

COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT
1965



Reference No. 216/U/53

In the Matter of Recreation Allotments in
Watford Field Road, Watford, Hertfordshire

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as Recreation Allotments in Watford Field Road, Watford, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. VG.95 in the Register of Town or Village Greens maintained by the Hertfordshire 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 Watford Borough Council 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 Hertford on 12 February 1985. At the hearing the Watford Borough Council was represented by Mr A T Keen, Solicitor.

By the Watford Field Inclosure Award made on 10 January 1855 under the Second Annual Inclosure Act 1852 the land the subject of the reference was set out, allotted and awarded to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Watford in trust as a place for exercise and recreation for the inhabitants of the parish and neighbourhood. The land was vested in the former Watford Urban District Council by the Overseers Order 1927 (S.R. & O. 1927 No. 55) and transferred to the Watford Borough Council by the Local Authorities (England) (Property etc) Order 1973 (S.I. 1973 No. 1861).

On this evidence I am satisfied that the Watford Borough Council is the owner of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the Hertfordshire County Council, as registration authority, to register the Borough 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

22nd

day of

February

1985

E. G. J. J. J.
Chief Commons Commissioner