



In the matter of Butts Lane Row Waste,
Slindon, West Sussex.

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as Butts Lane Row Waste, Slindon, being ~~the part of~~ the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. CL 295 in the Register of Common Land maintained by the West Sussex 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 National Trust 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 Chichester on 19 February 1981.

At the hearing the National Trust was represented by Mrs G Shipp, one of its members.

The land in question was conveyed to the late Mr F J F W Isaacson by an indenture made 22 May 1914 between (1) Allan Charles Malcolm Lister (2) Frederick John Francis Wootton Isaacson. Mr Isaacson died on 19 February 1948 and by his will left this and other land to the National Trust. The land was vested in the National Trust by an assent made 24 February 1950 between (1) Bernard Edward Fitzalan Howard Baron Howard of Glossop (2) The National Trust for Places of Historic Interest and Natural Beauty.

On this evidence I am satisfied that the National Trust is the owner of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the West Sussex County Council, as registration authority, to register the National Trust as the owner 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

3rd

day of

March

1981

Chief Commons Commissioner