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In the Matter of St John's Lye (part), adjacent to Church Road, St John's, Woking, Surrey.

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as St John's Lye (part), adjacent to Church Road, St John's, Woking, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. CL 413 in the Register of Common Land maintained by the Surrey 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 no person claimed to be the freehold owner of the land in question and no one 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 Guildford on 22 January 1981.

At the hearing Mr T A McLaurin, one of the applicants for the registration in the Rights section of the Register Unit, appeared in person, and the Woking Borough Council was represented by Mr R G Smith, solicitor.

There was no documentary evidence regarding the ownership of the land in question, and Ir Smith informed me that the Borough Council was unable to claim a possessory title to the land.

In the absence of any evidence I am not satisfied that any person is the owner of the land, and it will therefore remain subject to protection under section 9 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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day of January

1981

Chief Commons Commissioner