



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No.41/D/2

In the Matter of The Green,
Grafton, Wiltshire.

DECISION

This dispute relates to the registration at Entry No.1 in the Land Section of Register Unit No.V.G.8 in the Register of Town or Village Greens maintained by the Hampshire County Council and is occasioned by Objection No.54 made by Mr. R.R. Browning and noted in the Register on 19th April 1971.

I held a hearing for the purpose of inquiring into the dispute at Salisbury on 23rd October 1973. The hearing was attended by Mr. H.J.Dugdale, the Clerk of the Grafton Parish Council. Mr. Browning did not attend nor was he represented.

Mr. Dugdale called a number of witnesses who had known East Grafton for many years - one of them for over 70 years. During the period of living memory the land in question has never been fenced and inhabitants of the parish have indulged in lawful sports and pastimes on it without seeking permission or being subjected to interference. This evidence, supported as it is by the fact that the land has been known as "The Green", leads me to infer that it was so used as of right.

For these reasons I confirm the registration.

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 14th day of January 1974

Chief Commons Commissioner