

**Application to register as a town green,
land at Humpty Hill, Faringdon, Oxfordshire**

Witness Statement in support of the Application

1. We, Dorothy Garrett and Charles Garrett of 3 Sadlers, Close, Highworth Road, Faringdon state that we have lived in Faringdon since November 2010.
2. Sadlers Close is almost opposite the entrance to Humpty Hill and so when we come out of Sadlers Close we are well placed to see people going into and coming out of the field.
3. Since our arrival we have made regular use of the field, for walking, not just round the perimeter path but also across the field. When our grandchildren visit us, we regularly take them into the field so that they can run around and play – again, this is not confined to the perimeter path.
4. We also use the field each year for blackberry picking.
5. The perimeter path is clearly well worn and therefore well used and well established and represents significant public use off the line of the footpath. In the four years that we have been in Faringdon we have seen nothing to discourage people from leaving the official footpath down the side of the field.
6. There have been many occasions when we have seen happy family groups or groups of youngsters on their own just walking and talking in all areas of the field. It is a really healthy thing to do, very relaxing, and it's a good socialising exercise.
7. From our observation, it is clear that Humpty Hill is not just used by people living in its immediate vicinity. Some people bring dogs from elsewhere within Faringdon, to take advantage of it, and in late spring, the summer and early autumn it is quite common to see cars arrive after school and parents and children get out and go into the field.
8. Along with Folly Hill (on the other side of Faringdon), Humpty Hill offers excellent opportunities for sledging and is extensively used for that when conditions are right – as we have witnessed, not least in 2013. (see attached picture)
9. Given the amount of new housing proposed in the draft Local Plan for the southern and western sides of Faringdon, an open space of the kind provided by Humpty Hill will be even more important to the town than it already is.
10. We believe that the facts given in this statement are true.

Signatures:

Dorothy Garrett

C. Garrett

Date:

14.02.15

14.2.2015

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Application to Register
a Village Green in
Great Faringdon

NLREG34: Great Faringdon
Humpty Hill

Town or Village Green
Application Land

Area: 5.5 hectares approx.

Approximate route of
unaffected rights of way



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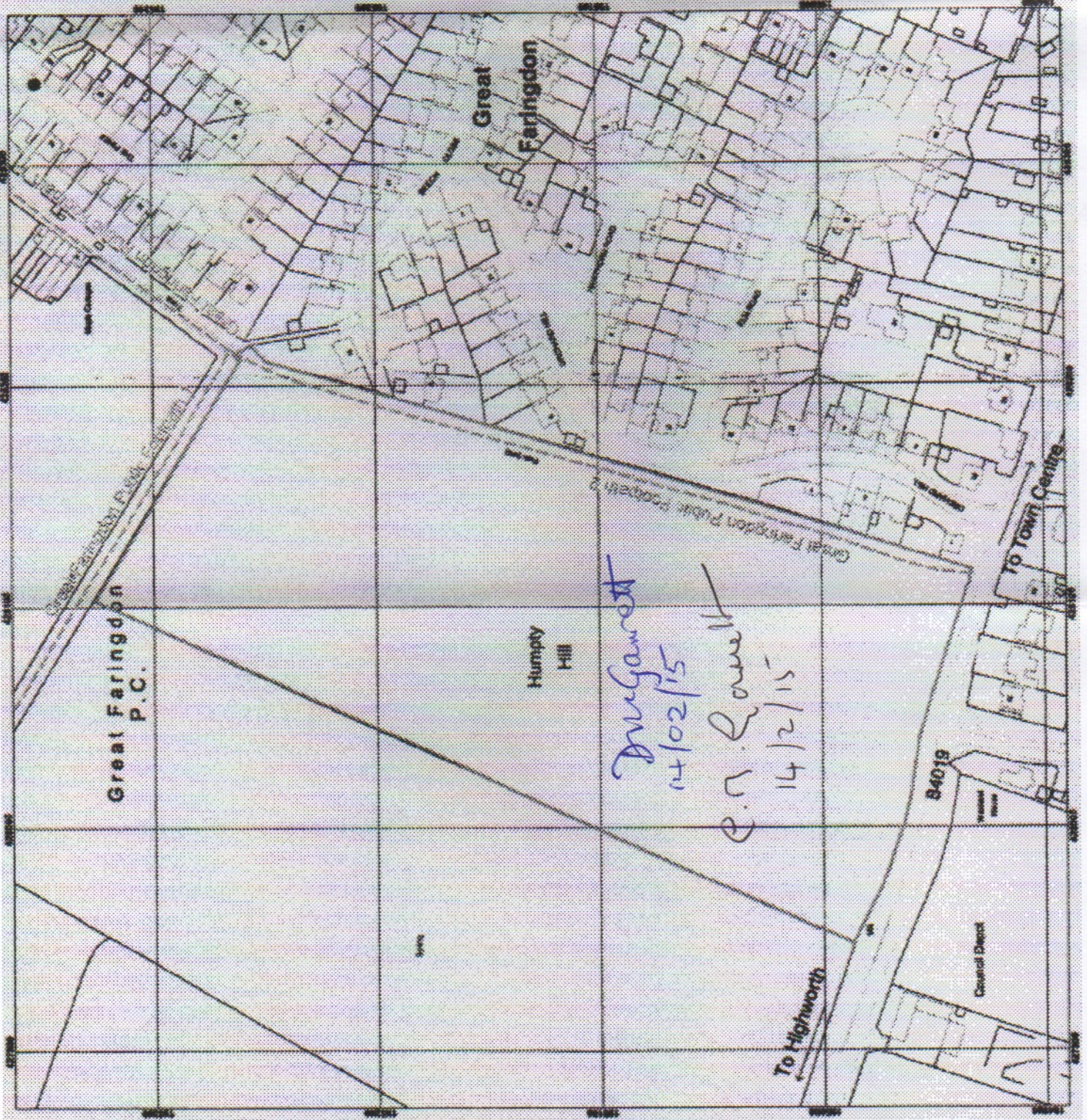
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