



In the Matter of Northfields (part), Wantage Road,
Lambourn, Berkshire.

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as Northfields (part), Wantage Road, Lambourn, being the part of the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No CL 125 in the Register of Common Land 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 Newbury on 1 February 1978.

At the hearing the Newbury District Council was represented by Mr K R Page, its Senior Administrative Officer.

The land in question is a strip fronting onto Wantage Road. The land to the rear has been developed as a housing estate. The whole area was conveyed to the former Hungerford Rural District Council by a conveyance made 3 May 1941 between (1) Eleanor Churchill Beger (2) E C Beger, George Henry Rigby and Bernard Alleyne Murray (3) G. H. Rigby (4) Hungerford Rural District Council. The land belonging to the former Rural District Council is now vested in the District Council by virtue of the Local Government Act 1972 and the Orders made under that Act.

On this evidence I am satisfied that the Newbury District Council is the owner of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the Berkshire County Council, as registration authority, to register the District 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 20th day of February 1978


CHIEF COMMONS COMMISSIONER