



In the matter of land at the Horns and Grants Lane (part of Staffhurst Wood)  
Limpsfield, Tandridge D

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land described above being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. CL 375 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 Mr D A Young claimed to be the freehold owner of the land in question ("the Unit land") 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 Unit land at Guildford on 7 November 1984. At the hearing Mrs A Williams, Solicitor, appeared on behalf of Mr Young: no other claimant appeared.

The Unit land consists of 2 areas, the northern of the two (the north area) near to a property called The Horns and the southern (the south area) at the end of Grants Lane: the 2 areas are separate but close to one another. Mrs Williams produced a Conveyance dated 2 February 1951 by which R H G Leveson Gower and others conveyed to Daniel A Young and Arthur Young land coloured pink on the plan in the Conveyance and all the estate and interest of the Vendor in land coloured green. The plan on the Conveyance is somewhat roughly drawn, but it appears that the pink land includes the north area and the green land comprises the south area. Mrs Williams, on instructions, told me that the claimant had been in possession of the 2 areas since 1951, and this was confirmed by a Mrs Percy who has long been familiar with the district. Mr Arthur Young, the claimant's father, is now deceased.

On the evidence I am satisfied that the claimant is the owner of the Unit land, and I shall accordingly direct the Surrey 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

10 January 1985

*L. J. Morris Smith*

Commons Commissioner