

In the Matter of Newtown Common, Newtown, Hampshire.

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as Newtown Common, Newtown, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. CL 1 in the Register of Common Land maintained by the former Hampshire County Council of which no person is registered under section 4 of the Common Registration Act 1965 as the owner.

Following upon the public notice of this reference the Earl of Carnarvon 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 Winchester on 22 February 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 5 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.

Date this 26 CM

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Chief Commons Commissioner