



In the Matter of Several Pieces of Land at  
Greenham Common, Greenham, Berkshire.

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of several pieces of land at Greenham Common, Greenham, being the part of the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No CL 13 in the Register of Common Land maintained by the Berkshire 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 Newbury on 2 February 1978.

At the hearing the Newbury District Council was represented by Mr B T Jones, solicitor.

Part of the land the subject of this reference was conveyed to the former Newbury Corporation by a conveyance made 4 February 1939 between (1) Christina Erskine and Orlando Matthews (2) South of England Real Estate Co. Ltd (3) Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Newbury. Another part was conveyed to the Corporation by a conveyance made 4 February 1955 between (1) Frederick George Chalke and William Ewart Chalke (2) Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Newbury. The remainder was acquired by the Corporation under a deed of exchange made 9 August 1962 between (1) Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Newbury (2) Berkshire County Council. The whole of the land became vested in the District Council on 1 April 1974 by virtue of the Local Government Act 1972 and the orders made under that Act.

On this evidence I am satisfied that the Newbury District Council is the owner of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the Berkshire County Council, as registration authority, to register the District Council 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 22<sup>nd</sup> day of February 1978

CHIEF COMMONS COMMISSIONER