

**ITEMS OF INTEREST DISCUSSED BY THE TRAINING GROUNDS
MANAGEMENT BOARD (TGMB)**

Report of the: Chairman of the Conservators
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Annexes/Appendices (attached): None
Other available papers (not attached):

REPORT SUMMARY

This report provides the Conservators with an update on items considered by the Epsom and Walton Downs Training Grounds Management Board.

1 Items considered by the Training Grounds Management Board (TGMB)

- 1.1 The TGMB last met on 15 December 2015. The Chairman of the Conservators and Training Grounds Manager (Mr Nigel Whybrow) have provided the following report on items considered by the Board, for the Conservators' information.
- 1.1.1 Hatched area at the foot of Walton Downs. The TGMB considered that it had no reason to change its current stance with regard to the Hatched Area, and reconfirmed that it could not authorise the use of the Hatched Area for hack riding.
- 1.1.2 Dog walking signs. It was proposed that the replacement dog walking signs would be in place in January. There would be an accompanying press release.
- 1.1.3 Publicity of the Downs. Further publicity of the legal status of the Downs and priority of use for Training was proposed. This includes a short article for the Summer edition of the Borough Insight.
- 1.1.4 Briefing for Borough Councillors. TGMB members have offered to provide a briefing evening for Borough Councillors on their work and the challenges faced.

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1.1.5 Polytrack extension. The Polytrack on Walton Downs was granted planning permission to be 7 furlongs in length when initially installed. However, due to costs at the time it was only completed to 5.5 furlongs in length.

Following investment from the Jockey Club and TGMB, the TGMB will extend the track to its original planned length of 7 furlongs - a 300 metre extension. The TGMB hopes to carry this work out in March/April of this year.