



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No.37/U/35

In the Matter of Roadside Strips at Birch
Grove, Horsted Keynes, East Sussex.

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as Roadside Strips at Birch Grove, Horsted Keynes, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No.C.L.22 in the Register of Common Land maintained by the East 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 Lewes on 30th November 1972.

At the hearing Mr. J.M. Blyth, solicitor, appeared for the Ashdown and General Land Co.Ltd. Mr. Blyth produced a conveyance dated 15th November 1928, whereby Henry Rainald, Viscount Gage, as lord of the manor of Maresfield, conveyed to the Ashdown and General Land Co.Ltd. the whole of the land in question in this reference.

For these reasons I am satisfied that the Ashdown and General Land Co. Ltd. is the owner of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the East Sussex County Council, as registration authority, to register that company 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 12th day of December 1972


 Chief Commons Commissioner