

VENDING ON THE DOWNS - UPDATE

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

Summary

To report on the Vending on the Downs pilot scheme.

Recommendation (s)

The Conservators are asked to:

- (1) Note the success of the Chill and Grill Mobile Catering Unit stationed at the View Point Car Park and agree to extend the licence for a further twelve-month period.**
- (2) Receive an update on the proposed start date of the Tiger Lily Bus Company at the Mile Post Car Park**
- (3) Note the new position of the Ice Cream Van**

1 Reason for Recommendation

- 1.1 The Chill and Grill Mobile Catering Unit has been successfully operating at the View Point Car Park since October 2024. During this period the business has worked consistently to build relationships with both stakeholders of the Downs and customers.
- 1.2 During the trial period we have received only compliments on the quality and price and have not received any complaints. The trader has been diligent around litter clearance and has kept in regular contact with Management to alert of them of any concerns around anti-social behaviour and abandoned vehicles in the car park.
- 1.3 On this basis, we would recommend that the Committee agree to the recommendation to extend the licence for a further twelve-month period.

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2 Background

- 2.1 At the Conservators meeting held on the 17 June 2024, the Committee agreed to run a pilot of Mobile Food Vending at two additional locations on Epsom and Walton Downs, the View Point Car Park and the Mile Post Car Park. In addition, the Committee agreed to move the Ice Cream Van to a safer location in the Downskeepers' Hut Car Park.
- 2.2 Two mobile food vendors put forward applications for each car park and one started trading at the View Point Car Park in October 2024 with other due to start trading on the 17 June 2025 at the Mile Post Car Park on a six-month trial.
- 2.3 The ice cream van was successfully moved to the Downskeepers' Hut Car Park with a temporary move to the Hyperion Car Park during the Derby period.

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 Since the Mobile Food Vendor has been operational at the View Point Car Park, officers feel that their presence has had a positive impact on the security of the site. The vendor has alerted officers to suspicious activity, and they have built good relationships with Downskeepers, Jockey Club staff and Golf Course personnel.

3.3 Safeguarding

3.3.1 None for the purpose of this report.

3.4 Dependencies

3.4.1 None

3.5 Other

3.5.1 None

4 Financial Implications

- 4.1 The fees from mobile food vending have provided a new income stream for the Epsom & Walton Downs Conservators and to date all invoices have been paid promptly.

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- 4.2 **Section 151 Officer's comments:** Income generation from appropriate activities such as this helps to fund the work undertaken by the Conservators.

5 Legal Implications

- 5.1 A licence agreement is in place to cover mobile food vending on Epsom & Walton Downs.
- 5.2 If a new licence agreement or variation to an existing licence agreement is required, then this should be produced by legal services
- 5.3 **Legal Officer's comments:** None other than as set out in the report.

6 Policies, Plans & Partnerships

- 6.1 **Council's Key Priorities:** The following Key Priorities are engaged:
- Opportunity and Prosperity
- 6.2 **Service Plans:** The matter is 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:** To date mobile food vending at the View Point Car Park has had a positive impact on Community Safety.
- 6.5 **Partnerships:** The mobile food vendor has worked in partnership with all stakeholders on the Downs.
- 6.6 **Local Government Reorganisation Implications:** None at present.

7 Background papers

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

Previous reports:

- Vending on Epsom & Walton Downs – 17 June 2024