



In the Matter of Coppet Hill, Goodrich and  
Welsh Bicknor, Hereford and Worcester (No 3)

DECISION

This dispute relates to the registration at Entry No 4 in the Rights section of Register Unit No CL 126 in the Register of Common Land maintained by the Hereford and Worcester County Council and is occasioned by Objection No 224 made by Capt W C Ashby and Mrs J C Ashby and noted in the Register on 17 November 1970.

I held a hearing for the purpose of inquiring into the dispute at Hereford on 16 February 1978. The hearing was attended by Mr R Okell, solicitor, on behalf of the Objectors. There was no appearance by or on behalf of Mr E J Rawlings, the applicant for the registration.

The registration is of rights to cut fern or bracken, to cut pea and bean sticks, to cut turf, and to graze up to 20 sheep and/or goats. The Objection is limited to the right to cut turf and the right to cut pea and bean sticks of a circumference exceeding 4 inches. It is also stated that pea and bean sticks should be for use only on the premises in respect of which the right is claimed. This restriction, however, follows as a matter of law.

In the absence of any evidence I confirm the registration with the following modifications; namely, the insertion after the word "sticks" of the words "of a circumference not exceeding 4 inches", and the deletion of the words "to cut turf".

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

6<sup>th</sup>

day of

March

1978

*E. J. Rawlings*  
CHIEF COMMONS COMMISSIONER