

Training Grounds
Management Board
c/o Jockey Club Estates
101 High Street
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23rd March 2021

Epsom and Walton Downs Conservators c/o Town Hall The Parade Epsom Surrey, KT18 5BY

Dear Conservators,

Further to a Training Grounds Management Board (TGMB) meeting held on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2021, I am writing to you to ask you to consider closing the car parks around Epsom and Waltons Downs until 12pm Mondays to Saturdays and until 9am on Sundays.

During the past year, there has been a considerable increase in public use of the Downs, which is significantly increasing the risks in the training of racehorses and to users of the Downs during the morning hours. These risks have been quantified by an independent, third party Health & Safety expert as 'High' for both the training community and Downs users. This situation clearly needs to be addressed and promptly.

Along with some new and improved signage and a wider awareness campaign, the TGMB feel that the closure of the car parks until the times mentioned above would assist in encouraging people to visit the Downs <u>after</u> the hours of training, when the risks are significantly lower and improve the overall safety of all Downs users. There is no intention to stop people visiting the Downs; the objective is to persuade them to not come at times when racehorse training is prioritised within terms of the Act.

I look forward to hearing for you.

Yours sincerely,

Chairman of TGMB