



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No. 10/D/18

In the Matter of Salisbury Field,
Dorchester, Dorset.

DECISION

This dispute relates to the registration at Entry No.5 in the Land Section of Register Unit No.V.G.5 in the Register of Town or Village Greens maintained by the Dorset County Council and is occasioned by Objection No.100 made by the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Dorchester and noted in the Register on 20th August 1971.

I held a hearing for the purpose of inquiring into the dispute at Dorchester on 28th February 1973. The hearing was attended by Canon E.B.Brooks, the applicant for the registration, and by Mr. J.B. Gillam, solicitor for the Objectors.

Mr. Gillam produced a conveyance dated 2nd March 1893, whereby the land in question was conveyed by the Ecclesiastical Commissioners to the Objectors to be held for a public recreation ground.

Canon Brooks said that he had no evidence that the land fell within the definition of "town or village green" in section 22(1) of the Commons Registration Act 1965.

On this state of the case I am satisfied that the land is not a town or village green and I therefore refuse to confirm the registration.

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 5th day of March 1973

Chief Commons Commissioner