

I, Emma Esdaile, of Wilks Water, Bagwell Lane, Hook, Hampshire RG29 1JG state as follows:

I make this Statement of Truth in support of an application by Gary Martin, who is seeking to establish that Garden Land to the north of Pond House, Church Lane, Dogmersfield, Hook, Hampshire, RG27 8TA, is garden and has been in use as a garden for many years.

I produce as Exhibit EE1 a plan of the land in question. The plan shows the land to the south of Pond House, Pond House itself and the land to the north of Pond House. It is the land to the north of Pond House that I refer to in this Statement of Truth as the "Garden Land".

My parents are Jane and Robert Glossop and I lived with them at Ormersfield House from 5th October 1976 (my date of birth) until I was married in 2002. However, I moved back into my parents' home in September 2005 and moved out again in November 2006. My daughter, Phoebe, was born on December 8th 2003. My other daughter, Eliza, was born February 21st 2006 (when my family was living at Ormersfield House) and my son, Alfie, was born on August 31st 2007.

At the beginning of November 2006, I and my own family moved away from the area but returned again in July 2009. We moved into rented accommodation close to Ormersfield House. We obtained planning permission for Pond House on 11 April 2011 and it was our original intention to develop and live in Pond House, using the Garden Land in association with the property. However, my parents decided that they wanted to sell Ormersfield House and move. We therefore decided not to develop and live in Pond House and my parents decided to sell the entire site, including the Garden Land, to Gary and Karen Martin in 2016, having already sold Ormersfield House on 22 February 2013.

When I was growing up at Ormersfield House, I would play on the Garden Land. My older sisters would also play on the Garden Land. My main memory is of the pond where my mother would plant many flowers and shrubs. One of my earliest memories of the Garden Land is of pond dipping and playing around the pond at all times of the year. In the winter, we would break the ice on the pond. At other times, we would have informal family picnics around the pond. I would also ride my bike on the Garden Land – my father (who loved to mow the grass and had a large ride-on lawn mower) would allow me to do so, as it was fenced off from the main driveway and was safer for me to play in.

I was 26 years old when I first left Ormersfield House in July 2002 and can remember the Garden Land as being used as garden for all the time that I lived there. When I moved back to Ormersfield House in September 2005, I remember playing with my children on the Garden Land. We would play around the pond as I did as a girl. My children also had garden toys which they played with in the Garden Land. Again, this was a safe area to play on because of the fence and easy and safe access from Ormersfield House. My daughter, Phoebe, definitely rode her bike on the Garden Land and I recall treasure hunts around the Garden Land as well as informal picnics with my children.

Having made the decision not to develop and live in Pond House, my family bought our current house and moved into that house in 2019. However, I was of course aware of what happening to Pond House and the Garden Land between 22 February 2013, when my parents sold Ormersfield House; and September 2016, when my parents decided to sell the entire site as one to Gary and Karen Martin – the Garden Land having been kept, tended and used as such by my father between these dates, before being kept, tended and used as such by Gary and Karen Martin afterwards.

Therefore, from my earliest memories as a child growing up at Ormersfield House and then as the mother to my own children, to when my parents decided to sell Pond House and the Garden Land to Gary and Karen Martin in September 2016, I have always regarded the Garden Land as garden, playing there as a child and then playing there with my own children as an adult.

Pond House, off Church Lane, Dogmersfield,
Hook, Hampshire, RG27 8TA

Site Location Plan



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