

COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965



Reference No. 238/U/76

In the Matter of Colhook Common (part) and  
the Additional Pieces of Waste adjoining,  
Northchapel, West Sussex

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as Colhook Common (part) and the additional piece of waste adjoining, Northchapel being the part of the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. CL.103 in the Register of Common Land maintained by the West Sussex 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 Chichester on 7th May 1982. At the hearing, the County Council was represented by Mr P.J. Lucas, Solicitor.

The land the subject of the reference consists of a long strip lying to the north-eastern side of the London Petworth road (A.283) and was conveyed to the former West Sussex County Council by a Conveyance made 21 January 1969 between (1) James Edward Reginald, Baron Egremont (2) John Gore Phillimore, The Hon. Hugh Mark Wyndham, and Sir Walter Leslie Farrer (3) The County Council of the Administrative County of West Sussex. This land was transferred to the West Sussex County Council by the Local Authorities (England) (Property etc) Order 1973 (S.I. 1973 No. 1861).

On this evidence I am satisfied that the West Sussex County Council is the owner of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the County Council, as registration authority, to register itself as the owner of the land 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 this

18th

day of

May

1982

Chief Commons Commissioner