



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No.2/U/17

In the Matter of Langborough
Recreation Ground, Wokingham,
Berkshire.

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as Langborough Recreation Ground, Wokingham, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. V.G.29 in the Register of Town or Village Greens maintained by the 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 Reading on 10th October 1972.

The only appearance at the hearing was by Mr. N.E. Butler, the Town Clerk of Wokingham. Mr. Butler produced certified extracts from the Wokingham Inclosure Award dated 3rd July 1817 and the accompanying map, from which it appears that the land in question was allotted to the Surveyors of the Highways of the Parish of Wokingham as and for public gravel and sand pits. All the powers and duties of the Surveyors of Highways in Wokingham were transferred to the Wokingham Corporation acting by the Council and the land held by the Surveyors was vested in the Corporation by sections 144 and 149 of the Public Health Act 1875.

For these reasons I am satisfied that the Wokingham Corporation is the owner of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the Berkshire County Council, as registration authority, to register the Corporation 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 25th day of October 1972

Chief Commons Commissioner