

# EPSOM AND WALTON DOWNS CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

Monday 14 October 2024 at 6.00 pm

Place: Council Chamber, Epsom Town Hall

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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 Steven McCormick (Chair)  
Simon Durrant, Epsom Downs Racecourse  
Councillor Bernice Froud  
Sarah Rayfield, British Horse Society  
Alex Stewart, Epsom Downs Riders Protection Society  
Nigel Whybrow, Training Grounds Management Board

## Representatives invited to attend

Caroline Baldock, Epsom Equestrian Conservation Team	Nick Harrison, Tattenham & Preston Residents' Association
Richard Balsdon, College Ward Residents' Association	Tom Sammes, Epsom Downs Racecourse
Jane Clarke, Woodcote Epsom Residents' Society (WERS)	Stuart Walker, Epsom Golf Club
Bob Eberhard, Epsom and Ewell Cycle Action Group	James Vincenti, Epsom Downs Model Aircraft Club
Nick Lock, Epsom Civic Society	Roger Marples, 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**

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## **AGENDA**

### **1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING (Pages 7 - 12)**

The Committee is asked to confirm as a true record the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 25 March 2024 (attached) and to authorise the Chair to sign them.

### **2. TRAINING GROUNDS MANAGEMENT BOARD UPDATE**

The Chair to provide a verbal update from the Training Grounds Management Board.

### **3. ACTION TRACKER (Pages 13 - 16)**

This report presents an update on the Committee Action Tracker.

### **4. ISSUES RAISED BY THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS (Pages 17 - 20)**

To discuss any issues raised by Committee Members, including the following:  
Out of Control Dogs  
Maintenance and Inspection of Trees in the Warren Wood

### **5. ISSUES RAISED FOR CONSIDERATION BY INVITED REPRESENTATIVES (Pages 21 - 24)**

To discuss any issues raised by representatives to the Committee, including the following:  
Information signs  
Car Park behaviour  
Ice Cream Van location  
Toilets on the Downs  
Vending on the Downs  
Antiques Fair Sign  
Downskeepers' Responsibilities  
Grassland Management  
Reintroduction of grazing to Juniper Hill  
Spoil Heaps  
Potholes

### **6. 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.

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**Minutes of the Meeting of the EPSOM AND WALTON DOWNS CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE held at the Council Chamber, Epsom Town Hall on 25 March 2024**

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**PRESENT -**

Councillor Steven McCormick (Chair); Simon Durrant (Epsom Downs Racecourse), Councillor Bernice Froud, Alex Stewart (Epsom Downs Riders Protection Society) and Nigel Whybrow (Training Grounds Management Board)

In Attendance: Richard Balsdon (College Ward Residents' Association), Jane Clarke (Woodcote and Langley Vale Residents' Association), Philippa Ingleby (Local Hack Rider), Nick Lock (Epsom Civic Society) and James Vincenti (Epsom Downs Model Aircraft Club)

Absent: Sarah Rayfield (British Horse Society) Caroline Baldock (Epsom Equestrian Conservation Team), Bob Eberhard (Epsom and Ewell Cycle Action Group), Nick Harrison (Tattenham & Preston Residents' Association), Tom Sammes (Epsom Downs Racecourse), Stuart Walker (Epsom Golf Club), Roger Marples (Epsom Downs Model Aircraft Club), Samantha Whitehead and Sarah Clift (Countryside Officer)

Officers present: Jackie King (Chief Executive) and Phoebe Batchelor (Democratic Services Officer)

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**10 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Epsom and Walton Downs Consultative Committee held on **16 October 2023** were agreed as a true record and the Chair was authorised to sign them.

**11 MATTERS RAISED BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

The Committee considered matters raised by Members.

The following matters raised by Members were considered:

- (1) Condition of Hack Canter Ride at the top of Six Mile Hill.** The Chair informed the Committee that extensive scrub clearance will need to be undertaken in the area and the work is scheduled to take place at the end of September 2024. The Chair continued to explain that a Flail Mower has been purchased by EEBC and will be used to complete the works.

- (2) **Noticeboards.** The Chair informed the Committee that works would be taking place to clean and further protect the boards from damage. The Chair suggested that Consultative Committee Members and their relevant groups could help in completing the task.
- (3) **Fibre Sand Gallop.** The Member from the Epsom Downs Riders Protection Society asked if the layout could be improved. The Member from the Training Grounds Management agreed to meet with the Member from the Epsom Downs Riders Protection Society to gain more information regarding the unfriendly horse crossing and then to feedback at the next Consultative Committee Meeting.
- (4) **Resurfacing of Hack Track from Langley Vale behind Downs House.** The Member from the Training Grounds Management informed the Committee that said now the weather is drier, it will be something the team will focus on, and an update will be brought back to next meeting.
- (5) **Signage.** The Chair shared an update from the Streetcare Manager, that the Warning Signage is on track to be completed by the end of April 2024.
- (6) **Racehorses exercising in the mornings up the hack area gallop.** The Chair shared that the relevant team has been alerted and will challenge any riders, if it transpires that riders are from the limes. The Chair informed the Committee that this should not be an issue going forward but will continue to monitor the situation.
- (7) **Vegetation and Tree Issues.** A Member raised an issue regarding a listed wall which is suffering damage due to vegetation roots and damp and two large trees which have died and are swaying precariously over the nearby properties. The Member from the Jockey Club agreed to speak to the other Member after the meeting to determine the location and then help with any relevant actions needed.
- (8) **Surrey Union Hunt.** The Member from the Epsom Downs Riders Protection Society asked what authority the Surrey Union Hunt organisers had to carry out their event. The Chair informed the Committee that the event was not a formally approved by the Conservators. The Chair continued to explain that there is action being taken to firm up information sharing regarding what people need to do to get events arranged, coordinated and approved to be held on the Downs.

## 12 MATTERS RAISED FOR CONSIDERATION BY INVITED REPRESENTATIVES

The Committee considered issues raised by representatives invited to attend the meeting.

The following issues raised by the invited representatives were considered:

- (1) **Habitat Management Plan.** A message from the Lower Mole Partnership Representative was passed on by the Chair, informing the Committee that



steps are being taken to tackle the three main objectives of the Habitat Management Plan. The Chair continued to share that the Flail Mower will help deliver vast improvement to Habitat Management and a feasibility study will be carried out regarding the reintroduction of sheep grazing on the Downs.

- (2) **Vegetation Dump near Rifle Butts Alley.** The Chair informed the Committee that the Downskeepers will investigate and take any action necessary, and an update will be provided at the next Committee Meeting.
- (3) **Noticeboards.** The Chair informed the Committee that there has been a slight delay in getting the artwork for the inlay completed and agreed and that is something that has been progressing with the Streetcare Manager. The Chair acknowledge the work is significantly behind, but reassured the Committee that work is being carried out to get this job completed as soon as possible and an update will be provided once the works are complete.
- (4) **Content on Noticeboards.** An invited representative asked about unauthorised content on the noticeboards and who would be responsible for dealing with this issue. The Chair responded to say that the content mentioned is not sanctioned or approved and will be taken down promptly. The Chair also shared hopes that when the new content is fixed in place, this will stop people from sticking up signs that should not be on the noticeboards. The Chair directed people to approach EEBC Comms department if people want adverts displayed on the borough boards.
- (5) **Educate Users of the Downs.** An invited representative asked how the Conservators further people's education can on how to use the Downs properly and safely. The Chair responded to say the primary objectives is to maintain the safety of users on the Downs and where there is a safety issue, additional or updated signage will be considered. The Chair invited Members and invited representatives to raise anything they believe is missing from the Downs signage in regard to safety of users.
- (6) **Front of the Noticeboards.** An invited representative asked what is planned for the front of the notice boards. The Chair responded to say the finalised draft for the noticeboard can be shared with Members and invited representatives via email. The Chief Executive highlighted that only items approved by EARFD can go on the front of the noticeboards as they were acquired through that programme with the grant money provided.
- (7) **Drones and small aircrafts.** The Chair shared an update on behalf of the Streetcare manager, that the Downskeepers and Rangers will check those flying on the downs have EDMAC issued membership passes and have been instructed to conduct more regular license checks. The invited representative from EDMAC asked for Rangers to be more proactive asking for member cards and be more present on the Downs after 12 noon. The Chair noted the comments.

- (8) **Byelaws.** An invited representative suggested a QR code, that links to the byelaws, be added to the noticeboards to increase the chance of people engaging with and reading the byelaws. The Chair noted the comments.
- (9) **Notice from EDMAC.** The invited representative from EDMAC gave notice of a small fire, caused by a model aircraft hitting the ground, that was quickly and easily put out. The representative continued to explain that EDMAC are implementing a rule that Members who fly large electric aircrafts have to bring a fire extinguisher with them. The Chair noted the comments and agreed to raise it at TGMB.
- (10) **Volunteers.** The invited representative from the Epsom Civic Society mentioned that members of the civic society might be willing to volunteer to help with appropriate tasks and jobs on the Downs. The Chair thanked the representative for their comments and stated that a group could be created for all willing friends of the Downs to bring all user groups together and coordinate potential volunteers to help when the Council does not have the resource to carry out some tasks.

### 13 COMMITTEE ACTION TRACKER

The Committee noted the status of the actions listed on the Action Tracker.

The Chair provided an update on:

- a) **Spoil Heaps.** The Member from TBMG shared an update that the works had begun in November, the rain had hampered progress, but the drier weather would enable the works to continue. The Member highlighted that this is an ongoing project with not current end date, but updates could be provided down the line as progress is made.
- b) **Oak Trees.** The Chair shared that the Streetcare Manager is in conversation with the Member from the TBGM to locate where the new trees should be planted and then the Council's Tree Officer will be providing assistance on procuring the new trees.
- c) **Ice Cream Van.** The Chair informed the Committee that this item is currently in progress, with the Streetcare Manager and the Licensing Team looking into the concerns that have been raised. The Chair agreed to provide an update on this item at the next Committee Meeting.
- d) **Sycamore Trees.** The Chair shared that this item is current in progress and there are conversations happening with the Countryside Team to understand the potential risk before further action is taken. The Chair shared that an update will be brought back to the Committee and this action will continue to be tracked.
- e) **Grandstand Volunteers.** The Chair confirmed that both volunteers had politely declined any recognition. The Chair expressed thanks to both volunteers for their continued efforts.

- f) **Toilets on the Downs.** The Chair informed the Committee that there is currently no budget provision for this project so it will be worth looking at different forms of additional funding. The Chair confirmed this was a long-term project that will be looked into further.

**14 ITEMS FOR THE ATTENTION OF THE CONSERVATORS**

The Committee did not identify any items from the meeting which would require verbal representation to the Conservators.

The Chair informed the Committee that Minute Item 11, issues 3 and 4 and Minute Item 12, issues 2 and 3 would be added to the Committee Action Tracker.

*The meeting began at 6.00 pm and ended at 6.50 pm*

COUNCILLOR STEVEN MCCORMICK (CHAIR)

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## COMMITTEE ACTION TRACKER

<b>Head of Service:</b>	Jackie King, Chief Executive
<b>Wards affected:</b>	College Ward; Town Ward; Woodcote and Langley Vale Ward;
<b>Appendices (attached):</b>	Appendix 1 – Committee Action Tracker (to follow)

### Summary

This report presents an update on the Committee Action Tracker.

### Recommendation (s)

#### The Committee is asked to:

- (1) Note the status and update on actions listed in the Committee Action Tracker**

#### 1 Reason for Recommendation

- 1.1 To provide the Consultative Committee with updates on action items that were expressed at the previous meeting and inform the Committee of the target completion date for each item.

#### 2 Background

- 2.1 An Action Tracker spreadsheet was compiled following the October 2023 Meeting of the Committee. The table in Appendix 1 provides an update on progress.

#### 3 Risk Assessment

Legal or other duties

##### 3.1 Equality Impact Assessment

- 3.1.1 No equality issues arise as a consequence of the contents of this report.

##### 3.2 Crime & Disorder

- 3.2.1 No issues arise as a consequence of the contents of this report.

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### 3.3 Safeguarding

3.3.1 No issues arise as a consequence of the contents of this report.

### 3.4 Dependencies

3.4.1 None.

### 3.5 Other

3.5.1 Not applicable.

## 4 Financial Implications

4.1 **Section 151 Officer's comments:** None for the purposes of this report.

## 5 Legal Implications

5.1 **Legal Officer's comments:** None for the purposes of this report.

## 6 Policies, Plans & Partnerships

6.1 **Council's Key Priorities:** The following Key Priorities are engaged: N/A

6.2 **Service Plans:** The matter is not included within the current Service Delivery Plan.

6.3 **Climate & Environmental Impact of recommendations:** None.

6.4 **Sustainability Policy & Community Safety Implications:** None.

6.5 **Partnerships:** None.

## 7 Background papers

7.1 The documents referred to in compiling this report are as follows:

### **Previous reports:**

- None.

### **Other papers:**

- None.

**Epsom & Walton Downs Consultative Committee Action Tracker 2023-2025**

Issue No.	Issue Subject	Follow-up Action	Contact	Deadline	Date Action Completed	Fed back to Conservators/CC Y/N	Notes
1	Condition of Hack Canter Ride	> added to the Winter Workplan for 23/24	Sam Whitehead	Feb-24		Verbal update to be provided at the 14.10.24 CC Meeting	This area has suffered severe damage from vehicle use. This has worsened following the upgrades to the fibre gallop. Works to restore the surface for hack use have been promised over several winters but it remains hard, very rutted and for all but horse walking ; - Consultative Committee Issue add to winter workplan for 2023/24 and follow up with Conservators when completed.  26/09/24 Nigel Whybrow has mentioned that vehicles have been accused but it's predominantly caused by pedestrians (desire lines). There is a good hack canter down at the bottom, that is working positively. This one is misbranded as a hack canter.  The Streetcare Manager is to arrange a meeting with Nigel, Alex, and Caroline wc 30th to look at and discuss this item further.
2	Noticeboards on the Downs	> to put up noticeboard content and protective covering	Sam Whitehead	Feb-24		Verbal update to be provided at the 14.10.24 CC Meeting	25/03/24 The Chair informed the Committee that there has been a slight delay in getting the artwork for the inlay completed and agreed and that is something that has been progressing with the Streetcare Manager. The Chair acknowledge the work is significantly behind, but reassured the Committee that work is being carried out to get this job completed as soon as possible and an update will be provided once the works are complete.  26/09/24 The Chair to bring print outs to the meeting for members and invited representatives to consider. The printers are ready to go.
3	Spoil Heaps	> removal / recycling of spoil heaps on the downs > work to start Oct 23	Nigel Whybrow and Sam Whitehead	Feb-24		Verbal update to be provided at the 14.10.24 CC Meeting	26/09/24 Update from Nigel Whybrow to be provided verbally.
4	Oak Trees	> (potential) planting of an Oak Tree > talk to Nigel to determine exact location	Sam Whitehead	Nov-27			26/09/24 The Streetcare Manager will purchase the oak trees soon. The current intention is to buy 6 x 8ft oak trees to be put in. The Epsom & Ewell Tree Advisory Board (EETAB) and Business Improve District (BID) to be approached to help financially contribute.
5	Ice Cream Van	> risk assessment of current location of ice cream van > start conversation with vendor about potentially moving pitch/location	Sam Whitehead	May-24	Sep-24	Report went to Conservators on the 17/06/24  Verbal update to be provided at the 14.10.24 CC	The Conservators agreed on the 17/06/24 that Officers would investigate and take legal advice to determine if the Ice Cream Vendor could be relocated to the Downskeepers's Hut Car Park, for safety reasons.  26/09/24 Streetcare Manager to get in touch with the vendor and move this along.  26/09/24 The wider scheme of vending on the downs (discussed at Conservators on the 17/06/24) is in progress - with the six month trial commencing soon. Contracts for the pilot scheme are currently with legal to be looked at before anything is agreed with specific vendors. The Streetcare Manager is currently looking into appropriate pitch sites.
6	Sycamore Trees	> discussion regarding management of sycamore trees on the downs > recognition and research into the potential threat they pose to horses	Sam Whitehead (and Tree Officer and Countryside Team)	May-24		Verbal update to be provided at the 14.10.24 CC Meeting	26/09/24 Streetcare Manager has had discussions with the Countryside Officer. The Sycamore trees have been up there for years and no horses have fallen foul. This item will continue to be monitored and updates fed back if any issues arise. The trees will not be cut down as they are key at the moment to fill gaps from Ashdieback works.
7	Grandstand Road Car Park Volunteer	> discussion with Mayor regarding the inviting of volunteer to have tea in the Mayor's Parlour > organising of tea with the mayor and an award / certificate for volunteers continued hard work	Jackie King	Jan-24	19/2/24 Unfortunately both volunteers declined any recognition so not progressed at their request	Fed back to CC on the 25th of March 2024	Item closed

8	Toilets on the Downs	> To assess the options for the future provision of a toilet facility at the Downs	Mark Shepherd and Sam Whitehead	N/A	No budget provision for either construction or ongoing maintenance		<p>25/03/24 The Chair informed the Committee that there is currently no budget provision for this project so it will be worth looking at different forms of additional funding. The Chair confirmed this was a longterm project that will be looked into further.</p> <p>26/09/24 There is still no budget provision. This item will be kept on the action tracker and will be updated as and when anything changes.</p>
9	Fibre Sand Gallop	> an unfriendly horse crossing of fibre sand gallop on Walton Road approaching the woods	Nigel Whybrow and Sam Whitehead	Nov-24		Verbal update to be provided at the 14.10.24 CC Meeting	<p>25/03/24 The Member from the Epsom Downs Riders Protection Society asked if the layout could be improved. The Member from the Training Grounds Management agreed to meet with the Member from the Epsom Downs Riders Protection Society to gain more information regarding the unfriendly horse crossing and then to feedback at the next Consultative Committee Meeting.</p> <p>26/09/24 Streetcare Manager to arrange to meet Alex Stewart on site and see if improvements can be made.</p>
10	Vegetation Dump near Rifle Butts Alley	> Concern as plastic waste has been seen accumulating - need to monitor situation	Sam Whitehead	Nov-24		Verbal update to be provided at the 14.10.24 CC Meeting	<p>25/03/24 The Chair informed the Committee that the Downskeeper will investigate and take any action necessary, and an update will be provided at the next Committee Meeting.</p> <p>26/09/24 Rifle Butts Alley is being cleared currently.</p>
11	Resurfacing of Hack Track from Langley Vale behind Downs House	> The resurfacing includes stones and rocks and needs to be looked at	Nigel Whybrow and Sam Whitehead	Nov-24		Verbal update to be provided at the 14.10.24 CC Meeting	<p>25/03/24 The Member from the Training Grounds Management informed the Committee that said now the weather is drier, it will be something the team will focus on, and an update will be brought back to next meeting.</p>



## **MATTERS RAISED BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

<b>Head of Service:</b>	Jackie King, Chief Executive
<b>Wards affected:</b>	College Ward; Town Ward; Woodcote and Langley Vale Ward;
<b>Appendices (attached):</b>	None

### **Summary**

To consider matters raised by Members of the Epsom and Walton Downs Consultative Committee.

### **Recommendation (s)**

#### **The Committee is asked to:**

- (1) Consider the matters raised by members of the Committee as set out in this report.**

## **1 Reason for Recommendation**

- 1.1 Section 7c of the Constitution of the Epsom and Walton Downs Consultative Committee permits any member of the Committee to have an item included on the agenda subject to the item being delivered to the Clerk at least 10 days before the next meeting of the Committee.
- 1.2 Accordingly, this report informs the Committee of items requested for this meeting by Members of the Committee.

## **2 Items requested by Members**

- 2.1 The following matters have been requested by the British Horse Society Member, Sarah Rayfield and Councillor Bernice Froud respectively:

**1: Out of Control Dogs**

There have been recent incidents, that have been reported to the British Horse Society, involving out of control dogs going for horses. This issue needs to be discussed and addressed.

**2: Maintenance and Inspection of Trees in the Warren Wood**

Problems with these trees do arise from time to time and it was very difficult to get anybody to take responsibility for inspecting them in order that residents' concerns could be alleviated.

**3 Risk Assessment**

Legal or other duties

3.1 Equality Impact Assessment

3.1.1 None.

3.2 Crime & Disorder

3.2.1 None.

3.3 Safeguarding

3.3.1 None.

3.4 Dependencies

3.4.1 None.

3.5 Other

3.5.1 None.

**4 Financial Implications**

4.1 None.

4.2 **Section 151 Officer's comments:** None for the purposes of this report.

**5 Legal Implications**

5.1 None.

5.2 **Legal Officer's comments:** None for the purposes of this report.

## 6 Policies, Plans & Partnerships

6.1 **Council's Key Priorities:** Not applicable.

6.2 **Service Plans:** Not applicable.

6.3 **Climate & Environmental Impact of recommendations:** None.

6.4 **Sustainability Policy & Community Safety Implications:** None.

6.5 **Partnerships:** None.

## 7 Background papers

7.1 The documents referred to in compiling this report are as follows:

### Previous reports:

- [Epsom and Walton Downs Consultative Committee, 25 March 2024](#)

### Other papers:

- [Constitution of the Epsom and Walton Downs Consultative Committee](#)

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## **MATTERS RAISED FOR CONSIDERATION BY INVITED REPRESENTATIVES**

<b>Head of Service:</b>	Jackie King, Chief Executive
<b>Wards affected:</b>	College Ward; Town Ward; Woodcote and Langley Vale Ward;
<b>Appendices (attached):</b>	None

### **Summary**

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

### **Recommendation (s)**

#### **The Committee is asked to:**

- (1) Consider the matters raised by invited representatives as set out in this report.**

## **1 Reason for Recommendation**

- 1.1 Section 4 of the Constitution of the Epsom and Walton Downs Consultative Committee sets out that a number of representatives will be invited to attend meetings of the Committee and may participate in the discussions (but not vote) on items. The Chair has agreed to permit invited representatives to raise matters within the terms of reference of the Committee and to be included on the agenda subject to the item being delivered to the Clerk at least 10 days before the next meeting of the Committee.
- 1.2 Accordingly, this report informs the Committee of matters raised for consideration by invited representatives for this meeting by Members of the Committee.

## **2 Background**

- 2.1 The following issues have been requested:

**Epsom Equestrian Conservation Team, Caroline Baldock**

<b>1: Notice Boards</b>
Notice board content is still not there. Please can an update be provided on the progress.
<b>2: Car Park Behaviour</b>
Anti-social behaviour in the car parks is not being dealt with.
<b>3: Ice Cream Van</b>
The Ice Cream Van needs to be asked to be stationed in a car park as it is not safe to park on the road to the top car park with cars passing by. Please can an update be provided on this item.
<b>4: Toilets</b>
Update on Toilet on the Downs item.

**College Ward Residents' Association, Richard Balsdon**

<b>1: Vending on the Downs</b>
Update on vending on the downs pilot scheme, as agreed by the Conservators in June 2024.
<b>2: Antiques Fair Sign</b>
The board advertising the Antiques Fair at the Grandstand has been moved to the opposite end of Tattenham Way. Why has it not been moved entirely as discussed at the Conservators June 2024 meeting?
<b>3: Downskeepers' Responsibilities</b>
Please can clarification be provided as to the Downskeepers' responsibilities for the northern part of the Downs (the Land north/northeast of Ashley Road and Tattenham Corner Road).

**EEBC Countryside Officer and Lower Mole Partnership, Sarah Clift**

**1: Grassland Management**

Update on the use of the newly purchased flail collector, which is vastly improving the management of grassland on the Downs.

**2: Reintroduction of grazing to Juniper Hill as outline in the habitat management plan**

A feasibility study will be carried out to investigate what is needed to reintroduce grazing back to Juniper Hill. This is the best area of chalk grassland in the borough and the volunteers, although doing a great job, can't do everything that is needed to keep it in good condition.

**Epsom Civic Society, Nick Lock**

**1: Spoil Heaps**

Please can an update be provided on the removal of the spoil heaps as it was previously stated that the work on this would have begun already.

**2: Potholes**

The recent repairs to the potholes on the Old London Road to the 7 furlong Car Park seem unlikely to last long and only cover about half of the existing potholes – hopefully the rest will be treated soon?

**3 Risk Assessment**

Legal or other duties

3.1 Equality Impact Assessment

3.1.1 None.

3.2 Crime & Disorder

3.2.1 None.

3.3 Safeguarding

3.3.1 None.

3.4 Dependencies

3.4.1 None.

3.5 Other

3.5.1 None.

#### **4 Financial Implications**

4.1 None.

4.2 **Section 151 Officer's comments:** None for the purposes of this report.

#### **5 Legal Implications**

5.1 None.

5.2 **Legal Officer's comments:** None for the purposes of this report.

#### **6 Policies, Plans & Partnerships**

6.1 **Council's Key Priorities:** Not applicable.

6.2 **Service Plans:** Not applicable.

6.3 **Climate & Environmental Impact of recommendations:** None.

6.4 **Sustainability Policy & Community Safety Implications:** None.

6.5 **Partnerships:** None.

#### **7 Background papers**

7.1 The documents referred to in compiling this report are as follows:

**Previous reports:**

- None.

**Other papers:**

- [Constitution of the Epsom and Walton Downs Consultative Committee](#)