



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference Nos 216/U/3
216/U/8

In the Matter of (1) part of Bulls Green,
and (2) other parts of Bulls Green, Tewin,
East Hertfordshire District, Hertfordshire

DECISION

These references relate to the question of the ownership of lands (1) known as part of Bulls Green lying east of Bramfield - Bulls Green Road and south of the parish boundary; and (2) other parts of Bulls Green including OS No. 163 (1.877 acres) and a triangular area at the junction of the roads from Burnham Green and from Bramfield, Tewin, East Hertfordshire District and being the lands comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit (1) No. VG70 and No. CLL48 in the Registers of Town or Village Greens and of Common Land maintained by the Hertfordshire 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 these references Tewin Parish Council claimed (letter of 10 October 1979) ownership of both the lands in question. No other person claimed to be the freehold owner of the lands or to have information as to their ownership.

I held a hearing for the purpose of inquiring into the question of the ownership of the lands at Hertford on 14 January 1981. At the hearing, Datchworth Parish Council were represented by Mr R F Norris solicitor of Brignall White and Orchard, Solicitors of Knebworth.

Mr Norris who had been representing Datchworth Parish Council at a hearing relating to lands in Datchworth held by me immediately before this one, pointed out that on a conveyance dated 31 December 1979 which he produced at such earlier hearing and which apparently dealt to some extent with the lands in Tewin with which I am concerned on this hearing, there is a memorandum of another conveyance dated 9 November 1974 of part of the land therein mentioned to Tewin Parish Council. To the lands with which I am now concerned, Mr Norris made no claim on behalf of Datchworth Parish Council. In a letter dated 17 March 1981 Tewin Parish Council were asked whether they would like me to adjourn these proceedings, but notwithstanding a reminder dated 6 May 1981, no reply has been received to this letter. In these circumstances, I consider I should give a decision on the information available to me at the January hearing.

In the absence of any evidence I am not satisfied that any person is the owner of the lands and I shall accordingly direct the Hertfordshire County Council, as registration authority, to register Tewin Parish Council as the owner of the VG70 land under section 8(3) of the Act of 1965, and the CLL48 land will remain subject to protection under section 9 of the said Act.



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 23rd — day of June — 1981

A. A. Balls-Fuller

Commons Commissioner