

COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No 234/D/63, 64 and 76

In the Matter of Queens Head Green, Blyford, Waveney D

DECISION

These disputes relate to the registration at Entry No 1 in the Land Section of Register Unit No VG. 48 in the Register of Town or Village Greens maintained by the former East Suffolk County Council and are occasioned by Objection No 47 made East Suffolk County Council and noted in the Register on 30 September 1970 and the conflicting registration at Entry No 1 in the Land Section of Register Unit No CL. 57 in the Register of Common Land maintained by the Council.

I held a hearing for the purpose of inquiring into the dispute at Ipswich on 28 October 1976. The hearing was attended by Mr Matthews on behalf of the Suffolk County Council the successor to East Suffolk County Council.

The land in question, a triangular plot at the junction of and entirely surrounded by two roads with an area of 0.304 of an acre, was registered as a village green by the Parish Meeting. It is clear that this land was not suitable for lawful sports or rastimes and the Parish wisely withdrew its registration. For this reason I refuse to confirm the Entry in the Land Section of Unit No VG. 48.

The land was also registered as common land by Col J J Day under the description 'Triangular Piece of land lying to the South of the Queens Head Public House and to the East of All Saints Church Byford, Unit No CL. 57 and his claim to ownership in the Cwnership Section of that Unit is final. Not surprisingly there are no entries in the Rights Section of the Register.

Col J J Day was not represented at the hearing and since the Entry in the Land Section is provisional I indicated that I was reluctant to confirm that Registration which in my view serves no useful purpose and I was minded to adjourn Reference 234/D/63 in order to ascertain whether the land was commonland and whether Col Day had any valid reason for wishing to confer on this small parcel of land entirely surrounded by road the status of common land. However subsequent to the hearing it appears that Col Day is Lord of the Manor and the land therefore is waste of a manor and there being no objection to the Entry in the Land Section of Unit CL. 57 I have no alternative but to confirm that Entry.

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 22 day of February

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