



In the Matter of The Ham, Shoreham-by-Sea,
Adur D.C.

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as The Ham Shoreham-by-Sea Adur D.C. being the part of the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. VG.62 in the Register of Town or Village Greens 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 Adur District Council 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 3 October 1979.

Mrs Richards the Clerk to Adur District Council appeared and she said that her Council was the successor to Shoreham RDC and that it was the belief of her Council that the land in question and other land part of which is now in the ownership of British Railways had been conveyed by Deed to Shoreham but that notwithstanding efforts on her behalf the Deed could not be found.

In the absence of any evidence I am not satisfied that any person is the owner of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the West Sussex County Council, as registration authority, to register Adur District Council as the owner of the land under Section 8 (3) 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 2nd day of November 1979

Y. A. Little

Commons Commissioner