



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No.1/U/77

In the Matter of Goldington Green (part),
Bedford, Bedfordshire.

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as Goldington Green (part), Bedford, being part of the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No.V.G.10 in the Register of Town or Village Greens maintained by the former Bedfordshire 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 former Bedford Corporation 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 Bedford on 23rd April 1974.

Mr. G. D. Gilmore, solicitor, appeared on behalf of the Bedford District Council.

Part of the land in question was conveyed to the former Bedford Corporation by a conveyance made 10th December 1948 between (1) Dorothy Clotilda Shuttleworth, Allen Wheeler, and James Charles Evitt Robinson (2) The Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Bedford. The other part was conveyed to the Corporation by a conveyance made the same day between (1) James Smith, Archibald Buchanan Keith and Douglas Arthur Polhill (2) The Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses. Since these conveyances the land has been held for the purposes of public walks and pleasure grounds. On 1st April 1974 such property was transferred to the Bedford District Council.

For these reasons I am satisfied that the Bedford District Council is the owner of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the Bedfordshire County Council, as registration authority, to register the Bedford District Council as the owner of the land under section 8(2) 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 2nd day of May 1974

Chief Commons Commissioner