

COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No. 202/U/57

In the Matter of the land known as Bachelors' Acre, Windsor

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as Bachelors' Acre. Windsor being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. VG 21 in the Register of Town or Village Greens maintained by the Berkshire 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 Windsor and Maidenhead Royal Borough 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 Reading on 16 July 1981.

Mrs J K Linley appeared for the Royal Borough Council and produced a Statutory Declaration made by herself which showed that the said land had been allotted to the Borough of New Windsor by an Inclosure Award made on 29 October 1819. I have since received a further Statutory Declaration made on the 23 July 1981 by the Borough Secretary which in my view establishes that the present Borough has a possessory title to the said land.

On this evidence I am satisfied that the said Royal Borough Council is the owner of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the Berkshire County Council, as registration authority, to register the said Council 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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Commons Commissioner