



Reference No. 263/U/1

In the Matter of Godley Hill,  
Godley, Tameside, Greater Manchester

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as Godley Hill, Godley, Tameside being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. CL 77 in the Register of Common Land maintained by the Greater Manchester (formerly Cheshire) 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 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 Manchester on 9 February 1982. At the hearing Greater Manchester County Council as registration authority were represented by Mr M Brogden, solicitor of their Legal Office.

Mr Brogden said that this land being in the centre of Godley, is locally of some importance. T Wall & Sons Limited own land in the neighbourhood but upon a telephone enquiry they said they made no claim to this land. No information as to its ownership is available to the County Council.

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 1st — day of March — 1982

a. a. Baden Fuller

Commons Commissioner