



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No.1/U/9

In the Matter of the Green, Houghton
Regis, Luton R.D., Bedfordshire

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of part (hereinafter called "the referred part") of the land known as the Green, Houghton Regis, Luton Rural District and being the land comprised in the Land section of Register Unit No.V.G.19 in the Register of Town or Village Greens maintained by the Bedfordshire County Council.

This referred part comprises the whole of the said land except the part thereof which is hatched blue and edged red on the supplemental Map for this Register Unit and which has been registered under the Land Registration Act 1925 and 1936 under Title No.BD 13937. No person is registered under section 4 of the Commons Registration Act 1965 as the owner of the referred part.

Following upon the public notice of this reference Houghton Regis Parish Council in a letter dated 10 October 1972 to the Clerk to the Commons Commissioners claimed to be the freehold owner of the land in question and no other person claimed to have information as to its ownership.

I held a hearing for the purpose of inquiring into the question of the ownership of the land at Bedford on 19 October 1972.

The hearing was attended by the Bedfordshire County Council who were represented by Mr. J. Kieran who is one of their staff and by the Houghton Regis Parish Council who were represented by Mr. S. T. Morris who is the Assistant Secretary of the Bedfordshire Association of Parish Councils.

Mr. Morris said that the Parish Council was not offering any evidence as to the ownership, in the expectation that I would consider subsection (3) of section 8 of the Act to be applicable.

In the absence of evidence I am not satisfied that any person is the owner of the referred part, and I shall accordingly direct the Bedfordshire County Council as registration authority, to register Houghton Regis Parish Council as the owner of the referred part under section 8(3) of the Act.

I am required by regulation 30(1) of the Commons Commissioners Regulations 1971 to explain that a person aggrieved by this decision as being erroneous in point of law may, within 6 weeks from the date on which notice of the decision is sent to him, require me to state a case for the decision of the High Court.

Dated this 2nd day of November 1972.

a. a. Baden Fuller

Commons Commissioner