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The British Museum was founded in 1753 to promote universal understanding through the arts, natural history and science. It attracts more than five million visitors a year to its many miles of galleries in Bloomsbury, central London. The collections span two million years of human history and include the Rosetta Stone, the Parthenon sculptures, the Nereid Monument, the Mildenhall Treasure and the Sutton Hoo treasures.

Tony Doubleday, Head of Legal Services, says the museum welcomed Land Registry's encouragement to register. "The British Museum was happy to take advantage of this initiative to register its title," he says. "It is most unlikely that its land and premises would ever have been registered by any other means.

"The process was very smooth and, in future, transactions in which the museum has to show title will be much easier to administer."

The project was an excellent example of partnership and cooperation between Land Registry and a customer.

Initial discussions about the registration were held in November 2005. Land Registry staff examined the relevant documents and maps to confirm the details of existing registered leases, paving the way for the formal application to register the 59,000 square metre site.

This was lodged on 1 February 2006 and the process was completed less than two months later on 23 March.



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