

HACK CANTER AGREEMENT

Head of Service: Jackie King, Director of Corporate Services
Wards affected: College Ward; Town Ward; Woodcote Ward;
Appendices (attached):

Summary

This report accompanies a draft agreement replacing the Hack Ride with a Hack Canter, which will be provided and maintained by Jockey Club Racecourses Limited.

Recommendation (s)

The Conservators are asked to:

- (1) Agree to the contents of the Hack Canter Agreement attached as Appendix 1
- (2) Delegate authority to the Chair of the Conservators to sign the Agreement
- (3) Delegate authority to the Clerk of the Conservators in consultation with the Chair, to effect any minor amendments necessary, prior to signature

1 Reason for Recommendation

- 1.1 The Conservators resolved in November 2021, to approve, in principle, a proposal to replace the existing Hack sand Ride with a sixteen-metre-wide strip at the bottom of Six Mile Hill, to be referred to as the Hack Canter.
- 1.2 A Draft Agreement between all parties concerned, has been drafted and has been submitted to the Conservators for consideration, and approval.

2 Background

- 2.1 The Conservators have regularly raised the concerns of the hack riders about the state of the Hack Sand Ride at the bottom of Six Mile Hill, which has fallen into disrepair, and which is uneconomical to repair.

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- 2.2 The Jockey Club approached The British Horse Society, the Epsom Riders Protection Society and the Training Grounds Management Board with a potential solution whereby a sixteen metre wide strip at the bottom of the area on Six Mile Hill grass gallops reserved for the training of racehorses, would be made available to leisure riders each day after the Training Hours, and which would be maintained by the TGMB's gallops team.
- 2.3 This proposal was approved in principle by the Conservators in November 2021, and a Draft Agreement between all relevant parties, has been submitted for consideration and approval.
- 2.4 The Agreement is to be concluded between The Jockey Club, the Horseracing Betting Levy Board, the Training Grounds Management Board, the British Horse Society and the Epsom & Walton Downs Conservators.
- 2.5 In the event of any further minor amendments to the Draft Agreement, it is proposed that the Clerk to the Conservators, in consultation with the Chair, be authorised to deal with these.

3 Risk Assessment

Legal or other duties

3.1 Equality Impact Assessment

3.1.1 None arising as a result of this report.

3.2 Crime & Disorder

3.2.1 None arising as a result of this report.

3.3 Safeguarding

3.3.1 None arising as a result of this report.

3.4 Dependencies

3.4.1 The Agreement is to be concluded between five parties, namely The Jockey Club, the Horseracing Betting Levy Board, the Training Grounds Management Board, the British Horse Society and the Epsom & Walton Downs Conservators.

3.5 Other

3.5.1 None as a result of this report.

4 Financial Implications

- 4.1 None, provided that no future maintenance costs related to the Hack Sand area fall to the Conservators.

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- 4.2 **Section 151 Officer's comments:** None arising from the contents 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:** The following Key Priorities are engaged:
- 6.2 **Service Plans:** The matter is/is not included within the current Service Delivery Plan.
- 6.3 **Climate & Environmental Impact of recommendations:**
- 6.4 **Sustainability Policy & Community Safety Implications:**
- 6.5 **Partnerships:**

7 Background papers

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

Previous reports:

- <https://democracy.epsom-ewell.gov.uk/documents/s21687/Hack%20Sand%20Replacement.pdf>

Other papers:

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