

COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965



Reference No. 233/U/99

In the Matter of Hednesford Hills (part)
Hednesford in the County of Stafford

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as Hednesford Hills (part) being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. CL.56 in the Register of Common Land maintained by the Staffordshire 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 Cannock Chase District Council claimed to be the freehold owner of the greater part 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 Stafford on 15 October 1980.

Mrs H L M Jones a solicitor employed by Cannock Chase District Council appeared for that Council. No one else appeared.

Mrs Jones produced numerous documents of title which in my view established that the District Council was the owner of all the land shown coloured pink hatched black on Plan A referred to in the Statutory Declaration of Hubert Charles Allen made on 18 January 1968.

On this evidence I am satisfied that Cannock Chase District Council is the owner of such land, and I shall accordingly direct the Staffordshire County Council, as registration authority, to register Cannock Chase District Council as the owner of that land under section 8 (2) of the Act of 1965. I am not satisfied that any person is the owner of the other land (if any) comprised in Register Unit No. CL.56 which 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

5th

day of

November

1980

(Signature)

Commons Commissioner