



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No.16/U/39

In the Matter of Belsize Green,
Sarratt, Hertfordshire.

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as Belsize Green, Sarratt, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No.C.L.60 in the Register 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 this reference the Sarratt Parish Council 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 Hertford on 13th March 1973.

At the hearing the Sarratt Parish Council was represented by Mr. K.A. Gosney, Clerk of the Watford Rural District Council.

The Parish Council has employed a man to keep this land tidy for many years. This in itself is not sufficient evidence of ownership, since it is not adverse to the interests of anyone with a legal title to the land. It was stated that the Parish Council had granted a wayleave over the land to the South-Eastern Electricity Board, but the counterpart of the agreement was not produced.

On this evidence I am not satisfied that any person is the owner of the land, and it will therefore remain subject to protection under section 9 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 23rd day of March 1973


Chief Commons Commissioner