



In the Matter of Pond Square (part), South Grove,
Camden, Greater London.

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as Pond Square (part), South Grove, Camden, being the part of the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No VG 72 in the Register of Town or Village Greens maintained by the Greater London 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 the Council of the London Borough of Camden 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 Watergate House, WC2 on 3 May 1978.

At the hearing Mr M J Hughes, an officer of the London Borough Council, appeared on behalf of the London Borough of Camden Corporation.

The land the subject of the reference, together with the remainder of the land comprised in the Register Unit, was conveyed to the St Pancras Vestry by an indenture made 19 July 1884 between (1) Allen Williams Block, John Fisher and George Knights Smith (2) The Vestry of the Parish of St Pancras. The land so conveyed passed to the St Pancras Metropolitan Borough Council by virtue of the London Government Act 1899 and then to the Corporation by virtue of the London Government Act 1963.

On this evidence I am satisfied that the Corporation is the owner of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the Greater London Council, as registration authority, to register the Corporation as the owner of the land under section 8(2) 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 19th day of May 1978

CHIEF COMMONS COMMISSIONER