



## COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference Nos. 11/U/30  
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In the Matters of (1) The Crescent Playground,  
(2) Seaside Lane Plot, (3) Station Road Plot,  
(4) Colliery Office Corner Recreation Ground,  
and (5) The Green, the first four in Easington  
Colliery and the last in Easington Village, all  
in Easington District, Durham

DECISION

These five references relate to the question of the ownership of lands, (1) called The Crescent Playground, containing about 0.61 acres in Easington Colliery, (2) called Seaside Lane Plot, containing about 0.14 acres in Easington Colliery, (3) called Station Road Plot, containing about 0.75 acres in Easington Colliery, (4) called Colliery Office Corner Recreation Ground, containing about 0.28 acres in Easington Colliery, and (5) called The Green, containing about 3.54 acres in Easington Village, all in Easington District, being the lands comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit (1) No. VG.30, (2) No. VG.29, (3) No. VG.28, (4) No. VG.27, and (5) No. VG.26 respectively in the Register of Town or Village Greens maintained by the Durham 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 these references, Mr. J.H. Barker, clerk of the Parish Council in a letter dated 12 December 1972 said that his Council agreed that the lands (VG.26: The Green, Easington Village and VG.27: Colliery Office Corner Recreation Ground) be registered as common land, and that both plots are owned by his Council. No other person claimed to be the freehold owner of the lands in question or to have information as to their ownership.

I held a hearing for the purpose of inquiring into the question of the ownership of the lands at Bishop Auckland on 1 May 1975. No person attended the hearing. However I have read letters dated 9 and 21 April 1975 written by Mr. Barker and sent to the office of the Commons Commissioners, and I confirm the replies dated 17 and 23 April 1975 sent by the Clerk.

In the absence of any evidence I am not satisfied that any person is the owner of the lands, and I shall accordingly direct the Durham County Council as registration authority to register Easington Parish Council as the owner of the lands under section 8(3) of the 1965 Act.



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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 7<sup>th</sup> — day of May 1975

a. a. Baden Fuller

Commons Commissioner.