



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No. 216/U/91

In the Matter of land known as  
Little Heath, Northchurch

## DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of the land known as Little Heath, Northchurch being the part of the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. CL.80 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 no person claimed to be the freehold owner of the land in question and no one 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 2nd February 1988.

The hearing was attended by Mrs R Pike Solicitor on behalf of Hertfordshire County Council.

This land was registered as common land upon the application of Berkhamsted Citizens Association. There are no rights registered. Ownership of the part of the land north of the red line A-B on the register map is registered in the name of the National Trust, and this registration is final.

The present inquiry relates to the part of the register unit south of the red line A-B. At one stage it was thought that the National Trust had claims to ownership of this land also but this claim was withdrawn immediately before the hearing.

I was told that the Berkhamsted Citizens Association still existed, but they were not represented at the hearing.

The Northchurch Parish Council were notified of the hearing, but they were not represented either.

In the absence of any 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 19<sup>th</sup> day of February 1988

*Mati Potts*

Commons Commissioner