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In the Matter of Land between North Avenue and South Avenue,
Abingdon, Oxfordshire

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land between North Avenue and South Avenue, Abingdon, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. CL 153 in the Register of Common Land maintained by the former Berkshire 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 no person claimed to be the freehold owner of the land in question but Mr D R Barrett 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 Oxford on 26 November 1976.

Mr G. W. Hunt of 22 South Avenue appeared at the hearing, but he was, like me, concerned to discover the owner of the land in question. Mr Barrett did not appear. He stated in his letter that he believed that the land had been sold by his late grandfather, Mr J P Barrett, to a Mr Spokes, who formerly lived in North Avenue.

On this meagre information 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 ~~31st~~ day of December 1976

Chief Commons Commissioner