COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965



Reference No. 211/U/88

In the Matter of Gilesgate Green and Duck Pond, City of Durham, Co. Durham

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as Gilesgate Green and Duck Pond, City of Durham, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. VG.109 in the Register of Town or Village Greens maintained by the Durham 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 no person claimed to be the freehold owner of the land in question and no one 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 Durham on 6 March 1985. At the hearing Durham City Council was represented by Mr P A Broome, the City Solicitor, who informed me that he had no evidence regarding the ownership of the land in question.

In the absence of any evidence I am not satisfied that any person is the owner of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the Durham County Council, as registration authority, to register the Durham City Council as the owner of the land under section 8(3) 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

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Chief Commons Commissioner