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To: All Members of the Epsom and Walton Downs Conservators

Dear Member

EPSOM AND WALTON DOWNS CONSERVATORS - FRIDAY, 22ND MAY, 2020

Please find attached the following doccument for the meeting of the Epsom and Walton Downs Conservators to be held on Friday, 22nd May, 2020.

1. **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: CONSERVATORS PRESENTATION** (Pages 3 - 12)

The presentation to be given at the meeting of the Epsom and Walton Downs Conservators on 22 May 2020.

For further information, please contact Democratic Services, email: democraticservices@epsom-ewell.gov.uk or tel: 01372 732000

Yours sincerely

Chief Executive



Conservators

22 May 2020 6.30pm



Conservators

- Cllr Liz Frost (Chairman)
- Simon Durrant (Vice Chairman)
- Andrew Cooper
- Simon Dow
- Cllr Bernice Froud

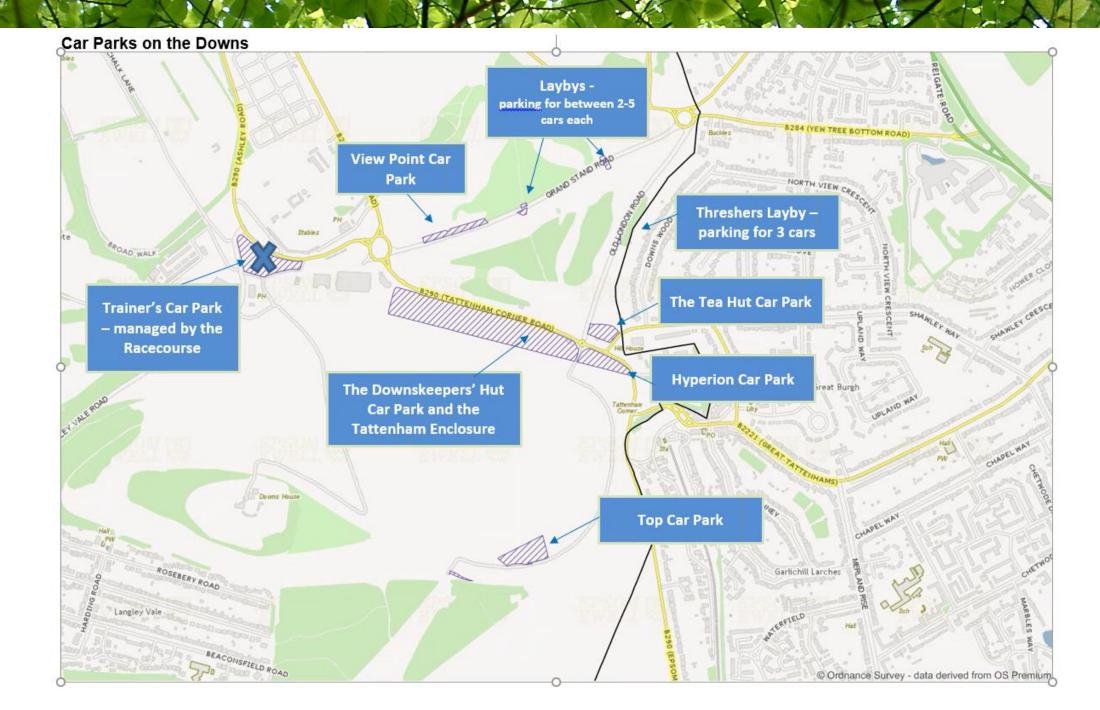
- Cllr Jan Mason
- Cllr Steven McCormick
- Cllr Lucie McIntyre
- Stephen Wallis
- Cllr Clive Woodbridge

Reason for format of meeting

- Coronavirus pandemic means the ability to hold Local Authority Committee Meetings at the Council's Town Hall has been severely restricted
- In the interests of fairness and transparency the Conservators will use the Council's remote committee processes to hold its meetings remotely.
- The public and the press will be able hear and see the Meeting live

Item 1: OPENING AND CLOSURE OF CAR PARKS ON THE DOWNS

To consider whether the car parks on the Downs should now open to the public. To facilitate future decision making by agreeing a scheme of delegation for the opening and closing of the Car Parks managed by the Council on behalf of the Conservators in cases of emergency or urgency.





SOCIAL DISTANCING Observe the 2 metre rule



Parks and open spaces are excellent places to exercise and to get fresh air, which is great for your physical and mental wellbeing. However, we will have to close them if people do not follow the Government's social distancing instructions.

To ensure that everyone can continue to use our parks and open spaces safely:

- * Keep two metres distance from people not in your household
- ★ Do not take part in group fitness activities or group dog walks
- ★ Plan ahead, as many amenities, including playgrounds, toilets and cafes are closed
- * Stay local
- ➤ Epsom Downs is used to train racehorses every morning from 6am to 12 noon. To allow the training to take place safely, do not visit Epsom Downs before 12 noon and please try to avoid the area entirely if you can
- ★ Take your litter home. Our staff are being diverted to deliver critical services, and we need you to take your rubbish home with you rather than using litter bins or littering
- ★ If you arrive and there are crowds or the car park is busy, choose a different park/open space or return another day or time.

We will be monitoring visitor capacity at our parks and open spaces. If necessary we may need to take immediate action such as closing access to car parks, and other measures to ensure the Government's instructions are followed.

HOME RESIDENTS * BUSINESS * VISITORS * COUNCIL

Residents » Venues, sport and leisure facilities » Epsom and Walton Downs

Allotments

Bourne Hall

Epsom and Walton Downs

Epsom Playhouse

Ewell Court House

Nonsuch Park

Parks and open spaces for hire

Parks

Rainbow Leisure Centre

Sports development

Cycling

The Harrier Centre

Walks

Epsom and Walton Downs

Epsom and Walton Downs (Covid-19)

The Downs are private land owned by Epsom Downs Racecourse and managed by the Epsom and Walton Downs Conservators through an Act of Parliament.

The Conservators' principal obligations are to enable the training of the 150 racehorses and associated staff that currently use the gallops up until noon every day, to preserve the Downs in their natural state of beauty, to maintain the public's right of access and to ensure that the various users respect each other's rights and the Downs environment.

In order to manage the threat of the Covid-19 virus, different arrangements have been instigated on Epsom and Walton Downs:

- At this current time, we are asking the public to visit the Downs after 12 noon if possible to allow racehorse training to take place safely.
- · The majority of public car parks on the Downs are completely closed until further notice.
- Public use of the Downs is possible after 12 noon daily, but please try to avoid the area entirely if you can.

For all other enquires, please email contactus@epsom-ewell.gov.uk⊠

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