry.

If no one has been identified in this section you should write "none"

This information is not needed if a landowner is applying to register the land as a green under section 15(8).

**8. Name and address of every person whom the applicant believes to be an owner, lessee, tenant or occupier of any part of the land claimed to be a town or village green**

BAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL  
 PARISH CLERK  
 MRS B.A. SPSFORD  
 COTSWAY  
 CHURCH STREET  
 BAMPTON

**9. Voluntary registration – declarations of consent from 'relevant leaseholder', and of the proprietor of any 'relevant charge' over the land**

**Note 9**

List all such declarations that accompany the application. If none is required, write "none".

This information is not needed if an application is being made to register the land as a green under section 15(1).

**10. Supporting documentation**

**Note 10**

List all supporting documents and maps accompanying the application. If none, write "none"

Please use a separate sheet if necessary.

H.M. LAND REGISTRY ON 89447  
 STATEMENTS FROM :-  
 JEFF DANDO, 6 THE PIECES BAMPTON OX18 2JZ  
 CLAIR GREEN, 26 MERCURY CLOSE BAMPTON OX18 2AH  
 GEORGE GASCOIGNE, WEAVERS COTTAGE BAMPTON OX18 2AG  
 K.A.S. FARRELL, 17 MERCURY CLOSE, BAMPTON OX18 2AH.

**Note 11**

*If there are any other matters which should be brought to the attention of the registration authority (in particular if a person interested in the land is expected to challenge the application for registration). Full details should be given here or on a separate sheet if necessary.*

**11. Any other information relating to the application**

[Empty box for additional information]

**Note 12**

*The application must be signed by each individual applicant, or by the authorised officer of an applicant which is a body corporate or unincorporate.*

Date:

30 May 2007

Signatures:

[Handwritten signatures]  
Rosa T. Snow

**REMINDER TO APPLICANT**

**You are advised to keep a copy of the application and all associated documentation. Applicants should be aware that signature of the statutory declaration is a sworn statement of truth in presenting the application and accompanying evidence. The making of a false statement for the purposes of this application may render the maker liable to prosecution.**

**Data Protection Act 1998**

*The application and any representations made cannot be treated as confidential. To determine the application it will be necessary for the registration authority to disclose information received from you to others, which may include other local authorities, Government Departments, public bodies, other organisations and members of the public.*

# Statutory Declaration In Support

To be made by the applicant, or by one of the applicants, or by his or their solicitor, or, if the applicant is a body corporate or unincorporate, by its solicitor, or by the person who signed the application.

<sup>1</sup> Insert full name (and address if not given in the application form).

WE PAUL SIMMONS solemnly and sincerely declare as follows:—  
GARY GUMMER + ROSA SNOW

<sup>2</sup> Delete and adapt as necessary.

1. <sup>WE ARE</sup> ~~I am~~ ((the person) ~~(one of the persons)~~ who (has) (have) signed the foregoing application)) (~~(the solicitor to (the applicant) (one of the applicants))~~).

<sup>3</sup> Insert name if Applicable

2. The facts set out in the application form are to the best of ~~my~~ <sup>WE ARE</sup> our knowledge and belief fully and truly stated and ~~I am~~ not aware of any other fact which should be brought to the attention of the registration authority as likely to affect its decision on this application, nor of any document relating to the matter other than those (if any) mentioned in parts 10 and 11 of the application.

3. The map now produced as part of this declaration is the map referred to in part 5 of the application.

<sup>4</sup> Complete only in the case of voluntary registration (strike through if this is not relevant)

4. <sup>4</sup> I hereby ~~apply~~ under section 15(8) of the Commons Act 2006 to register ~~a green~~ the land indicated on the map and that is in my ownership. I have provided the following necessary declarations of consent:

- (i) a ~~declaration~~ of ownership of the land;
- (ii) a ~~declaration~~ that all necessary consents from the relevant leaseholder or proprietor of any relevant charge over the land have

Cont/



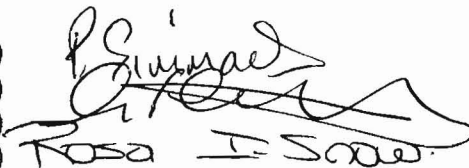
Continued

been received and are exhibited with this declaration; or  
(iii) where no such consents are required, a declaration to that effect.

<sup>WE</sup>  
And I make this solemn declaration, conscientiously believing the  
same to be true, and by virtue of the Statutory Declarations Act 1835.

Declared by the said PAUL SIMMONS  
GARY GUMMER  
ROSA SNOW

at  
Clanfield House Market  
Square Bampton  
this Thirtieth day of May 2007

  
ROSA I SNOW

Signature of Declarant

Before me \*

Signature: 

Address: % Clanfield House  
Bampton

Qualification: A Solicitor and  
Commissioner for Oaths

\* The statutory declaration must be made before a justice of the peace, practising solicitor, commissioner for oaths or notary public.

Signature of the statutory declaration is a sworn statement of truth in presenting the application and accompanying evidence.

**REMINDER TO OFFICER TAKING DECLARATION:**

*Please initial all alterations and mark any map as an exhibit*