

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

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COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965
WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL
REGISTRATION AUTHORITY
14 SEP 2012

Application number:

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.

Note 1

Insert name of
registration
authority.

1. Registration Authority

To the

West Sussex County Council
County Hall
Chichester
PO19 1RQ

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 applicantName:

Full postal address:

Telephone number:
(incl. national dialling code) Fax number:
(incl. national dialling code) E-mail address: **3. Name and address of solicitor, if any**Name: Firm:

Full postal address:

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:

Memorial Playing Field, Steyning.

Location:

The area contiguous to the Western boundary of the existing Village Green registered as VG65 and which is shown as two parcels respectively edged in blue and marked "Area 2- Rublees Field" and edged in green and marked as "Area 3- Nursery Area" at Steyning, West Sussex BN44 as

 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:

The administrative area of the Steyning Parish Council, Steyning, West Sussex,

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).

7 a) In 1974 the bulk of the then area known as the "Memorial Playing Field" (MPF) was registered as a Village Green under registration VG65. A small part of this area was de-registered in 1991 for reasons which are not known to the applicant.

b) Prior to registration the area had been in use by the inhabitants of the administrative area of Steyning Parish Council (SPC) as of right for lawful sports and pastimes since at least 1896 when the cricket pitch was formally established; probably for much longer.

c) On 30th March 1979 SPC acquired an additional parcel of land which is contiguous to part of the Western boundary of the existing Village Green VG65. This parcel is shown on the plan exhibited hereto edged in blue and marked "Area 2- Rublees Field". Shortly after acquisition the boundary fence and all other impediments were removed and the area thereafter in appearance was a seamless extension of the existing MPF and bore the same name by usage. The inhabitants of the administrative area of SPC took to using the additional area for lawful sports and pastimes without distinguishing between the original area and the extended one. The usage was of right; there being no notices, lockable gates or any other indication that the usage was permissive. The usage continues to this day

d) In or about 1988 (the relevant documents have been requested from SPC) SPC acquired a further parcel of land which is also contiguous to part of the Western boundary of the existing Village Green VG65. It is also contiguous to part of the Southern boundary of Area 2 - Rublees Field. This parcel is shown on the plan exhibited hereto edged in green and marked "Area 3 - Nursery". As with Area 2, shortly after acquisition the boundary fence and all other impediments were removed and the area thereafter in appearance was a seamless extension of the existing MPF and bore the same name by usage. The inhabitants of the administrative area of SPC also immediately took to using this second additional area for lawful sports and pastimes without distinguishing between the original area and the extended one. The usage was also of right; there being no notices, lockable gates or any other indication that the usage was permissive. The use continues to this day.

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).

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).

Note 10

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

Please use a separate sheet if necessary.

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

Steyping Parish Council
The Steyping Centre
Fletcher's Croft
Steyping
BN44 3XZ

spcclerk@btconnect.com

9. Voluntary registration – declarations of consent from 'relevant leaseholder', and of the proprietor of any 'relevant charge' over the land**10. Supporting documentation**

- 1 Maps referred to at 5 above
- 2 Conveyance of 30th March 1979 relating to Area 2 referred to at 7 above
- 3 Witness Statement by Peter Comber
- 4 Witness Statement by Susie Acton
- 5 Witness Statement by Paul Campbell

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.

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.

11. Any other information relating to the application

Date:

12 SEPTEMBER 2012

Signatures:

**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.

¹ *Insert full name
(and address if not
given in the
application form).*

I Peter Comber .,¹ solemnly and sincerely declare as follows:—

² *Delete and adapt
as necessary.*

1.² I am ((the person ~~(one of the persons)~~ who (has) ~~(have)~~ signed the foregoing application)) ~~((the solicitor to (the applicant) (³ one of the applicants)):~~

³ *Insert name if
Applicable*

2. The facts set out in the application form are to the best of my 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.

⁴ *Complete only in
the case of
voluntary
registration (strike
through if this is not
relevant)*

4.⁴ ~~I hereby apply under section 15(8) of the Commons Act 2006 to register as 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~~

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⁴ Continued

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

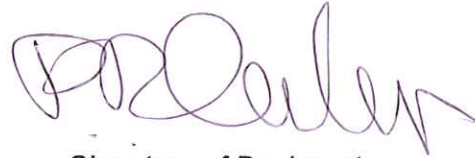
And I make this solemn declaration, conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the Statutory Declarations Act 1835.

Declared by the said

Peter Combes

at 10 Franklin Road
Portslade East Sussex

this 12th day of September
2012



Signature of Declarant

Before me *



Signature:

Address: 10 Franklin Road
Portslade East Sussex BN41 1AN

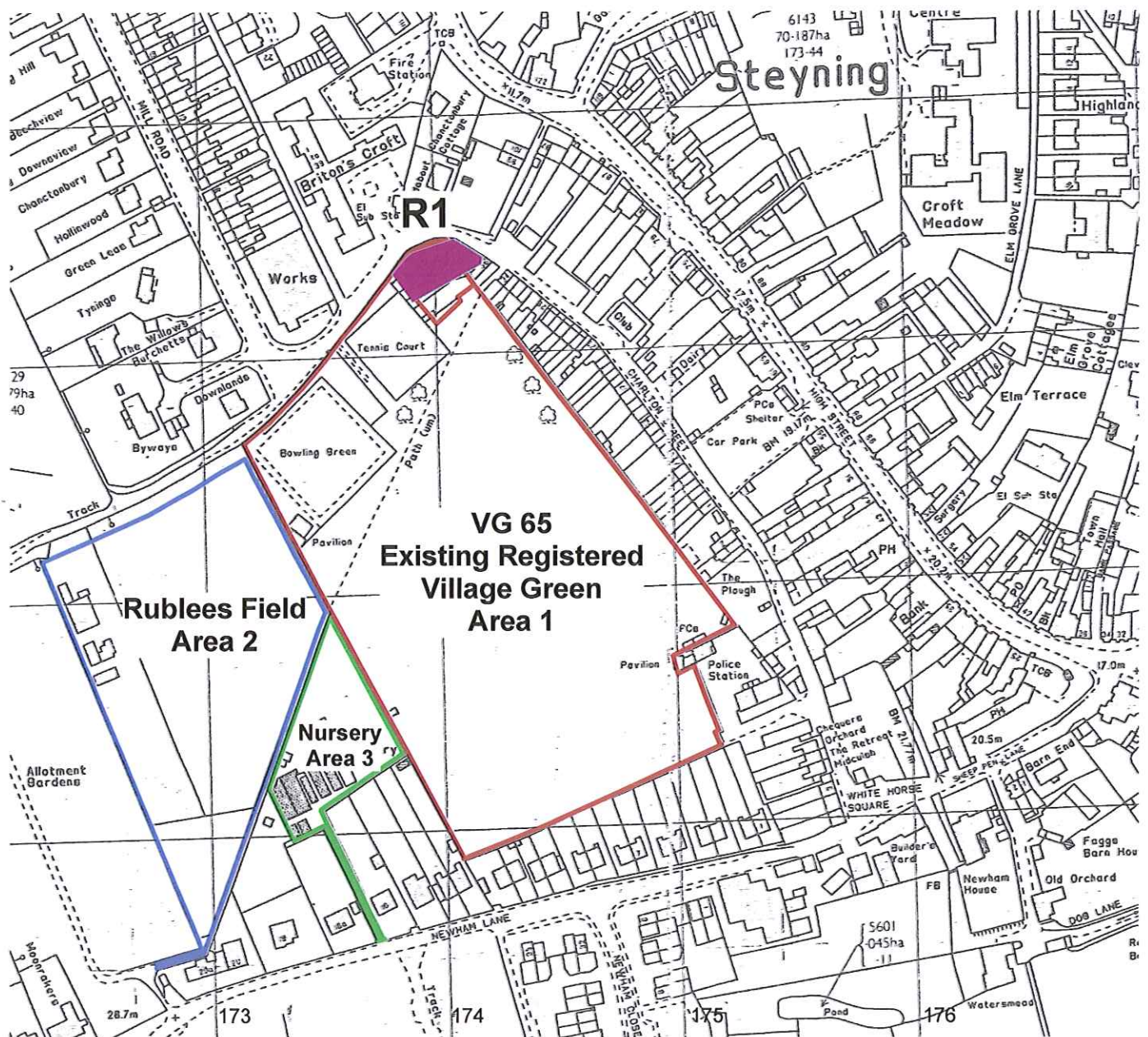
Qualification: Solicitor

* 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



Area 1 Edged in Red = Existing Registered Village Green Ref. No. VG 65

Area 2 Edged in Blue = Rublees Field requiring Village Green registration

Area 3 Edged in Green = Nursery requiring Village Green registration

The Area noted R1 covers land which was removed from the register following a decision made by the Commons Commissioner (Ref No. 238/R/1) on 4 September 1991.

ALL IN THE PARISH OF STEYNING WEST SUSSEX

Map prepared in accordance with Section 15 of the Commons Act 2006 for the Registration of land as a Town or Village Green

This map is an exhibit to the Statutory Declaration which accompanies the application

Map No. Steyning/VG/01 Dated September 2012 Scale 1:2500