



In the Matter of Westfield Common,
Woking, Surrey.

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as Westfield Common, Woking, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. CL 121 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 no person claimed to be the freehold owner of the land in question, but Messrs Cardales, solicitors, 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 6 October 1977.

At the hearing the Woking Borough Council was represented by Mr R A Payne, its Principal Legal Assistant.

Since the reference was made practically the whole of the land in question has been registered under the Land Registration Acts 1925 to 1965 under Title No. SY 454321. I have therefore no jurisdiction to consider the question of the ownership of this part of the land.

In the absence of any evidence regarding the remainder of the land I am not satisfied that any person is the owner of the very small parts which are not registered and those parts 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 18th day of October 1977

CHIEF COMMONS COMMISSIONER