



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No 34/U/44

In the Matter of Wingfield Green,
Wingfield, Mid Suffolk D

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as Wingfield Green, Wingfield, Mid Suffolk D, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No CL. 17 in the Register of Common Land maintained by the former East Suffolk 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 Sir Allan Adair Bart 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 Ipswich on 27 October 1976.

Sir Allan Adair whose solicitors, Macfarlanes, had written to the Commons Commissioners on 23 February 1976 confirming that he was Lord of the Manor of Wingfield did not appear. Even if I felt able to accept this statement as evidence that Sir Allan Adair is the Lord of the Manor no evidence was produced that the land in question is within the Lordship.

Lady Darrell appeared and stated that Sir Allan Adair wished the Parish to own the land and to participate in its administration. She thought he might well be content that the land should be placed under protection pursuant to section 9 of the Act of 1965 and it will therefore remain under protection. I will however if so requested within 4 weeks of the date of this decision withdraw it in order to give Sir Allan Adair an opportunity to lead evidence to establish a claim to ownership at an adjourned hearing.

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 12th day of November 1976

C. A. Seale

Commons Commissioner