

Epsom & Walton Downs Consultative Committee Action Tracker 2023-2025

Issue No.	Issue Subject	Follow-up Action	Contact	Deadline	Date Action Completed	Fed back to Conservators/CC Y/N	Notes
1	Condition of Hack Canter Ride	> added to the Winter Workplan for 23/24	Sam Whitehead	Feb-24		Verbal update to be provided at the 14.10.24 CC Meeting	<p>This area has suffered severe damage from vehicle use. This has worsened following the upgrades to the fibre gallop. Works to restore the surface for hack use have been promised over several winters but it remains hard, very rutted and for all but horse walking ; - Consultative Committee Issue add to winter workplan for 2023/24 and follow up with Conservators when completed.</p> <p>26/09/24 Nigel Whybrow has mentioned that vehicles have been accused but it's predominantly caused by pedestrians (desire lines). There is a good hack canter down at the bottom, that is working positively. This one is misbranded as a hack canter.</p> <p>The Streetcare Manager is to arrange a meeting with Nigel, Alex, and Caroline wc 30th to look at and discuss this item further.</p>
2	Noticeboards on the Downs	> to put up noticeboard content and protective covering	Sam Whitehead	Feb-24		Verbal update to be provided at the 14.10.24 CC Meeting	<p>25/03/24 The Chair informed the Committee that there has been a slight delay in getting the artwork for the inlay completed and agreed and that is something that has been progressing with the Streetcare Manager. The Chair acknowledge the work is significantly behind, but reassured the Committee that work is being carried out to get this job completed as soon as possible and an update will be provided once the works are complete.</p> <p>26/09/24 The Chair to bring print outs to the meeting for members and invited representatives to consider. The printers are ready to go.</p>
3	Spoil Heaps	> removal / recycling of spoil heaps on the downs > work to start Oct 23	Nigel Whybrow and Sam Whitehead	Feb-24		Verbal update to be provided at the 14.10.24 CC Meeting	26/09/24 Update from Nigel Whybrow to be provided verbally.
4	Oak Trees	> (potential) planting of an Oak Tree > talk to Nigel to determine exact location	Sam Whitehead	Nov-27			26/09/24 The Streetcare Manager will purchase the oak trees soon. The current intention is to buy 6 x 8ft oak trees to be put in. The Epsom & Ewell Tree Advisory Board (EETAB)and Business Improve District (BID) to be approached to help financially contribute.
5	Ice Cream Van	> risk assessment of current location of ice cream van > start conversation with vendor about potentially moving pitch/location	Sam Whitehead	May-24	Sep-24	Report went to Conservators on the 17/06/24 Verbal update to be provided at the 14.10.24 CC	<p>The Conservators agreed on the 17/06/24 that Officers would investigate and take legal advice to determine if the Ice Cream Vendor could be relocated to the Downskeepers's Hut Car Park, for safety reasons.</p> <p>26/09/24 Streetcare Manager to get in touch with the vendor and move this along.</p> <p>26/09/24 The wider scheme of vending on the downs (discussed at Conservators on the 17/06/24) is in progress - with the six month trial commencing soon. Contracts for the pilot scheme are currently with legal to be looked at before anything is agreed with specific vendors. The Streetcare Manager is currently looking into appropriate pitch sites.</p>
6	Sycamore Trees	> discussion regarding management of sycamore trees on the downs > recognition and research into the potential threat they pose to horses	Sam Whitehead (and Tree Officer and Countryside Team)	May-24		Verbal update to be provided at the 14.10.24 CC Meeting	26/09/24 Streetcare Manager has had discussions with the Countryside Officer. The Sycamore trees have been up there for years and no horses have fallen foul. This item will continue to be monitored and updates fed back if any issues arise. The trees will not be cut down as they are key at the moment to fill gaps from Ashdieback works.
7	Grandstand Road Car Park Volunteer	> discussion with Mayor regarding the inviting of volunteer to have tea in the Mayor's Parlour > organising of tea with the mayor and an award / certificate for volunteers continued hard work	Jackie King	Jan-24	19/2/24 Unfortunately both volunteers declined any recognition so not progressed at their request	Fed back to CC on the 25th of March 2024	Item closed

8	Toilets on the Downs	> To assess the options for the future provision of a toilet facility at the Downs	Mark Shepherd and Sam Whitehead	N/A	No budget provision for either construction or ongoing maintenance		<p>25/03/24 The Chair informed the Committee that there is currently no budget provision for this project so it will be worth looking at different forms of additional funding. The Chair confirmed this was a longterm project that will be looked into further.</p> <p>26/09/24 There is still no budget provision. This item will be kept on the action tracker and will be updated as and when anything changes.</p>
9	Fibre Sand Gallop	> an unfriendly horse crossing of fibre sand gallop on Walton Road approaching the woods	Nigel Whybrow and Sam Whitehead	Nov-24		Verbal update to be provided at the 14.10.24 CC Meeting	<p>25/03/24 The Member from the Epsom Downs Riders Protection Society asked if the layout could be improved. The Member from the Training Grounds Management agreed to meet with the Member from the Epsom Downs Riders Protection Society to gain more information regarding the unfriendly horse crossing and then to feedback at the next Consultative Committee Meeting.</p> <p>26/09/24 Streetcare Manager to arrange to meet Alex Stewart on site and see if improvements can be made.</p>
10	Vegetation Dump near Rifle Butts Alley	> Concern as plastic waste has been seen accumulating - need to monitor situation	Sam Whitehead	Nov-24		Verbal update to be provided at the 14.10.24 CC Meeting	<p>25/03/24 The Chair informed the Committee that the Downkeepers will investigate and take any action necessary, and an update will be provided at the next Committee Meeting.</p> <p>26/09/24 Rifle Butts Alley is being cleared currently.</p>
11	Resurfacing of Hack Track from Langley Vale behind Downs House	> The resurfacing includes stones and rocks and needs to be looked at	Nigel Whybrow and Sam Whitehead	Nov-24		Verbal update to be provided at the 14.10.24 CC Meeting	<p>25/03/24 The Member from the Training Grounds Management informed the Committee that said now the weather is drier, it will be something the team will focus on, and an update will be brought back to next meeting.</p>