

In the Matter of Common Moor, Croxley, Hertfordshire (No 1)

DECISION

These disputes relate to the registration at Entry No. 1 in the Land section of Register Unit No. CL 36 in the Register of Common Land maintained by the Hertfordshire County Council and are occasioned by Objection No. 24 made by the former Rickmansworth Urban District Council and noted in the Register on 6 November 1969 and Objection No. 83 made by the British Waterways Board, and noted in the Register on 18 November 1970.

I held a hearing for the purpose of inquiring into the dispute at St Albans on 5 March 1981. The hearing was attended by Mr J E Hudson, solicitor, on behalf of the Commoners of Croxley Green, the applicants for the registration, Mr J G Foster, the applicant for the registrations at Entry Mos 5 and 6 in the Rights section of the Register Unit, and Mr and Mrs S J Cox, the successors in title of Dr R H Leach, the applicant for the registration at Entry No. 7 in the Rights section, and by Mr A R Highett, solicitor, on behalf of the Three Rivers District Council, the successor authority of the former Rickmansworth There was no appearance by or on behalf of any of the Urban District Council. applicants for the registrations at Entry Mos 1 to 4 in the Rights section. There was no appearance on behalf of the British Waterways Board, but Mr Hudson produced a letter dated 2 March 1981 addressed to his firm by the Estate Officer (South East) of the Board, accompanied by a plan showing by a red line the land adjoining the Grand Union Canal which it was agreed should be excluded from the Register Unit.

In Highest stated that he was instructed not to pursue Objection Mo. 24 in so far as it related to the registrations at Entry Mos 5 and 6 in the Rights Section.

It being admitted that the land other than that which it was agreed should be excluded from the Register Unit was subject to the rights of common registered at Entry Mos 5 and 6 in the Rights section.

I confirm the registration with the following modification: namely, the exclusion of the land adjoining the Grand Union Canal indicated on the agreed plan.

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 5 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.

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Chief Commons Commissioner