



In the Matter of Runnymede (part),
Egham, Surrey

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as Runnymede (part), Egham, being the part of the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. CL 488 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 14 December 1979.

At the hearing the National Trust was represented by Mr D J Carter, one of its members.

The ownership of most of the land comprised in this Register Unit has been registered, so that the reference relates only to two small areas. One of these, bounded on the north by the Thames and on the south by a road, was conveyed to the National Trust with other land by a deed of dedication and conveyance made 29 December 1956 between (1) The National Trust for Places of Historic Interest or Natural Beauty (2) The Urban District Council of Egham in exchange for some other land held by the National Trust under the National Trust Acts 1907 to 1937.

On this evidence I am satisfied that the National Trust is the owner of the part of the land conveyed by the deed, and I shall accordingly direct the Surrey County Council, as registration authority, to register the National Trust as the owner of that part of the land under section 8(2) of the Act of 1965.

In the absence of any evidence I am not satisfied that any person is the owner of the other part of the land the subject of the reference, 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

14th

day of

January

1980

Chief Commons Commissioner