

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

Report of the: Chairman of the Conservators
Contact: Tim Richardson
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 11 May 2016. 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.** They TGMB found no reason to change its current view that the hatched area is not currently suitable for hack riding, but a small group will further look at the issues in depth and report back to TGMB.
 - 1.1.2 **Dogs on leads.** The TGMB agreed to look at amending the signs with regard to reflecting the earlier finishing time of training on Sundays.
 - 1.1.3 **Cars on the roadway outside the Rubbing House.** The TGMB noted that the number of cars parking on the road outside the Rubbing House during training hours was causing difficulties for some trainers.
 - 1.1.4 **Polytrack extension.** TGMB were pleased that the new Polytrack extension has been completed and was now open. The trainers reported that it was proving of great benefit.
 - 1.1.5 **Trainers' news.** The TGMB observed that following a decrease in the number of horses in yard and using the training gallops over recent months, there had now been a slight upturn with 2 new trainers moving into the area. The TGMB expressed that this was still below the numbers required for the long term sustainability of the training facilities however.