



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No 238/U/8

In the Matter of The Green at Penlands  
(part), Steyning, West Sussex

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DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as The Green, at Penlands (part), Steyning, being the part of the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No CL. 274 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 11th June 1976.

At the hearing Mr A E Perry, solicitor, appeared for the West Sussex County Council, as highway authority.

The land comprised in the Register Unit lies on the western side of Bramber Road. By a conveyance made 1st December 1936 between (1) Hugh Fuller Ingram and Leslie Victor Downe (2) West Sussex County Council a strip of land coloured pink on the plan attached to the conveyance was conveyed to the County Council. Part of this strip is comprised in the Register Unit. The remainder of the land comprised in the Register Unit is registered freehold under Title Nos SX 48027 and SX 38693.

With the assistance of the expert evidence of Mr N A Wagstaff, a chartered civil engineer in the County Surveyor's department, I am satisfied that the County Council is the owner of a strip of land 20 feet wide next to Bramber Road, this strip and the two parcels of registered land together making up the whole of the land comprised in the Register Unit, and I shall accordingly direct the West Sussex 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 28th day of

June

1976

Chief Commons Commissioner