NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO CORRECT MISTAKEN REGISTRATION OF COMMON LAND (Commons Act 2006) CL87/2025

Notice is hereby given that an application has been made under Schedule 2 Paragraph 7 Commons Act 2006 by Swings and Smiles, A Place to Play, Lower Way, Thatcham RG19 3RR to West Berkshire District Council (the Commons Registration Authority) to remove the whole of Registered Common Land unit CL87 from its register of Common Land on the basis that it is wrongly registered land.

Description of the land concerned:

The whole of Registered Common Land unit CL87 (Thatcham), site of Swings and Smiles, A Place to Play, Lower Way, Thatcham RG19 3RR site, centred on grid reference 451144 167272, as shown in the application.

Background and Summary of the effect of the application (if granted)

The land was provisionally registered as common land on 21 June 1968, under Section 4 Commons Registration Act 1965. The provisional registration, being undisputed, became final on 1st October 1970. Due to the absence of an identifiable landowner, the matter was referred to a Commons Commissioner who ruled that Newbury Rural District Council be registered as the Owners under the Commons Registration Act 1965. However, no right of common is recorded in the register for CL87, and on this basis it is asserted by the Applicant that the land was mistakenly registered and should be removed from the register of Common Land.

Under regulation 26(2)&(3) of the Commons Registration (England) Regulations 2014 ('the Regulations'), the registration authority will not determine the application itself but will refer the application to the Planning Inspectorate for determination along with any representations received.

Representations concerning the application should be sent in writing to The Commons Registration Authority c/o Paul Hendry, Countryside Team, West Berkshire District Council, Council Offices, Market Street, NEWBURY RG14 5LD or by email to countryside@westberks.gov.uk by 14th November 2025, quoting CL87/2025 and:

- a) must state the name and postal address of the person making them, and the nature of that person's interest (if any) in any land affected by the application, and may include an e-mail address
- b) must be signed by the person making them
- c) must state the grounds on which they are made

Representations will not be treated as confidential and will be dealt with in accordance with regulation 25 of the Regulations. The application and any representations will be sent to the Planning Inspectorate for determination under regulation 26 of the Regulations.

The application and accompanying documents may be inspected at the above address during normal working hours and are available to view online at https://www.westberks.gov.uk/article/39168.

Dated: 30th September 2025

Jon Winstanley Service Director: Environment West Berkshire Council Market Street NEWBURY RG14 5LD Common Land unit CL87 (edged red): Swings and Smiles, A Place To Play, Lower Way, THATCHAM RG19 3RR

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