

EAFRD UPDATE

Head of Service:	Mark Shephard, Head of Property and Regeneration
Wards affected:	College Ward; Town Ward; Woodcote Ward;
Appendices (attached):	Appendix 1 – Images of completed signs

Summary

To provide the Committee with an update report on EAFRD infrastructure installation which provides improvements to information and signage on Epsom and Walton Downs.

Recommendation (s)

- (1) That the Committee notes the progress made on improvements to signs on the Downs.**

1 Reason for Recommendation

- 1.1 This report provides the Committee with an update on the improvements to signs and information on the Downs, enabled by the Conservators' successful bid for European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development which secured over £132,082.60 in funding for the project.

2 Update

- 2.1 The majority of the infrastructure is now installed. We are waiting on the Information inserts for the notice boards and lecterns, which are expected to be delivered in the first week of December and will comprise 48 x 'Holwood style' signs (these generally comprise warning signs rather than local information signs) and information inserts for the lecterns and upright signage that has already been installed.
- 2.2 Unfortunately, supply issues have pushed back the delivery date.
- 2.3 In the last 12 months, oak supplies have experienced high demand and rising prices. Current supplies have been unable to keep up with this demand.
- 2.4 The timber is now with the manufacturer and the signs are in production. It is anticipated that these will be with us in the first week of December.

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- 2.5 Despite the rise in costs, the supplier, Fitzpatrick Woolmer, have absorbed the increases.
- 2.6 The funding application has been submitted to the RPA and is being processed. The application will not be completed until the final elements are installed.

3 Risk Assessment

Legal or other duties

- 3.1 Equality Impact Assessment
 - 3.1.1 None for the purpose of this report
- 3.2 Crime & Disorder
 - 3.2.1 None for the purpose of this report
- 3.3 Safeguarding
 - 3.3.1 None for the purpose of this report
- 3.4 Dependencies
 - 3.4.1 None for the purpose of this report
- 3.5 Other
 - 3.5.1 None for the purpose of this report

4 Financial Implications

- 4.1 Financial implications are set-out in section 2 of this report.
- 4.2 **Section 151 Officer's comments:** None for the purposes 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:** Not relevant for this report.
- 6.2 **Service Plans:** Not relevant for this report.

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- 6.3 **Climate & Environmental Impact of recommendations:** Not relevant for this report.
- 6.4 **Sustainability Policy & Community Safety Implications:** Not relevant for this report.
- 6.5 **Partnerships:** Not relevant for this report.

7 Background papers

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

Previous reports:

- [Report to Epsom and Walton Downs Conservators, 8 November 2021](#)

Other papers:

- None.