



In the Matter of Sevenoaks Common (part),  
Sevenoaks, Kent.

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as Sevenoaks Common (part), Sevenoaks, being the part of the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. CL 97 in the Register of Common Land maintained by the Kent 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 Mr and Mrs D F Miller, Miss D E Mason and Miss C J Smith, Mr and Mrs R L Pegrum, the Sevenoaks Town Council, Mr and Mrs A W Thomas, Mr V S. Stuchbery, Mr P E Bridgwater, Mr G A N Thomas 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. However, the land in which Mr and Mrs Miller, Miss Mason and Miss Smith, Mr and Mrs Pegrum, Mr and Mrs A W Thomas, Mr Stuchbery, Mr Bridgwater, and Mr G A N Thomas are interested is registered under the Land Registration Acts 1925 to 1971 and is therefore outside the ambit of this reference.

I held a hearing for the purpose of inquiring into the question of the ownership of the land at Maidstone on 26 March 1981. At the hearing Mr and Mrs Miller, Mr and Mrs Pegrum, Mr and Mrs A W Thomas and Mr G A N Thomas were represented by Mr R L Pegrum, solicitor, and the Sevenoaks Town Council was represented by Mr P Storey, the Town Clerk.

The whole of the land the subject of the reference was conveyed to the former Sevenoaks Urban District Council by the following conveyances made:-

- A. 10 February 1949 between (1) West Heath Ltd (2) Sevenoaks U.D.C.
- B. 17 June 1949 between (1) Kent Uplands Ltd (2) Sevenoaks U.D.C.
- C. 2 June 1950 between (1) Seven Oaks Land Co Ltd (2) Sevenoaks U.D.C.
- D. 12 December 1950 between (1) Aubrey Lucia Lee (2) Sevenoaks U.D.C.
- E. 10 July 1957 between Charles John, Baron Sackville (2) Sevenoaks U.D.C.
- F. 29 August 1961 between (1) Leslie Alfred George Hawkes (2) Sevenoaks U.D.C.

This land was transferred to the Sevenoaks Town Council on 1 April 1974 by the Local Authorities (England) (Property etc.) Order 1973 (S.I. 1973, No. 1851).

On this evidence I am satisfied that the Sevenoaks Town Council is the owner of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the Kent County Council, as registration authority, to register the Town Council as the owner 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

3rd

day of

April

1981

Chief Commons Commissioner