



In the Matter of Melling Moor (part), Melling-with-Wrayton,  
Lancashire

DECISION

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This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as Melling Moor (part), Melling-with-Wrayton, being the part of the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No CL 180 in the Register of Common Land maintained by the former Lancashire 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 Lancaster on 28 February 1978.

At the hearing Mr D R Battersby, one of the Executors of E J Battersby, deceased, the successors in title of Bridgestock Ltd, whose registration of the ownership of the remainder of the land comprised in the Register Unit became final on 1 August 1972, informed me that he had no evidence as to the ownership of the land the subject of this reference.

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

25<sup>th</sup>

day of

April

1978

CHIEF COMMONS COMMISSIONER