

COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No.2/U/73

In the Matter of The Green Bus Shelter, Drayton, Oxfordshire.

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as the Green Bus Shelter, Drayton, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No.CL 76 in the Register of Common Land maintained by the former Berkshire 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 Oxford on 8th October 1975.

At the hearing the Drayton Parish Council was represented by its Clerk, Lir J.C.Newman.

The land the subject of the reference has been a stopping point for omnibuses since 1929. In 1955 the Parish Council placed some seats on it and in 1960 erected the present bus shelter. In my view, the Parish Council has thus been acting adversely to the interests of the true owner and has now acquired a possessory title to the land.

On this evidence I am satisfied that the Parish Council is the owner of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the Oxfordshire County Council, as registration authority, to register the Parish Council as the owner of the land under section 8(2) 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 27th day of October 1975

Chief Commons Commissioner