

MATTERS RAISED FOR CONSIDERATION BY INVITED REPRESENTATIVES

Head of Service:	Jackie King, Chief Executive
Wards affected:	College Ward; Town Ward; Woodcote and Langley Vale Ward;
Appendices (attached):	None

Summary

To discuss issues raised by representatives invited to attend the meeting of the Committee.

Recommendation

The Committee is asked to:

- (1) Consider the matters raised by invited representatives as set out in this report.**

1 Reason for Recommendation

- 1.1 Section 4 of the Constitution of the Epsom and Walton Downs Consultative Committee sets out that a number of representatives will be invited to attend meetings of the Committee and may participate in the discussions (but not vote) on items. The Chair has agreed to permit invited representatives to raise matters within the terms of reference of the Committee and to be included on the agenda subject to the item being delivered to the Clerk at least 10 days before the next meeting of the Committee.
- 1.2 Accordingly, this report informs the Committee of matters raised for consideration by invited representatives for this meeting by Members of the Committee.

2 Background

- 2.1 The following issues have been requested:

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Lower Mole Partnership Representative, Sarah Clift

1: Epsom and Walton Downs Habitat Management Plan and Epsom Downs Golf Course Habitat Management Plan

The progress on implementation of both the habitat management plans should be included as standing items on the agenda. In particular, grassland management should be discussed as there are achievements to be noted and further work to be prioritised.

2: Vegetation Dump Near Rifle Butts Alley

Concern as plastic waste has been seen accumulating. Generally unsightly and concern for leaching of nutrients.

College Ward Residents' Association, Richard Balsdon

1: Notice Boards

Please can we have an update on when these will be completed. Is there the intention to include a map of the Downs?

2: Signage

At the 22/1 Conservators' meeting a mention was made of other signage and ways to "educate" Downs' users. Has anything been progressed on this subject?

Epsom Downs Model Aircraft Club (EDMAC), James Vincenti

1: Additional Signage

We now seem to be stuck with the new path that appeared during the Covid19 era and crosses directly across our flying site runway and pits areas. We would like to understand what the options might be for adding addition signs ourselves on the noticeboards to advise the public that model flying takes place on the racecourse.

2: Drones and Smaller Toy-Grade RC Aircraft

We have noticed an increase in drones and smaller toy-grade RC aircraft on the downs. We have also been told that some people have been observed flying from our runway outside of the agreed times. Our own inquiries have led us to conclude these are not members of EDMAC. We would like to encourage the

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Downs Rangers to check those flying on the downs have EDMAC-issued membership passes.

Epsom Civic Society, Nick Lock

1: Back of Sign Boards

You can see that the back of the boards (which in many cases are as prominent as the front) now tend to show copies of the byelaws. Unfortunately, these are printed on white sticky-back plastic which has tended to crease and buckle when applied to the board, so the overall effect is very disappointing. Epsom Civic Society hopes that the material for the front of the boards will be printed on something more durable. We were assured at the last meeting that the boards would be treated with preservative and would have the materials inserted over the winter, but it looks like another deadline has been missed.

3 Risk Assessment

Legal or other duties

3.1 Equality Impact Assessment

3.1.1 None.

3.2 Crime & Disorder

3.2.1 None.

3.3 Safeguarding

3.3.1 None.

3.4 Dependencies

3.4.1 None.

3.5 Other

3.5.1 None.

4 Financial Implications

4.1 None.

4.2 **Section 151 Officer's comments:** None for the purposes of this report.

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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 applicable.

6.2 **Service Plans:** Not applicable.

6.3 **Climate & Environmental Impact of recommendations:** None.

6.4 **Sustainability Policy & Community Safety Implications:** None.

6.5 **Partnerships:** None.

7 Background papers

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

Previous reports:

- None.

Other papers:

- [Constitution of the Epsom and Walton Downs Consultative Committee](#)