



In the Matter of Ramsden Back Common,  
Ramsden Heath, South Hanningfield, Essex.

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DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as Ramsden Back Common, Ramsden Heath, South Hanningfield, being the part of the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. CL 413 in the Register of Common Land 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 Lord Petre 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 Chelmsford on 6 July 1977.

There was no appearance at the hearing, but in a letter to the Clerk of the Commons Commissioners dated 21 February 1975 Lord Petre stated that after consulting his manorial records he no longer claimed 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 it will therefore remain subject to protection under section 9 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 9<sup>th</sup> day of August 1977

Chief Commons Commissioner