



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No. 213/U/30

In the Matter of Castle Ditch  
Staunton (Coleford) Forest of Dean D

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as Castle Ditch, Staunton (Coleford) Forest of Dean D being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. CL.297 in the Register of Common Land maintained by the Gloucestershire 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 Gloucester on 18 October 1978.

Mr V S Haines Chairman of the Staunton Parish Council appeared and expressed the view that the Forestry Commission might be the owner of the land but he had no evidence to support that view.

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 7<sup>th</sup> day of November

1978

Commons Commissioners