



In the Matter of Middleham High Moor, West Witton,
and Middleham Low Moor, The Busks and Western
Willows and Town Wastes, Middleham, North Yorkshire.

DECISION

These disputes relate to the registrations at Entry Nos 4, 6 - 11, 18 and 19 in the Rights section of Register Unit No. CL 52 in the Register of Common Land maintained by the former North Riding of Yorkshire County Council and are occasioned by Objection No. 0229 made by the Middleham Moor Committee and Objection No. 0230 made by the Middleham Parish Council and both noted in the Register on 4 November 1970.

I held a hearing for the purpose of inquiring into the dispute at Richmond on 19 July 1977. The hearing was attended by Mr J C Scott, solicitor, on behalf of the applicants for the registrations at Entry Nos 6 - 10, 18, and 19, and on behalf of the Parish Council, and by Mrs M Freeman, the applicant for the registration at Entry No. 11. There was no appearance by or on behalf of the applicants for the registration at Entry No. 4, or on behalf of the Middleham Moor Committee.

Each registration the subject of the Objections is of a right to graze cattle and ewes and followers from 22 May to 22 November in each year. Mr Scott informed me that it had been agreed between his clients that the period should end on 11 October and in the case of the followers on 31 August. Mr Scott also informed me that the Parish Council would be content for the registration at Entry No. 4 to be confirmed if so modified.

In these circumstances I confirm all the registrations with the agreed modifications.

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 9th day of August 1977

Chief Commons Commissioner