

# EPSOM AND WALTON DOWNS CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

Wednesday 12 January 2022 at 6.00 pm

Place: Remote Meeting

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The members listed below are summoned to attend the Epsom and Walton Downs Consultative Committee meeting, on the day and at the time and place stated, to consider the business set out in this agenda.

## Committee Members

Councillor Liz Frost (Chair)  
Simon Durrant, Epsom Downs Racecourse  
Councillor Bernice Froud  
Alex Stewart, Epsom Downs Riders Protection Society  
Nigel Whybrow, Training Grounds Management Board

## Representatives invited to attend

Caroline Baldock, Epsom Equestrian Conservation Team	Nick Lock, Epsom Civic Society
Richard Balsdon, College Ward Residents' Association	Nick Harrison, Tattenhams Residents' Association
Andrew Cooper, Epsom Downs Racecourse	Steven McCormick, Woodcote Residents' Association
Stephen Wallis, Epsom Downs Racecourse	Conor Morrow, Lower Mole Countryside Management Service
John Davis, Epsom Downs Model Aircraft Club	Stuart Walker, Epsom Golf Club
Bob Eberhard, Epsom and Ewell Cycle Action Group	Robin Willes, Epsom Downs Model Aircraft Club

Yours sincerely



Clerk to the Conservators

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Agreed by the Epsom and Walton Downs Consultative Committee: **17 March 2014**

Ratified by the Epsom and Walton Downs Conservators: **22 April 2014**

### **Terms of Reference:**

To provide a means of regular consultation:-

- (a) on the future management and control of the tracks, rides, paths and areas for hack riding;
- (b) on the rights of horse riders on Epsom and Walton Downs pursuant to Section 15 of the Epsom and Walton Downs Regulation Act 1984 and the byelaws made under the Act; and
- (c) on any other matters affecting the use and enjoyment of the Downs by the public.

### **Membership (voting rights)**

The Committee shall comprise:

- (a) two Council members, one of whom shall be the Chairman of the Epsom and Walton Downs Conservators (“the Conservators”);
- (b) a representative of Jockey Club Racecourses Ltd;
- (c) a representative of the trainers nominated by the Epsom and Walton Downs Training Grounds Management Board;
- (d) approved representative (and substitute as appropriate) from :-
  - (1) Epsom Downs Riders' Protection Association (or such other body or bodies for the time being as in the Conservators' view represents the interests of local horse riders);
  - (2) a representative of the British Horse Society;
- (e) such other persons as the Committee may co-opt on an ad-hoc basis for such period as the Committee may determine.

### **Quorum**

A quorum of the Committee shall be three members including one member appointed by the Conservators and one representative of either the Epsom Downs Riders Protection Association (or such substitute body as may be specified under paragraph 3(d) above) or the British Horse Society.

### **Constitution document**

The full Constitution of this Committee (detailing the membership, voting rights, administrative arrangements and other information) is available on Epsom and Ewell Borough Council's website at the following address: <https://democracy.epsom-ewell.gov.uk/mgCommitteeDetails.aspx?ID=173>

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#### **Please note that this meeting will be a ‘virtual meeting’**

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Information about the terms of reference and membership of this Committee are available on the [Council's website](#). The website also provides copies of agendas, reports and minutes.

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#### **Exclusion of the Press and the Public**

There are no matters scheduled to be discussed at this meeting that would appear to disclose confidential or exempt information under the provisions Schedule 12A of the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985. Should any such matters arise during the course of discussion of the above items or should the Chairman agree to discuss any other such matters on the grounds of urgency, the Committee will wish to resolve to exclude the press and public by virtue of the private nature of the business to be transacted.

#### **Questions from the Public**

Questions from the public are not permitted at meetings of the Epsom and Walton Downs Consultative Committee.

## **AGENDA**

### **1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (Pages 7 - 10)**

The Committee is asked to confirm as a true record the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 17 September 2018 (attached) and to authorise the Chairman to sign them.

### **2. ISSUES RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE**

To discuss any issues raised by Members of the Committee.

The following matters have been raised by the Epsom Downs Riders' Protection Association Member, Alex Stewart:

- Replacement of Hack Sand Track - Review/feedback on proposals.
- Condition of hack canter at top of Six Mile Hill - surface reinstatement and widening.
- Marking of hack ride across The Hill - insufficient marker posts and difficulty in identifying width and route.
- Hack post renewal on the Downs.
- Water logging of track at top of Rifle Butts Alley. Overgrowth in several places of horse track running along Burgh Heath Road/ Downs Road.
- Update on Downskeepers' winter work programme.
- Traffic light phasing for pedestrians and racehorses crossing by Bus Shelter.

### **3. ISSUES RAISED FOR CONSIDERATION**

To discuss any issues raised by representatives invited to attend the meeting of the Committee.

The following matters were raised by the representative of the Epsom Equestrian Conservation Group, Caroline Baldock:

- Lights on Farm Lane.
- Trespass on the gallops and grass above the wax track by hack riders.
- Information signs and leaflets on the Downs:
  - Maintenance of the 2 furlong sign on the wax track.
  - Size of signs for cyclists.
  - Availability of information leaflets on the Downs.

### **4. ITEMS FOR THE ATTENTION OF THE CONSERVATORS**

To identify any items which the Committee wishes to be brought to the attention of the Conservators at their next meeting, and nominate a spokesperson to present them if appropriate.