



In the Matter of The Howdale, ~~Road~~, *Howdale Road*,  
Downham Market, Norfolk

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of the land described above being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit NO. VG 95 in the Register of Town or Village Greens maintained by the Norfolk 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 West Norfolk District Council claimed to be the freehold owner 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 Kings Lynn on 5 December 1979.

At the hearing the District Council was represented by Mr P Hodgson, Solicitor. He produced a Conveyance dated 6 September 1939, ~~Between~~, Sir Thomas ~~Leigh~~ Hare (1) Charles W J Howard and others (2) and Downham Market Urban District Council ("The UDC") (3), whereby there was conveyed to the UDC all the estate and interest of the Lord of the Manor (Sir Thomas ~~Leigh~~ Hare) of and in the Howdale. The West Norfolk District Council is under the provisions of the Local Government Act 1972 the successor in title to the UDC.

On this evidence I am satisfied that West Norfolk District Council is the owner of the land and I shall accordingly direct the Norfolk County Council, as registration authority, to register it as the owner of the land under section 8(3) 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

*4<sup>th</sup> January 1980*

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*L. J. Morris Smith*

Commons Commissioner