



In the Matter of Land at Rockram Wood,  
Cadnam, Hampshire.

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land at Rockram Wood, Cadnam, being the part of the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. CL 290 in the Register of Common Land maintained by the former Hampshire 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 the Forestry Commission and the Department of the Environment claimed to be the freehold owners 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 Winchester on 23 February 1977.

At the hearing Mr E B Jones, solicitor, appeared for the Department of Transport, and Mr F P R Hallows, of counsel, appeared for the Forestry Commission.

By a conveyance made 4 March 1970 between (1) The Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries, and Food (2) The Verderers of the New Forest (3) The Minister of Transport parts of the land the subject of the reference were conveyed to the Minister of Transport. Parts of the land so conveyed subsequently became vested in the former Hampshire County Council, as highway authority, by virtue of the Folkestone-Honiton Trunk Road (Cadnam Improvement) Order 1969 (S.I. 1969, No. 1043) and the Folkestone-Honiton Trunk Road (Cadnam Improvement) (No. 2) Order 1972 (S.I. 1972, No. 61).

Two small areas of land adjoining the northern boundary were transferred to and vested in the Forestry Commissioners by art. 1 (1) of the Forestry (Transfer of Woods) Order 1926 (S.R. & O. 1926, No. 577). These areas are now vested in the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries, and Food by virtue of the Forestry Act 1945.

On this evidence I am satisfied that the Department of Transport, the Hampshire County Council, and the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries, and Food are the owners of the respective parts of the land above-mentioned and I shall accordingly direct the Hampshire County Council, as registration authority, to register them as the owners of those parts of the land under section 6(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

April

1977

Chief Commons Commissioner