



In the Matter of Swineside Moor (part), Carlton Highdale,  
North Yorkshire

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DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as Swineside Moor (part), Carlton Highdale, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. CL/379 in the Register of Common Land maintained by the former North Riding of Yorkshire 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 Richmond on 21 July 1977.

At the hearing Mr E R D Johnson, solicitor, appeared for the five applicants for registrations in the Rights Section of Register Unit No. CL 37, which comprises the major part of Swineside Moor. However, the title deeds of all these persons refer only to cattlegates, and there was no evidence as to the ownership of the soil.

In the absence of any evidence I am not satisfied that any person is the owner of the land, and it will therefore remain 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 *9th* day of *August* 1977

  
Chief Commons Commissioner