



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No. 208/U/57

In the Matter of Offerton Moor,
Offerton, West Derbyshire D

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as Offerton Moor, Offerton, West Derbyshire D being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. CL 48 in the Register of Common Land maintained by the Derbyshire County Council of which no person is registered under section 4 of the Commons Registration Act 1965 as the owner.

Following upon the public notice of this reference Mr A B Bowles 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 Matlock on 15 November 1979.

Mr D C Brooke-Taylor of Messrs Potter Brooke-Taylor and Wildgoose appeared for Mr Bowles and produced a statutory declaration dated 8 November 1979 made by Mr Bowles and the conveyances dated 25 July 1883 and 19 November 1928 and an assent dated 1st March 1971, whereby the land in question was vested in Mr Bowles, Mr Cottrill, Mr Bramall and Mr Sanders whose registrations in the Rights Section are final also appeared, and when they appreciated that Mr Bowles' ownership did not prejudice their registrations in the Rights Section, they agreed that Mr Bowles was the owner of the Moor.

On this evidence I am satisfied that Mr A B Bowles is the owner of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the Derbyshire County Council, as registration authority, to register Mr A R Bowles as the owner of the land under section 8(2) of the Act of 1965.

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

26th

day of November

1979

Commons Commissioner