

**SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL PROPOSAL TO ERECT ADVANCE WARNING SIGNS  
ON ASHLEY ROAD**

Report of the: Downs Manager  
Contact: Sam Beak  
Urgent Decision?(yes/no) No  
If yes, reason urgent decision required:  
Annexes/Appendices (attached): Annexe 1 – Photographs of the proposed signs and suggested locations

Other available papers (not attached):

**REPORT SUMMARY**

**This report presents a request from Surrey County Council to erect new advance warning signs on Ashley Road near to the Equestrian crossing.**

**RECOMMENDATION (S)**

**(1) That the Conservators consider and approve a proposal from Surrey County Council to erect new advance warning signs on Ashley Road near to the Equestrian crossing.**

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**1 Introduction**

- 1.1 The Equestrian crossing on Ashley Road has regularly been the focal point for concern especially regarding the safety of the trainers and their horses using it.
- 1.2 A significant number of reports have been received by the Downs Manager and the police relating to motorists jumping the lights or speeding whilst approaching the crossing. This behaviour increases the risks to the trainers and the racehorses as they approach the crossing and whilst using the crossing.
- 1.3 Due to the increased risk to the trainers and the racehorses using this particular equestrian crossing, representation has been made by the Jockey Club Estates Training Ground Manager to Surrey County Council Highways Department.
- 1.4 A proposal has been received from Surrey County Council to erect new warning signs in the vicinity of the equestrian crossing.

## **2 Proposals**

- 2.1 Surrey County Council have agreed to install four pairs of advance warning signs as seen in the photograph attached at Annexe 1 to help address the concerns raised.
- 2.2 These signs will be attached to existing lamp columns where available to minimise the cost of installation. Two sets of signs will require the installation of a new post as there are no existing lamp columns to attach to.
- 2.3 Surrey County Council is seeking permission from the Conservators to install the signs at the suggested locations in Annexe 1.

## **3 Financial and Manpower Implications**

- 3.1 There are no implications for the Conservators as a result of this proposal.
- 3.2 All costs of installation will be met by the Training Ground Management Board as agreed with Surrey County Council.

## **4 Legal Implications (including implications for matters relating to equality)**

- 4.1 Under the Epsom & Walton Downs Regulation Act 1984 there is a byelaw which states that:

*A person shall not, without consent of the Conservators, on the Downs enclose any part of the Downs or erect any building shed or other structure thereon or construct any roads or parking places*

*A person shall not, without consent of the Conservators, on the Downs dig or take any stem chalk soil or other materials or take any turf, sods, trees, flowers, shrubs, plants or grass or use any device designed or adapted for detecting or locating any metal or mineral in the ground*

- 4.2 Surrey County Council is requesting the consent of the Conservators to carry out the proposed works as detailed at Annexe 1.

## **5 Conclusion**

- 5.1 Surrey County Council has submitted a proposal to install four pairs of advance warning signs near to the equestrian crossing on Ashley Road.
- 5.2 The Conservators are requested to consider the proposed works as detailed at Annexe 1 and decide whether approval should be given.