

EPSOM AND WALTON DOWNS CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

Monday 12 October 2026 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

Jim Allen, The Jockey Club (TJC)	Nick Lock, Epsom Civic Society
Caroline Baldock, Epsom Equestrian Conservation Team	Nick Harrison, Tattenham & Preston Residents' Association
Richard Balsdon, College Ward Residents' Association	James Vincenti, Epsom Downs Model Aircraft Club
Jane Clarke, Woodcote Epsom Residents' Society (WERS)	Roger Marples, Epsom Downs Model Aircraft Club
Bob Eberhard, Epsom and Ewell Cycle Action Group	Simon Laughton, Epsom Golf 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.

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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 **16 March 2026** (attached) and to authorise the Chair to sign them.

2. ACTION TRACKER (Pages 13 - 18)

3. ISSUES RAISED FOR CONSIDERATION BY INVITED REPRESENTATIVES (Pages 19 - 22)

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.

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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 16 March 2026

PRESENT -

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

In Attendance: Richard Balsdon (College Ward Residents Association), Jane Clarke (WERS), Nick Lock (Epsom Civic Society), James Vincenti (EDMAC), Roger Marples (EDMAC), Brian Burke (EDMAC)

Absent: Alex Stewart (Epsom Downs Riders Protection Society), Jim Allen (The Jockey Club (TJC)), Caroline Baldock (Epsom Equestrian Conservation Team) and Nick Harrison (Tattenham & Preston Residents' Association)

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

5 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Committee confirmed as a true record the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 13 October 2025 and authorised the Chair to sign them, subject to the following amendment italicised below;

“Minute 4,

- f) **Hack Riders.** The representative from EDMAC raised a persistent issue with hack riders riding behind EDMAC Members, on the road parallel to the racecourse. *The representative raised that hack riders are also crossing EDMAC’s take off landing strip.* The representative highlighted that on the noticeboard content map, hack riders should not be there. The Chair agreed to look at the map with the representative and if hack riders are not supposed to be there, this will be communicated to the relevant contacts and stakeholders.”

6 ACTION TRACKER

The Committee received a report presenting an update on the Committee Action Tracker.

The following matters were considered:

- a) **Conditions of Hack Canter Ride.** The Chair explained that the required work had been completed. This was confirmed by the Member from the Training Grounds Management Board. The Member explained that the Epsom Downs Riders Protection Society Member had been shown the work and was happy with the results.
- b) **Noticeboards on the Downs.** The Chair informed the Committee that the content has been finalised and signed off, and the prints are on order. He asked members and invited representatives to assist in putting up the printed content onto the noticeboards, once it arrives. The Chair thanked the Committee for their patience on this item.
- c) **Toilets on the Downs.** The Chair raised that there is a possibility of putting in a Community Infrastructure Levy application for funding for the project.
- d) **Events on the Downs.** The Chair stated that communication for events on the downs is greatly improved. He thanked officers for their efforts on this area.
- e) **Dog Walking.** The Chair informed the Committee that they are currently in the process of organising a pilot training and awareness scheme for dog walking on the downs, for Langley Vale residents, with a look to offer the scheme to a wider audience following the pilot scheme. Councillor Froud declared that she is a licensed dog walker and home boarded. The Chair noted the comment. The Chair raised that the relevant stakeholders will be consulted whilst the scheme is being planned.
- f) **Local Government Reorganisation.** The Chief Executive informed the Committee that the Council's legal team and operational services have been asked to create a briefing note on the Epsom and Walton Downs Conservators and Consultative Committee. This note will then be submitted to the relevant workstream. This will fall under land, property, and legal. The Chair raised that currently the Conservators have six Epsom and Ewell Borough Councillors as part of their membership. He highlighted that with the new East Surrey Council; there is no certainty or guarantee that the councillors sitting on the Conservators going forwards will be from the local area.
- g) **Car Park Management Plan.** The Chair agreed to provide an update following the meeting. He explained that there are various car parks across the downs which are under the control of the Jockey Club and the Downskeepers, and the item on the action tracker is about managing their usage and time.

Following consideration, the Committee unanimously resolved to:

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

7 ISSUES RAISED BY THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The Committee considered matters raised by Members.

The following matters were considered:

- a) **Wood inspections.** Councillor Froud raised the issue of the current state of the Warren wood and the Langley Vale woodland. She queried if there is a management plan which includes regular inspection for the woodland areas. She raised that even if areas are trimmed, the cut offs are just thrown to one side and left to rot. The Chair noted the comments and agreed to provide a response and update following the meeting. He explained that the overall responsibility for the wood maintenance falls to the Borough Council and the Council's Tree Officer. The Chair agreed to look into scheduling works for later on in the year, as it would be difficult presently due to birds nesting.
- b) **Hedge cutting and trees.** The Member from the British Horse Society asked if people are using public rights of way or is it a situation of overall permissive access. The Chair confirmed that people are using public rights of way and bridleways. The Member raised that due to a change in the legislation for hedge and tree cutting, any adverse impact on public highways, including public rights of way, the works can go ahead. The Chair agreed to discuss the matter with the Council's Tree Officer.
- c) **Potholes.** The Chair reminded the Committee that it is important to report potholes so they can be logged and fixed by Surrey County Council. The Chair explained the Fix My Street website should be used to report potholes. Councillor Froud expressed frustration and concern about the number of potholes and the severity of them and the damage they can and have caused, namely on Grandstand Road. She also raised the difficulty with reporting potholes which are located on busy and fast roads. The Chair agreed to visit Grandstand Road and help report the potholes. The representative from College Ward Residents' Association raised the issue of the potholes and surface of the carparks on Grandstand Road and asked the Chair to also look at that when possible. The Chair agreed to do so and informed the Committee that additional budget was approved by the Conservators in January for Car Park Maintenance.

Following consideration, the Committee unanimously resolved to:

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

8 ISSUES RAISED FOR CONSIDERATION BY INVITED REPRESENTATIVES

The Committee discussed issues raised by invited representatives.

The following matters were considered:

- a) **Litter.** The Chair informed the Committee that additional bins are being purchased and will be put on the Downs.
- b) **Signs.** The Chair confirmed that once he is aware of when the new signage and noticeboard content is being delivered, he will contact Consultative Committee Members and Invited Representatives to assist with installation.
- c) **Derby impact.** The representative from College Ward Residents' Association raised the recent comments in the press from the Jockey Club about reviving the Derby Festival. The representative highlighted the importance of taking into account the impact on the local community, especially when talking about increasing the turnout. The Member from the Jockey Club expressed hope that changes to the Derby would have a positive impact and supports the additional efforts to increase turnout, improve customer experience and really invest in and champion the festival. The Member highlighted that from a residents' perspective, the Derby Festival is a challenging time, but it is also a huge and historic event to be proud of. The Member made clear that it is not the Jockey Club's ambition to make the festival longer and spread out over the week, but it is keen to increase the attendance and improve the experience of the two scheduled days. He explained that local residents have nothing to be fearful or worried about.
- d) **Behaviour of attendees.** The representative from College Ward Residents' Association raised concerns regarding the behaviour of some of the attendees of the Derby. He explained that Cheltenham placed Portaloo's throughout the town and that could help avoid some instances of anti-social behaviour. The Member from the Jockey Club explained that some facilities are placed by the Tattenham Corner Pub and the Tattenham strait. He acknowledged the concerns and comments raised. The Chair raised that communication is important and Committee Members and invited reps can help get the word out and help manage and raise relevant concerns. The representative from EDMAC raised that the Jockey Club could use a new style app for giving more in detail information regarding the weather forecast and specific times. He also suggested that the Jockey Club contact the special constabulary for policing the event. The Member from the Jockey Club confirmed that Surrey and Sussex Police do have links with the special constabulary and ensure they have the right teams in the right areas.
- e) **Maintenance of Bunds.** The representative from College Ward Residents' Association raised concerns about the state of the bunds and the issue with fly-tipping and dumping in the car park nearby. He asked

what will be done with the soil that has been put in place and if there is a management plan for installing and maintaining the bunds. The Chair explained that the bunds have been put in place as a deterrent to dissuade people from mounting the curb and driving onto that area. He informed the Committee that the soil used has been taken from elsewhere on the Downs and there is a habitat management plan which the Council's Countryside Officer is actively engaged with. He acknowledged that there is work to do in tidying them up and explained that affected residents can be involved in what to do with the bunds.

- f) **Spoil Heaps.** The representative from Epsom Civic Society raised the ongoing issue of spoil heaps on the Downs. He explained that most of the materials are not natural to the Downs. He stated that if the materials are going to be reused, this should occur within a reasonable timeframe and not be left for years, and if it needs to be kept for years, then it should be kept in a tidy way. He expressed disappointment that when one of the spoil heaps was removed, a new one appeared immediately after. He asked for a list of what projects go with which piles and roughly when they will be completed. The Chair raised that first and foremost, the Downs is a training and working environment and there is mixed-use with the public. He explained that Nigel and the team are working hard to move additional mounds that have appeared and confirmed that the piles can be categorised as to where they have come from and what they are there for and the information will be shared. The Member from TGMB confirmed that the pile at Ebbisham Lane will be gone in the next 7-10 days, and a lot of the pile of all-weather material in the grass triangle is in the process of being moved over the next few weeks. He explained that the material in the top car park is all in use and there has always been material for training use stored there and this will continue. He accepted that it is untidy and explained that some of this is due to car park materials being stored and kept there too. He agreed to go round and identify the mounds and their uses. The representative from Epsom Civic Society suggested that when a project is commissioned and material is required or planned to be reused later, it should be within the project budget to ensure the mound is taken away rather than dumped. He did not accept the comment that it is acceptable to have the mounds left because the Downs is a working environment. The Chair informed the Committee that he has listened to comments and continues to raise the issue to TGMB and the Conservators and is making proactive steps to address the issue.
- g) **Litter Bins.** The representative from Epsom Civic Society welcomed the prospect of additional litter bins on the Downs. He suggested that bins are placed on the bottom road by the lower gallop track where the paths cross for those walking into the Langley Vale wood. The Chair noted the comment.
- h) **Runway damage.** The representative from EDMAC raised the ongoing issue of damage to the runway and highlighted that it is caused by both horses and people. He explained that horses should not be walking

across the runway and organised runs had been planned which crossed the runway section. The Chair informed the Committee that the issue can be shared on the Epsom Riders Facebook group to ensure that people are made aware there shouldn't be horses crossing the runway. He agreed to circulate a message into the group. He also agreed to raise the issue to any race events who are planning routes on the Downs.

- i) **Family Day.** The representative from EDMAC raised that the next open day has been scheduled for Monday the 4th of May. He informed the Committee that the 2025 event was a success, and this event will build off of that success.
- j) **Precepts.** The representative from College Ward Residents' Association asked for the percentages of the Conservators precept. The Chair confirmed that the precept is paid 60% by the Council, 30% by the Jockey Club (Epsom Racecourse), and 10% by TGMB.

Following consideration, the Committee unanimously resolved to:

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

The meeting began at 6.00 pm and ended at 7.00 pm

COUNCILLOR STEVEN MCCORMICK (CHAIR)

ACTION TRACKER

Head of Service:	Jackie King, Chief Executive
Report Author	Phoebe Batchelor
Wards affected:	College Ward; Town Ward; Woodcote and Langley Vale Ward;
Appendices (attached):	Appendix 1 – Action Tracker

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 the 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.

- 3.3 Safeguarding

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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 24 considerations:** None.

4.2 **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.

6.6 **Local Government Reorganisation Implications:** None.

7 Background papers

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

Previous reports:

- [Action Tracker, 16/03/2026](#)

Other papers:

- None.

Epsom & Walton Downs Consultative Committee Action Tracker 2023-2026

Issue No.	Issue Subject	Follow-up Action	Contact	Deadline	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	ITEM CLOSED	YES	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 of September to look at and discuss this item further. 14/10/24 The Streetcare Manager informed the Committee that a meeting had taken place with Alex Steward and Nigel Whybrow to look at the issue and come up with a solution. The solution agreed upon, is to move the Hack Ride over slightly, as the current one is beyond repair.
2	Noticeboards on the Downs	> to put up noticeboard content and protective covering	Sam Whitehead	Feb-24		Verbal update to be provided at the 12.10.26 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. 14/10/24 The Chair informed the Committee that there are copies of the information to be put on the noticeboards, for Members and Invited representatives to consider and feedback on following the meeting. Invited representatives raised two noticeboards that needed further attention. The Streetcare Manager noted the locations and confirmed they would look into it. 13/10/25 The Chair explained that the draft noticeboard content had been circulated to all attendees for their comments following the meeting. The representative from the Epsom Civic Society asked when the content will be displayed on the boards. The Chair stated that once everyone is in agreement, the next step will be to send the content to the printers and then get it on the noticeboards. The Chair expressed thanks to Councillor Spickett and the Assistant Head of Service – Streetcare for their help in getting to this stage. The representative from the Epsom Civic Society asked for confirmation that there will be content put on the lectern noticeboards, as well as the large noticeboards. The Chair confirmed that there is content prepared to go on the lectern noticeboards too and agreed to share the content with the Committee via email. 16/03/26 The Chair informed the Committee that the content has been finalised and signed off, and the prints are on order. He asked members and invited representatives to assist in putting up the printed content onto the noticeboards, once it arrives.
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 12.10.26 CC Meeting	26/09/24 Update from Nigel Whybrow to be provided verbally. 14/10/24 The Chair informed the Committee that the spoil heaps in the top car park have increased. The Chair explained that this is primarily due to materials arriving from Kempton and Langbourne to help update and refurbish some of the bottom gallop. The bottom gallop is due to be updated through October and some, if not all, of those materials will be used to do that work. The Chair confirmed they would look into the spoil heaps behind the Derby start and report back at the next meeting. 7/03/25 The Streetcare Manager agreed to send cages up on the Downs, wc 10th of March, to removed flytipping content from the Top Car Park. The Chair agreed they would arrange to meet Jim Allen to work out what the spoil heaps are for and how long they will be there. 13/10/25 The Chair agreed to a meeting with the Jockey Club and the Assistant Head of Service – Streetcare, to identify the spoil heaps and explain or justify why they are there and what they will be used for and when, or to identify what needs to be removed from the Downs. 16/03/26 The Chair informed the Committee that he has listened to comments and continues to raise the issue to TGMB and the Conservators and is making proactive steps to address the issue.

4	Oak Trees	> (potential) planting of an Oak Tree > talk to Nigel to determine exact location	Sam Whitehead	Nov-27	ITEM CLOSED	YES	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. 14/10/24 The Chair informed the Committee that the Epsom and Ewell Tree Advisory Board are happy to fund the trees, depending on the size. The Chair set out that the next steps will be to discuss with the Council's Tree Officer, and the Countryside Team, to progress this item along. The Chair raised that there is a suggestion that the trees are a mix of oak trees and disease resistant elms. The Chair committed to speak to the Business Improvement District to provide additional funding for the project. 7/03/25 The Chair provided the update that the Epsom BID and TAB will be splitting the cost of the trees.
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	ITEM CLOSED	YES Report went to Conservators on the 17/06/24 and 23/06/25	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. 14/10/24 The Streetcare Manager confirmed that the Ice Cream Van will move location, into the Downskeepers Car Park, starting from next season.
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	ITEM CLOSED	YES Fed back to CC on the the 14th of October 2024	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	ITEM CLOSED	YES Fed back to CC on the 25th of March 2024	19/2/24 Unfortunately both volunteers declined any recognition so not progressed at their request
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	Fed back to CC	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. 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. 16/03/26 The Chair raised that there is a possibility of putting in a Community Infrastructure Levy application for funding for the project.
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	ITEM CLOSED	YES Fed back to CC at 13.10.25 Meeting	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. 26/09/24 Streetcare Manager to arrange to meet Alex Stewart on site and see if improvements can be made. 14/10/24 The Chair informed the Committee that a meeting had taken place with the Streetcare Manager, Nigel Whybrow, and Alex Stewart. The solution agreed is for Nigel Whybrow to amend the gateway that crosses the fibre sand gallop, to make it more open and inviting for hack riders to get across. 13/10/25 The Chair explained that the required work had been completed, and the item could now be closed on the action tracker. This was confirmed by the Member from the Training Grounds Management Board and the Epsom Downs Riders Protection Society.
10	Vegetation Dump near Rifle Butts Alley	> Concern as plastic waste has been seen accumulating - need to monitor situation	Sam Whitehead	Nov-24	ITEM CLOSED	YES Fed back to CC October 2024	25/03/24 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. 26/09/24 Rifle Butts Alley is being cleared currently. 14/10/24 The Streetcare Manager informed the Committee that the vegetation dump has been cleared.

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	ITEM CLOSED	YES Fed back to CC at 13.10.25 Meeting	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. 14/10/24 The Chair informed the Committee that they had visited the Hack Canter in question, and observed it was ok. The Chair invited Members and representatives to raise anything if they were still experiencing issues. The Chair agreed to speak to Nigel Whybrow to look at the areas mentioned by invited representatives and focus on getting some improvements. 13/10/25 The Chair explained that the required work had been completed, and the item could now be closed on the action tracker. This was confirmed by the Member from the Training Grounds Management Board and the Epsom Downs Riders Protection Society.
12	Events on the Downs - Webpage	> collate information about events on the downs (how to apply, classification of events, table of events) > update and add info to EEBC Website	Sam Whitehead (and Business Support and Democratic Services)	Apr-25		Fed back to CC	27/01/25 Conservators received a report which stated that the events on the downs would be listed on the EEBC website. 13/10/25 The Chair informed the Committee that this item is still a work in progress and the relevant actions will be progressed to get it into a position to have the relevant information shared with interested stakeholders and visible on the Epsom and Ewell Borough Council Website. 16/03/26 The Chair stated that communication for events on the downs is greatly improved.
13	Race Horses using Hack Tracks	> Speak to Nigel Whybrow to look into issues with Race Horses using Hack Tracks	Nigel Whybrow and Steven McCormick	Oct-25	ITEM CLOSED	YES Fed back to CC at 13.10.25 Meeting	14/10/24 The Chair noted comments made about race horses using hack tracks and confirmed they would speak to Nigel Whybrow and the issue will be addressed. 13/10/25 The Chair confirmed this item has been addressed and can be closed.
14	Additional Lighting	> look into possibility of additional lighting outside the Durdans	Steven McCormick	Oct-25	ITEM CLOSED	YES Fed back to CC at 13.10.25 Meeting	14/10/24 The Chair informed the Committee that they have asked SCC for additional lighting, to improve safety, to be put in place outside the Durdans. The Chair stated that if that can be achieved within their SCC Member allowance, it will be actioned. 7/03/25 The Chair provided the update that these lights have been quoted for and signed off. 13/10/25 The Chair informed the Committee that additional lighting by the Durdans, at the bottom of Chalk Lane, has been installed.
15	School Run Traffic	> look into issues with speeding traffic on Chalk Lane > Check TRO	Steven McCormick	Oct-25		Fed back to CC	14/10/24 An invited representative flagged an issue with speeding traffic on Chalk Lane and queried if the gate at the bottom of Chalk Lane could be locked. The Chair informed the Committee that Surrey Highways have looked into this and determined that the gate can be locked, but the logistics of how it will be managed is an issue that has not been sorted yet. The Chair committed to providing an update when here is more information to share. The Member from the BHS raised that the Traffic Regulation Order should be checked to see if it mentions all vehicular traffic or just motorised traffic. The Chair confirmed that they would check the TRO. 13/10/25 The Chair explained that the gate at the bottom of Chalk Lane does have a Traffic Regulation Order on it, but there is an issue of who would lock and unlock the gate. The Chair informed the Committee that they are following it up with Surrey Highways to look at what options there are with this particular issue. The Member from the British Horse Society encouraged the Chair to check if the TRO reference motorised vehicles or just vehicles.
16	Dog Walking on the Downs	> look into options regarding dog walking on the downs and increasing awareness of restrictions and improving behaviour of dogs and owners	Sam Whitehead	Jan-26		Verbal update to be provided at the 12.10.26 CC Meeting	14/04/24 Discussion at CC Meeting regarding out of control dogs. 04/11/24 Conservators received a report on the Nonsuch Dog Licensing Scheme and debated options for dealing with out of control dogs on the downs. The decision was to plan a targeted communication campaign regarding dog walking behaviour on the Downs. 13/10/25 The Chair acknowledged that there are still issues on the downs with regards to dog walkers and out of control dogs. He mentioned that there are still plans to hold an awareness day for dog walkers on the downs. 16/03/26 The Chair informed the Committee that they are currently in the process of organising a pilot training and awareness scheme for dog walking on the downs, for Langley Vale residents, with a look to offer the scheme to a wider audience following the pilot scheme. Councillor Froud declared that she is a licensed dog walker and home boarded. The Chair noted the comment. The Chair raised that the relevant stakeholders will be consulted whilst the scheme is being planned.

17	Car Park Management Plan	> the Jockey Club to produce a Management Plan to assess how the land would be used and how it would be managed to ensure there was no detrimental effect on the habitat >once produced will be approved by senior Officers in consultation with the Chair of the Conservators	TJC, Sam Whitehead, and Steven McCormick	Jun-25		Verbal update to be provided at the 12.10.26 CC Meeting	27/01/25 Review of Car Parks report went to January 2025 Conservators - The Chair asked for the management plan to be added to the Action Tracker. 26/01/26 The Conservators received and unanimously agreed the Car Park Management Plan. 16/03/26 The Chair agreed to provide an update following the meeting. He explained that there are various car parks across the downs which are under the control of the Jockey Club and the Downskkeepers, and the item on the action tracker is about managing their usage and time.
18	Local Government Reorganisation	>Local Government Reorganisation across Surrey will affect the make up and work of the Conservators and Consultative Committee	Jackie King	May-27		Verbal update to be provided at the 12.10.26 CC Meeting	1/08/26 Question received from invited CC rep regarding LGR and CGR implications on Conservators and Consultative Committee. 13/10/25 The Chair informed the Committee that the decision on what is happening to Surrey as a result of Local Government Reorganisation has been delayed until the end of October. The Chair explained that it has been added to the action tracker as the reorganisation will affect the 1984 Act which governs the Downs. The Chief Executive clarified that any contracts or agreements that name Epsom and Ewell Borough Council, will be automatically transferred and inherited by the new Unitary Authority. She explained that there will be conversations taking place to understand how the Conservators will operate under the new Unitary Authority. The Chair mentioned that he has raised this item with TGMB and encouraged them to allocate budget for any legal work that would need to be done on the 1984 Act with the upcoming changes. 16/03/26 The Chief Executive informed the Committee that the Council's legal team and operational services have been asked to create a briefing note on the Epsom and Walton Downs Conservators and Consultative Committee. This note will then be submitted to the relevant workstream. This will fall under land, property, and legal. The Chair raised that currently the Conservators have six Epsom and Ewell Borough Councillors as part of their membership. He highlighted that with the new East Surrey Council; there is no certainty or guarantee that the councillors sitting on the Conservators going forwards will be from the local area.

ISSUES RAISED FOR CONSIDERATION BY INVITED REPRESENTATIVES

Head of Service:	Jackie King, Chief Executive
Report Author	Phoebe Batchelor
Wards affected:	College Ward; Town Ward; Woodcote and Langley Vale Ward;
Appendices (attached):	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 Issues Raised

- 2.1 The following issues have been raised for consideration:

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Woodcote (Epsom) Residents Society (WERs), Jane Clarke

1: Preparations for El Nino/Climate Change

More heat waves/wildfire risk and storms/strong winds

Epsom Downs Model Aircraft Club (EDMAC), James Vincenti

1: Signage

Historically, signs were displayed at all entrances to the Downs advising members of the public that model aircraft operate on the site. These signs were removed as part of the new signage scheme and, to date, have not been replaced. At a previous Consultative Committee meeting, revised signage and an updated site map were presented. Could an update be provided on the current status of these proposals, including whether replacement signage is planned and, if so, the anticipated timescale for installation?
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2: Temporary Shade Structures

In recent years, summer temperatures have continued to increase, creating challenging conditions for some members during normal flying activities. Could the Committee consider reviewing the current rules relating to gazebos or other temporary shade structures, with a view to permitting their use on normal flying days? This would help provide protection from the sun, particularly for more vulnerable members, while maintaining safe and considerate use of the site. The purpose of this request is solely to provide shade and improve member welfare during periods of hot weather.

Epsom Civic Society, Nick Lock

1: Spoil Heaps

Following our numerous previous representations on this topic the Society is very pleased to see that some of the spoil heaps have recently been removed and hopes that work on the remainder can start soon. Specifically, there are still some spoil heaps in the 7th Furlong Car Park, and also behind the Derby start and at the top of the path up Six Mile Hill from the N end of Ebbisham Lane. As well as spoil, the car park also still has a large pile of rolled-up astroturf which has been there for more than a year, four large water containers that were to have been removed following the previous Consultative Committee meeting, and an old farm trailer. These are all unsightly and should be removed: if the car park looks like a dumping ground it will end up being treated like one.
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2: Content for Noticeboards

This is another issue that we have raised on numerous occasions since the noticeboards were installed (at least 5 years ago, probably longer given they were funded in part by the EU!). At the end-2025 meeting the Consultative Committee was presented with the proposed content, which was almost finalised and in the Spring of this year we were told that the content was being sent for printing. However, the noticeboards and display lecterns still have no official content - just a selection of fly posters on some of them. Please can we be told when this project will finally be completed?

3: Parking in front of the Derby Arms

The triangular area of grass in front of the Derby Arms is being used for parking much more frequently than previously. The Society's understanding is that parking in this area is supposed to be allowed exceptionally only, particularly around significant events like the Derby meeting. It should not be used routinely since that will damage the ground and it looks unsightly.

3 Risk Assessment

Legal or other duties

3.1 Equality Impact Assessment

3.1.1 None.

3.2 Crime & Disorder

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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 **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:** 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.

6.6 **Local Government Reorganisation Implications:** 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, 16 March 2026](#)

Other papers:

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