



In the Matter of Land at Asheridge,
Buckinghamshire

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land at Asheridge being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No CL 271 in the Register of Common Land maintained by the Buckinghamshire 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 Sir John Forsdyke claimed to be the freehold owner of parts of the land in question and no other person 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 Aylesbury on 27 June 1978.

At the hearing Sir John Forsdyke was represented by Mr C Chalcker, solicitor.

The land the subject of the reference consists of two narrow strips separated by a road. A section of each of these strips was conveyed to Sir John Forsdyke, with other land, by a conveyance made 29 June 1949 between (1) Armored Annie Charlotte Mumford (2) Sir Edgar John Forsdyke. Sir John has since been in possession of this land.

On this evidence I am satisfied that Sir John Forsdyke is the owner of these sections of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the Buckinghamshire County Council, as registration authority, to register him as the owner of these sections of the land under section 8(2) of the Act of 1965.

In the absence of any evidence I am not satisfied that any person is the owner of the rest of the land the subject of the reference, and it will therefore remain subject to protection under section 9 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 24th day of

July

1978