



In the Matter of Coppet Hill, Goodrich and  
Welsh Bicknor, Hereford and Worcester (No 11)

DECISION

This dispute relates to the registration at Entry No 17 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 234 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 W H Croasdell, the applicant for the registration.

The registration is of a right to cut bracken in season, a right to cut bean and pea sticks for roofing and kindling wood, and a right to graze 20 sheep or goats. The Objection is limited to the right to cut pea and bean sticks and kindling wood of a circumference exceeding 4 inches. It is also stated that such sticks and wood 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 modification:- namely, the insertion after the word "wood" of the words "in each case of a circumference not exceeding 4 inches".

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 21st day of March 1978

CHIEF COMMONS COMMISSIONER