

**ITEMS OF INTEREST DISCUSSED BY THE TRAINING GROUNDS
MANAGEMENT BOARD (TGMB)**

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Annexes/Appendices (attached): None
Other available papers (not attached):

REPORT SUMMARY

This report provides the Conservators with an update on items considered by the Epsom and Walton Downs Training Grounds Management Board.

1 Items considered by the Training Grounds Management Board (TGMB)

1.1 The TGMB last met on 15 September 2017. The Chairman of the Conservators and Training Grounds Manager (Mr Nigel Whybrow) have provided the following report on items considered by the Board, for the Conservators' information.

2 Trainers' Open Day

2.1 The Trainers' Open Day was well attended and feedback received was very positive.

3 The improvements to the Queens stand crossing

3.1 Nick Patton is following up this matter with Surrey County Council Highways Service, and the TGMB is offering to contribute to the costs of the work.

4 Downskeepers

4.1 The TGMB were disappointed to hear that staffing levels are still an issue for the Downskeepers.

5 Cedar point

5.1 The Jockey Club's appointed solicitors lodged a objection to the recent planning application.

6 Winners

6.1 Epsom trained horses continue to perform well with 7 more winners than at the same time last year.

7 Horse numbers

7.1 Racehorses using the training grounds are up 8% from last year.

8 Hatched area

8.1 The hatched area was opened up for hack riders to use and has worked well, but a clearer boundary is needed which will be worked on.