Reference No 238/U/65

In the Matter of Steers Common (part), Kirdford, West Sussex

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as Steers Common (part), Kirdford, being the part of the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. CL 107 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 Mr P M Luttman-Johnson 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 17 February 1981.

At the hearing Mr Luttman-Johnson appeared in person.

The land in question is shown in the terrier of the estate of the Rev. Henry Luttman-Johnson, who was born in 1800. From him it passed to Mr Luttman-Johnson's father and to Mr Johnson-Luttman, and has been continuously in their possession.

On this evidence I am satisfied that Mr Luttman-Johnson is the owner of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the West Sussex County Council, as registration authority, to register him 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

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Chief Commons Commissioner