



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No.2/U/15

In the Matter of Land opposite the  
"Black Horse", East Hanney, Berkshire.

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as Land opposite the "Black Horse", East Hanney, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No.V.G.26 in the Register of Town or Village Greens maintained by the Berkshire 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 East Hanney Parish Council, Mr. G.E. Herman, Mr. M.D. Green, Miss M.E. Hodgkinson, and Mr. T.J.F.Herman and Mrs. M.G. Herman (jointly) all 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 Reading on 10th October 1972.

At the hearing the Parish Council was represented by Mr. R. Hodgson, its Chairman, Mr. S.B.P. Capel, solicitor, appeared for Miss Hodgkinson, and Mr. G.E. Herman and Mr. Green appeared in person. None of the other claimants appeared or was represented. Mr. Capel, on behalf of Miss Hodgkinson, and Mr. G.E. Herman and Mr. Green all withdrew their claims. Mr. Hodgson said that the Parish Council erected a bus shelter on the land about three years ago, but he could not produce any other evidence to support the Council's claim to ownership.

I am not satisfied that any person is the owner of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the Berkshire County Council, as registration authority, to register the East Hanney Parish Council 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 this 25<sup>th</sup> day of October 1972

  
Chief Commons Commissioner