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In the Matter of Horsell Common (part), Woking, Surrey.

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as Horsell Common, Woking, being the part of the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. CL 100 in the Register of Common Land maintained by the Surrey 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 the Horsell Common Preservation Society 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 Guildford on 22 January 1981.

At the hearing the Preservation Society was represented by Mr J G Hanning, solicitor.

The land in question was conveyed to trustees for the Society by a conveyance made 1 August 1966 between (1) William Arthur Bampfylde, 6th Earl of Onslow (2) Sir Arthur John Driver and Sir William Arthur Steward (3) Ralph Porton Cabriel, Kenneth Barwick Wilson, John Guy Hanning, and Fitzroy Woods. The present trustees are Mr Gabriel, Mr Hanning, Commander F R A Turnbill, and Mr H N Walker.

On this evidence I am satisfied that the present trustees are the owners of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the Surrey County Council, as registration authority, to register them as the owners 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

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day of January

1981

Chief Commons Commissioner