

Reference Nos 210/D/214 210/D/216

COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

In the Matter of About 23 acres of Land, Portland, Weymouth and Portland, Dorset (No. 3).

DECISION

These disputes relate to the registration at Entry No. 2 in the Ownership section of Register Unit No. CL 71 in the Register of Common Land maintained by the Dorset County Council and are occasioned by Objection No. 946 made by the Secretary of State for Defence and noted in the Register on 3 November 1971 and the conflicting registration at Entry No. 1 in the same section of the Register Unit.

I held a hearing for the purpose of inquiring into the dispute at Dorchester on 23 September 1976. The hearing was attended by Miss R. Cullen, of Counsel, on behalf of the Hon. Pleydell-Bouverie, Mr J L Lowther, and Mr M P Wyndam (hereafter referred to as "the Ilchester Trustees"), the applicants for the registration, Mr N. Butterfield, of Counsel, on behalf of the Secretary of State for Defence and the Crown Estate Commissioners, the applicants for the conflicting registration.

It was stated in a letter dated 28 November 1972 from Messrs Drivers Jonas, the agents for the Ilchester Trustees, to the Clerk of the former Dorset County Council that the registration related to land comprised in another Register Unit. In these circumstances it only remains for me to refuse to 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 170 day of March 1977

Chief Commons Commissioner