

COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No.219/U/19

In the Matter of Longfield Hill Green,
Longfield, Kent.

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as Longfield Hill Green, Longfield, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No.VG 195 in the Register of Town or Village Greens maintained by the former Kent 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 the Rochester Diocesan Society and Board of Finance and the Parochial Church Council of St Mary Magdalene, Longfield each claimed to be the freehold owner of the land in question and no other 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 Maidstone on 16th July 1975.

The land the subject of the reference forms the major part of a triangle bounded on all sides by roads. The portion of the triangle which is not comprised in the Register Unit is the site of a mission hall. Before the hearing Messrs Lee, Bolton and Lee, the solicitors for each of the claimants, sent to the Clerk of the Commons Commissioners a letter in which they stated that their clients' claim was limited to the mission hall together with rights of access to it and did not extend to the Green which surrounds it on three sides.

There was no appearance at the hearing.

In the absence of any evidence I am not satisfied that any person is the owner of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the Kent County Council, as registration authority, to register the Longfield Parish Council as the owner of the land under section 8(3) 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 28th day of July 1975