

EPSOM GOLF CLUB – PROPOSAL FOR STEPS NEAR 16TH GREEN

Report of the: Downs Manager
Contact: Sam Beak
Urgent Decision?(yes/no) No
If yes, reason urgent decision required:
Annexes/Appendices (attached): Annexe 1 – Request for Sleeper Steps near 16th Green of Epsom Golf Course

Other available papers (not attached):

REPORT SUMMARY

This report presents a request from Epsom Golf Club to erect a new set of steps leading from the 16th green.

RECOMMENDATION (S)

Notes

(1) That the Conservators consider and approve a proposal from Epsom Golf Club to erect a new set of steps leading from the 16th green.

1 Introduction

- 1.1 Epsom Golf Club has approached the Downs Manager with a proposal to erect a new set of sleeper steps leading from the back of the 16th green. The proposal is attached at Annexe 1.
- 1.2 The existing area has no steps and relies on golfers climbing a steep bank at the rear and side of the 16th green in order to proceed to the 17th tee area.
- 1.3 The Golf Club have confirmed that a number of golfers have previously slipped on this bank and in periods of wet weather it becomes increasingly more slippery to climb therefore increasing the risk of slipping and possible injury.
- 1.4 The erection of some steps will aid golfers walking from the 16th green to the 17th tee and will reduce the risk of slipping.

2 Proposals

- 2.1 The intention is to erect a set of 6 steps each 3ft wide and covered with green anti-slip matting.

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- 2.2 The Golf Club is requesting permission to erect these steps near to the 16th green. Photographs of the intended site can be found in Annexe 1.
- 2.3 The Conservators are requested by Epsom Golf Club to approve the proposal for the steps.

3 Financial and Manpower Implications

- 3.1 There are no implications for the Conservators as a result of this proposal.

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 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 Epsom Golf Club is requesting the consent of the Conservators to carry out the proposed works as detailed at Annexe 1.
- 4.3 Following consultation with the Planning Department, it has been suggested that planning permission will not be required as there will be minimal digging out of soil needed to carry out the works. The Planning Department have stipulated that the steps must be made of natural materials with the exception of the anti-slip matting.

5 Conclusion

- 5.1 Epsom Golf Club has submitted a proposal to erect a new set of six steps covered with green anti-slip matting to the rear of the 16th green.
- 5.2 The Conservators are requested to consider the proposed works as detailed at Annexe 1 and decide whether approval should be given.