



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No 219/U/87

In the Matter of two pieces being part of
Higham Common, Higham, Gravesham Borough,
Kent

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of two pieces of land being part of Higham Common, Higham, Gravesham Borough, and being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No CL 141 in the Register of Common Land maintained by the Kent County Council of which no person is registered under section 4 of the Commons Registration Act 1965 as the owner. One of the said pieces is (as I scale the Register map) about 150 yards long and about 60 yards wide and is at the northwest end of Higham Common by the edge of the River Thames. The other piece is a narrow strip about half a mile long extending southwest from a point on the Common a little to the south of Barrow Hill.

Following upon the public notice of this reference no person claimed to be the freehold owner of the land in question and no 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 Sittingbourne on 20 May 1976. There was no attendance at the hearing.

In the absence of any evidence I am not satisfied that any person is the owner of the land and it will therefore be subject to protection under section 9 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 25th day of May — 1976

a. a. Burtan Fuller

Commons Commissioner