



In the Matter of Hogs Back Downs, Puttenham, Surrey

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land described above being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. CL.190 in the Register of Common Land maintained by the Surrey 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 Surrey County Council claimed to be the freehold owner 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 Guildford on 21 June 1983. At the hearing the County Council was represented by Mr Daniels, an officer in its employment. He produced a Conveyance dated 20 July 1935 by which Ferdinand W Smallpiece conveyed to the County Council of land which included the unit land.

On this evidence I am satisfied that Surrey County Council is the owner of the unit land, and I shall accordingly direct the County Council as registration authority, to register itself as the owner under section 8 (2) 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 7 September 1983

*L. J. Morris Smith*

Commons Commissioner