



EPSOM DOWNS
TRAINING GROUNDS

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Epsom and Walton Downs Conservators
c/o Town Hall
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To Whom It May Concern,

Further to a Training Grounds Management Board (TGMB) meeting held on Thursday 7th May 2020, I am writing to you to bring to your attention to a discussion at our meeting concerning the impact the COVID-19 restrictions have had on the Epsom Downs Training Grounds. Prior to the lockdown measures, the training grounds saw a sudden and large increase in people accessing the Downs for exercise during the hours of training (6:30am – 12:00pm). This in turn led to a greater concern surrounding health and safety on the Downs as there were more visitors roaming the Downs who were unaware they were crossing a gallop which could result in a serious accident.

Since the closure of the top car park and the London Road car park, this problem has become more manageable as the training grounds area of the Downs is now less accessible to the public. Please can I urge that the Conservators Committee give strong consideration to maintaining the closures, even when the lockdown measures begin to ease countrywide. The TGMB feels that keeping these car parks temporarily shut would greatly assist in ensuring the safety of all concerned during the hours of training until the public health situation returns to normal.

I look forward to hearing for you.

Yours faithfully,

Simon Philip
Chairman of TGMB