



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No.259/U/8

In the Matter of Poor's Field, Joel Street
Northwood Hills, Hillingdon, Greater London

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as Poor's Field, Joel Street, Northwood Hills, Hillingdon, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No.CL.156 in the Register of Common Land 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 no person claimed to be the freehold owner of the land in question, but Mr.E.T.Saywell, Clerk to the Trustees of the Ruislip Cottagers' Allotments Charity, 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 4th February 1976.

Mr.Saywell appeared at the hearing on behalf of the Trustees.

A charity called "The Cottagers' Allotments" was established under the award dated 12th September 1814 made under the Ruislip otherwise Riselip Inclosure Act of 1804 (44 Geo.III, c.45 (private, not printed)) and the land the subject of this reference was allotted to the trustees of the charity. By a Scheme dated 4th April 1882 the Board of Charity Commissioners for England and Wales ordered that the land should vest in the Official Trustee of Charity Lands. Now by virtue of section 48 (6) of the Charities Act 1960 the Official Custodian for Charities has to be treated as the successor of the Official Trustee.

On this evidence I am satisfied that the Official Custodian for Charities is the owner of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the Greater London Council, as registration authority, to register the Official Custodian for Charities 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 Commissioner 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

4th

day of

March

1976

Chief Commons Commissioner