

COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No.2/U/11

In the Matter of Land by King's Farm, East Hanney, Berkshire.

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as Land by King's Farm, East Hanney, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No.V.G.22 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 the East Hanney Parish 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 5th October 1972.

Although the East Hanney Parish Council formally claimed the ownership of the land in question, Mr. R. Hodgson, the Chairman of the Parish Council, informed me that the land was derelict and that the Council had done nothing with it. It is coloured on the map attached to the Inclosure Award made in 1804 as though it then formed part of the highway. On this inconclusive evidence I am not satisfied that any person is the owner of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the Berkshire County Council, as registration authority, to register the East Hanney Parish 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 252 day of October 1972

Chief Commons Commissioner