



In the matter of part of Little Heath, Nettledon
with Potten End, Dacorum D

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land described above being the land comprised in the Land section of Register Unit No. CL.265 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 ("the unit land") or 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 18 February 1986.

At the hearing Mrs B Hart, the clerk to and representing Nettledon with Potten End Parish Council, appeared and said that the Parish Council claimed ownership but did not have evidence to support the claim. No other claimant appeared.

Since the hearing the National Trust has notified a claim to ownership and has furnished a Conveyance dated 12 May 1927 whereby B.R.C. Tower and others conveyed to the National Trust, inter alia Little Heath, an area of some 20 acres. This was shown on a plan attached to the Conveyance, ^{and} included the unit land, which is about $\frac{1}{4}$ acre.

On this evidence I am satisfied that the National Trust is the owner of the unit land, and I shall accordingly direct the Hertfordshire County Council, as registration authority, to register the National Trust as the owner under section 8 (2) 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

24 June

1986

L J Morris Smith

Commons Commissioner