

COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No 227/U/20

In the Matter of Land near Whitton, Tosson, Alnwick District, Northumberland

## DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land near Whitton, being a strip the north end of which adjoins Whitton Burn and which extends southwards towards Garleigh Moor, Tosson, Alnwick District being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No CL. 97 in the Register of Common Land maintained by the Northumberland 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 Mr Thomas Muckle of Thomas Muckle and Sons Builders Limited at first claimed and then after seeing a plan said he did not wish to claim ownership of the land in question. No other person claimed to be the freehold owner of the land 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 Alnwick on 8 March 1977. There was no appearance at the hearing.

In the absence of any 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 1516 day of March —

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Commons Commissioner