



In the Matter of Colne Green, Earls Colne,  
Essex.

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as Colne Green, Earls Colne, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No VG 7 in the Register of Town or Village Greens maintained by the Essex 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 R Hunt and Co Ltd and Mr H E Clapham and Sir Ronald Long, executors of the late Sir Reuben Hunt, claimed to be the freehold owners of parts 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 Chelmsford on 6 October 1978.

There was no appearance at the hearing.

Before the hearing solicitors acting for R Hunt and Co Ltd and the executors of the late Sir Reuben Hunt informed the Clerk of the Commons Commissioners by letter that their clients wished to withdraw their claims. They also stated that the manor of Earls Colne had been vested in Mrs Anne Aitken, the daughter of Sir Reuben Hunt, and that she felt that it would be best if the ownership of the two pieces of land were vested in a local authority.

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 Essex County Council, as registration authority, to register the Earls Colne Parish 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

23rd

day of

October

1978

  
CHIEF COMMONS COMMISSIONER