



In the Matter of Watford Heath, Watford,  
Hertfordshire

## DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as Watford Heath, Watford, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. CL 124 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 5 March 1981.

At the hearing the Watford Borough Council was represented by Mr S W Catchpole, its Principal Solicitor, who informed me that he was instructed to watch the proceedings and had no evidence as to the ownership of the land in question.

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

11<sup>th</sup>

day of

March

1981

Chief Commons Commissioner