



In the Matter of Piece of land near the Green
Man Public House, Herongate, Brentwood D

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. VG 72 in the Register of Town or Village Greens maintained by the Essex 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 Lord Petre 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 at Chelmsford on 21 July 1983.

At the hearing Lord Petre appeared in person. Part of the land comprised in VG 72 is registered in the Ownership Section as belonging to the District Council of Brentwood and a second part has a title registered under the Land Registration Acts. It is with the remaining part ("the land in question") that this inquiry is concerned, and of which Lord Petre claims ownership. The land in question is within the manor of Ingrave which, with other manors, was vested in him by a Conveyance dated 25 November 1935 and executed by the trustees of a settlement which had come to an end. Lord Petre told me that in 1949 and 1962 he had granted licences to the proprietors of the Green for the erection and illumination of a sign board on the land.

On this evidence I am satisfied that Lord Petre is the owner of the land in question and I shall accordingly direct the Essex County Council, as registration authority, to register him 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

21 October

1983

L. J. Morris Smith

Commons Commissioner