

COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No. 216/U/103

In the Matter of Roadside Verges either side of Pembridge Lane, Brickendon Liberty

## **DECISION**

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of the land referred to above being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. CL.179 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 St. Albans on Tuesday 16 January 1990.

At the hearing Mr A St. Johnston (owner of the neighbouring land) appeared in person, Mr J S Mould (chairman) and Mr P Hickman (deputy chairman) represented the Broxbourne Trustees under the Broxbourne and Hoddesdon Open Spaces and Recreation Grounds Act, 1890 and Miss A Pegrum represented the Hertfordshire County Council.

Mr St. Johnston did not claim ownership of the land. Mr Mould did not claim ownership but thought that the land might be vested in the County Council. Miss Pegrum said that ownership was not claimed by the County Council. No one else claimed ownership.

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 <u>in point of law</u> 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

17 h

day of

January

1990

Chief Commons Commissioner