



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference Nos: 233/U/34
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In the Matter of

- (1) Freehay (below St Chad's Church),
- (2) Freehay (opposite Mud Dale Lane),
- (3) Threapwood Quarries (Counslow),
- (4) land near Newfield Farm (at Litley), and
- (5) land near Draycott Cross, all in Cheadle Township, Staffordshire Moorlands District, Staffordshire

DECISION

These references relate to the question of the ownership of (1) land known as Freehay (below St Chad's Church), (2) land at Freehay (opposite Mud Dale Lane), (3) land known as Threapwood Quarries (Counslow), (4) land near Newfield Farm (at Litley), and (5) land near Draycott Cross, all in Cheadle Township, Staffordshire Moorlands District being the lands comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit (1) No. CL82, (2) No. CL83, (3) No. CL84, (4) No. CL85 and (5) No. CL86 in the Register of Common Land maintained by the Staffordshire 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 H Hulse said (letters dated 7 and 9 October 1975) that the CL83 land (opposite Mud Dale Lane) has been acknowledged locally as belonging to the Staffordshire County Council, and Cheadle Town Council (letter dated 23 January 1976) said that it (the CL83 land) was in their ownership. No other person claimed to be the freehold owner of any of the lands in question or to have information as to the ownership of any of them.

I held hearings for the purpose of inquiring into the question of the ownership of the lands at Hanley (Stoke-on-Trent) on 4 (CL82, 83, 84 and 85) and 5 (CL86) July 1978. There was no appearance at the hearings.

In the absence of any evidence I am not satisfied that any person is the owner of any of the lands and they will therefore remain subject to protection under Section 9 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 13th day of July 1978

a. a. Barber

Commons Commissioner