

COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No. 234/U/127

In the Matter of Old Forge Area, Debenham

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 73 in the Register of Town or Village Greens maintained by the former East Suffolk 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 P E Neave claimed to be the freehold owner of part of the land in question ("the Unit land") 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 Ipswich on 28 February 1980.

At the hearing Mr Neave appeared and Mr A Leach the Chairman of Debenham Parish Council appeared but made no claim to ownership.

The part of the Unit land to which Mr Neave claimed ownership is the part forming the north western section and he produced a Conveyance dated 13 February 1967 between (1) Edith A Hammond and Others as personal representatives of The Hammond and (2) Peter Ellis Neave. I also saw the earlier title deeds and am satisfied that Mr Neave is the owner of the section claimed. As to the remainder of the Unit land there was no evidence of ownership.

I shall accordingly direct the Suffolk County Council, as registration authority, to register Mr Neave as the owner of the section claimed by him and Debenham Parish Council as the owner of the remainder of the Unit land under section 8 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

18 March

1980

L. J. manis Smith

Commons Commissioner