

EPSOM DOWNS MODEL AIRCRAFT CLUB (EDMAC) MOBILITY IMPAIRED PARKING - ANNUAL REVIEW

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Wards affected:	College Ward; Town Ward; Woodcote and Langley Vale Ward;
Appendices (attached):	None.

Summary

To provide an annual review of the Epsom Downs Model Aircraft Club Mobility Impaired Parking Scheme on Epsom and Walton Downs and to request permission for the scheme to be granted on a permanent basis.

Recommendation (s)

The Conservators are asked to:

- (1) Note the success of the scheme.**
- (2) Grant permission for the Epsom Downs Model Aircraft Club Mobility Impaired Parking Scheme on a permanent basis.**

1 Reason for Recommendation

- 1.1 The Mobility Impaired Parking scheme for members of EDMAC has been working well since its introduction in June 2023.
- 1.2 The Model Aircraft Club have diligently controlled access to the disabled parking facilities and the Lead Downskeeper has stated that there is rarely more than one car using the designated parking area at any one time.
- 1.3 There have been no reports of misuse, no complaints from other visitors to the Downs, and no breaches of security during trial period.
- 1.4 On this basis, it is proposed that the scheme is granted on a permanent basis, with the caveat that it will return to be reviewed by Conservators if any issues arise.

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2 Background

- 2.1 At their meeting on 19 June 2023 the Conservators resolved to support a mobility impaired parking scheme for members of the Epsom Downs Model Aircraft Flying Club and to grant permission for four accessible parking spaces near to the flying area for the use of members of EDMAC who are in possession of a blue badge.
- 2.2 Approval was granted for an initial period of one year with an annual review thereafter.
- 2.3 At the Epsom and Walton Downs Consultative Committee on 16 October 2023 an invited representative of EDMAC, queried if the approved disabled parking spaces for EDMAC would continue to be voted through every year. It was agreed that conducting an annual review would be the most effective way to maintain approval, allowing any issues raised by either party to be discussed and resolved at the meeting.
- 2.4 As no issues have arisen since the scheme was approved in June 2023, it has been suggested that the scheme should be granted on a permanent basis.

3 Risk Assessment

Legal or other duties

- 3.1 Equality Impact Assessment
 - 3.1.1 This parking scheme provides easier access to the flying area for mobility impaired members of EDMAC.
- 3.2 Crime & Disorder
 - 3.2.1 The scheme has been well managed by EDMAC and there have been no reported breaches in security of the Downs whilst the scheme has been in place.
- 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 None for the purpose of this report.

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- 4.2 **Section 151 Officer's comments:** None arising from the content of this report.

5 Legal Implications

- 5.1 None for the purpose of this report.
- 5.2 **Legal Officer's comments:** None for the purposes of this report.

6 Policies, Plans & Partnerships

- 6.1 **Council's Key Priorities:** The following Key Priorities are engaged:
- Safe and Well
- 6.2 **Service Plans:** The matter is not included within the current Service Delivery Plan.
- 6.3 **Climate & Environmental Impact of recommendations:** None for the purpose of this report.
- 6.4 **Sustainability Policy & Community Safety Implications:** None.
- 6.5 **Partnerships:** This scheme is in partnership with EDMAC as regular users of Epsom and Walton Downs.
- 6.6 **Local Government Reorganisation Implications:** None.

7 Background papers

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

Previous reports:

- [Epsom Downs Model Aircraft Club \(EDMAC\) Mobility Impaired Parking – 19 June 2023](#)
- [Epsom Downs Model Aircraft Club \(EDMAC\) Mobility Impaired Parking – 17 June 2024](#)

Other papers:

- [Minutes of the Epsom and Walton Downs Consultative Committee 16 October 2023](#)