

**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 22 February 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.** 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.

The comments of the Hack Rider Representative with regard to the use of the Hatched Area (made at the meeting of the Epsom and Walton Downs Consultative Committee on 9 March - see Item 09 of this agenda) will be reported to the next meeting of the TGMB for its consideration.

1.1.2 **Dogs on leads.** The TGMB were pleased to hear that the feedback regarding dogs on leads was so positive and would like to thank the Conservators, Downs Keepers and Rangers for their help and support as well as the public for their co-operation.

1.1.3 **Poly track extension.** The contractors arrived on site on 21 March and works are expected to take approximately 5 weeks to complete.

1.1.4 **Trainers' news.** Ralph (Jack) Smith who used to train at Epsom a few years ago (but moved away) has now returned to the Downs to train, and is renting Little Woodruffe Stables on Headley Road.