

In the Matter of Southey Green, Sible. Hedingham, Essex

## DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as Southey Green, Sible Hedingham, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. CL 310 in the Register of Common Land maintained by the Essex 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 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 Colchester on 8 December 1983.

At the hearing Mr B M Metson appeared in person. Mr Metson informed me that he was only claiming a right of way over the land and that he believed that at one time the land was owned by a Miss Majendie, now deceased, as lady of the manor.

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

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day of Rember

1983

Chief Commons Commissioner