

COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No. 16/U/1

In the Matter of Patchetts Green, Aldenham, Hertfordshire

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as Patchetts Green, Aldenham, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit V.G.1 in the Register of Town or Village Greens 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 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 Watford on 11th April 1972.

On behalf of Bushey Urban District Council evidence was given about the use of the land since 1932 but the Council did not contend that upon the evidence so given I should under subsection (2) of section 8 of the Act be satisfied that the Council or any other person is the owner of the land.

The Clerk of the Watford Rural District Council said that his Council did not claim that the land is (as was apparently at one time thought by the Clerk of the Commissioners to be possible) in the Watford Rural District.

I am not satisfied that any person is the owner of the land and I shall accordingly direct (as the Bushey Urban District Council at the hearing submitted that I should) the Hertfordshire County Council, as registration authority, to register the Bushey Urban District Council as the owner of the land, pursuant to subsection (3) of section 8 of the 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.

a. a. Bain Ille

Dated this 24 L day of April 1972