



In the Matter of Combe Hill, Pendle, Lancashire (No. 2)

DECISION

These disputes relate to the registration at Entry No. 1 in the Rights section of Register Unit No. CL 258 in the Register of Common Land maintained by the Lancashire County Council and are occasioned by Objection Nos 423 and 424 both made by the Executors of H Bannister, deceased, and both noted in the Register on 27 July 1972.

I held a hearing for the purpose of inquiring into the dispute at Preston on 30 January 1981. The hearing was attended by Mr F Roberts, solicitor, on behalf of the Objectors. There was no appearance by or on behalf of Mr J Parker, the applicant for the registration, but Mr Roberts asked me to adjourn the hearing pending the signing of a consent by Mr Parker.

By a deed made 29 February 1981 between (1) James Metcalfe Beswick and Robert Walker (2) Joseph Parker there was granted to Mr Parker the right to graze 30 ewes over an area consisting of most of the land comprised in the Register Unit together with other land for a term of 999 years at a peppercorn rent. This was followed by a letter dated 19 March 1981, addressed to the Clerk of the Commons Commissioners, in which Mr Parker's solicitors stated that he wished to rely solely and exclusively on this lease.

In these circumstances I refuse to confirm the registration.

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

31st

day of

March

1981

CHIEF COMMONS COMMISSIONER