



In the Matter of Land at Brookwick Copse  
(part of Wotton Common), Wotton, Surrey.

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land at Brookwick Copse (part of Wotton Common), Wotton, being the part of the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. CL 98 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 no person claimed to be the freehold owner of the land in question and no one 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 17 June 1977.

There was no appearance at the hearing by any person entitled to be heard, but Mr P A C Trower of Messrs King and Chasemore, agents for Mr J P M H Evelyn, the owner of some adjoining land, informed me that it was possible that the land the subject of the reference was owned by the Duke of Norfolk. Attempts by the Clerk of the Commons Commissioners and Messrs King and Chasemore to pursue this matter have proved fruitless, so I can only say that in the absence of any evidence I am not satisfied that any person is the owner of the land, and it 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

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day of

October

1978

CHIEF COMMONS COMMISSIONER