



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No. 16/U/17

In the Matter of Kitters Green,  
Abbots Langley, Hertfordshire

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as Kitters Green, Abbots Langley, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. V.G.31 in the Register of Town or Village Greens maintained by the Hertfordshire 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 Abbots Langley Parish Council 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 Watford on 11th April 1972.

On behalf of the Abbots Langley Parish Council evidence was given (which I accept) that the Council had ever since a conveyance dated 19th June 1950 been in possession of the land and that the conveyance (which was produced to me) was held by the Council. The conveyance was between the Master Fellows and Scholars of Sidney Sussex College Cambridge and the President Fellows and Scholars of the College of the Holy and Undivided Trinity of the University of Oxford of the Foundation of Sir Thomas Pope Knight deceased ("the Vendors") and the Parish Council of the Parish of Abbots Langley ("the Purchaser"); it recited that the Vendors were seised in fee simple of the hereditaments thereby conveyed, that the Vendors had agreed to sell the same to the Council, that by an order dated 15th August 1949 the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries had authorised the sale; it was by conveyance witnessed that the Vendors conveyed the land therein described (which land I identify as the same as that in question in this reference) to the Council in fee simple.

The Clerk of the Watford Rural District Council informed me that his Council did not wish to claim in conflict with the claim of the Abbots Langley Parish Council.

For these reasons I am satisfied that the Abbots Langley Parish Council is the owner of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the Hertfordshire County Council as registration authority, to register Abbots Langley Parish Council as the owner of the land.

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 23<sup>rd</sup> day of April 1972

*R. H. Barker*  
Commons Commissioner