



In the Matter of Ryton Willows and Reed Side,  
Ryton, Gateshead, Metropolitan B

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DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land described above being the part of the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. CL 88 in the Register of Common Land maintained by the former Durham County Council, of which no person is registered under section 4 of the Commons Registration Act 1965 as the owner and which is not registered freehold under the Land Registration Acts.

Following upon the public notice of this reference Gateshead Metropolitan Borough Council ("Gateshead") claimed to be the freehold owner of the land in question 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 in question at Newcastle Upon Tyne on 18 October 1983.

At the hearing Mr R T Harrison, Legal Executive of Gateshead, appeared on its behalf. A small section of the land in CL 88 is registered freehold under title no. TY 49887, and this inquiry is not concerned with that section.

Mr Harrison produced a conveyance of land comprising CL 88 to Ryton Urban District Council (to which Gateshead is successor authority) dated 21 February 1964 and made by the Church Commissioners.

On this evidence I am satisfied that Gateshead is the owner of the land in question and I shall accordingly direct the Tyne and Wear County Council, as registration authority, to register it 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 3 November 1983

*L. J. Morris Smith*  
Commons Commissioner