

COMMONS REGISTRATION
ACT 1965



Reference No. 216/U/55

In the Matter of Grove Green, Rickmansworth,
Hertfordshire

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as Grove Green, Rickmansworth, being the part of the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. CL.224 in the Register of Common Land maintained by the Hertfordshire County Council of which no person is registered under section 4 of the Commons Registration Act 1965 or the Land Registration Acts 1925 to 1966 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 Hertford on 12 February 1985. At the hearing the Three Rivers District Council was represented by Mr A Merrett, Solicitor.

Mr Merrett informed me that the District Council had no title deeds and could only claim to have a possessory title based on grass cutting and general maintenance. In my view, this is insufficient to constitute adverse possession, and I can only say that in the absence of any further 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

22nd

day of

February

1985

Chief Commons Commissioner