



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No. 69/U/4

In the Matter of Horfield Common
Bristol, Avon

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land, containing about 33.8 acres and known as Horfield Common, Bristol being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. VG.6 in the Register of Town or Village Greens maintained by the Avon County Council of which no person is registered under section 4 of the Commons Registration Act 1965 as the owner.

When making this reference the Council of the City and County of Bristol claimed that there was a conveyance showing that the Corporation owned the land in question. Following upon the public notice of this reference no other person claimed to be the freehold owner of the land or 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 Bristol on 19 March 1975. At the hearing, the City Council of Bristol were represented by Mr. A.B. Pitt, assistant solicitor in the City Clerks Department.

Mr. W.A. Knowles who was born in Bristol 65 years ago, who has lived there all his life who is now Chief Conveyancing Clerk employed by the Council and who has been employed by them and their predecessors, the Corporation of the City and County of Bristol for the last 16 years, in the course of his evidence produced a conveyance dated 4 October 1908 by which land was conveyed to the Mayor Aldermen and Burgesses of the City of Bristol. Mr. Knowles identified part of the land so conveyed with the land comprised in this Register Unit.

On this evidence I am satisfied that the City Council are the owners of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the Avon County Council, as registration authority, to register the City Council of Bristol as the owners of the land under section 3(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 7th —

day of April — 1975

a. a. Baden Fuller

Commons Commissioner