

### Epsom & Walton Downs Consultative Committee Action Tracker 2023-2025

Issue No.	Issue Subject	Follow-up Action	Contact	Deadline	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	ITEM CLOSED	YES	<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 of September to look at and discuss this item further.</p> <p><b>14/10/24 The Streetcare Manager informed the Committee that a meeting had taken place with Alex Steward and Nigel Whybrow to look at the issue and come up with a solution. The solution agreed upon, is to move the Hack Ride over slightly, as the current one is beyond repair.</b></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 13.10.25 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> <p><b>14/10/24 The Chair informed the Committee that there are copies of the information to be put on the noticeboards, for Members and Invited representatives to consider and feedback on following the meeting. Invited representatives raised two noticeboards that needed further attention. The Streetcare Manager noted the locations and confirmed they would look into it.</b></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 13.10.25 CC Meeting	<p>26/09/24 Update from Nigel Whybrow to be provided verbally.</p> <p><b>14/10/24 The Chair informed the Committee that the spoil heaps in the top car park have increased. The Chair explained that this is primarily due to materials arriving from Kempton and Langbourne to help update and refurbish some of the bottom gallop. The bottom gallop is due to be updated through October and some, if not all, of those materials will be used to do that work.</b></p> <p>The Chair confirmed they would look into the spoil heaps behind the Derby start and report back at the next meeting.</p> <p><b>7/03/25 The Streetcare Manager agreed to send cages up on the Downs, wc 10th of March, to removed flytipping content from the Top Car Park. The Chair agreed they would arrange to meet Jim Allen to work out what the spoil heaps are for and how long they will be there.</b></p>
4	Oak Trees	> (potential) planting of an Oak Tree > talk to Nigel to determine exact location	Sam Whitehead	Nov-27	ITEM CLOSED	YES	<p>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 &amp; Ewell Tree Advisory Board (EETAB) and Business Improve District (BID) to be approached to help financially contribute.</p> <p><b>14/10/24 The Chair informed the Committee that the Epsom and Ewell Tree Advisory Board are happy to fund the trees, depending on the size. The Chair set out that the next steps will be to discuss with the Council's Tree Officer, and the Countryside Team, to progress this item along. The Chair raised that there is a suggestion that the trees are a mix of oak trees and disease resistant elms. The Chair committed to speak to the Business Improvement District to provide additional funding for the project.</b></p>

5	Ice Cream Van	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; risk assessment of current location of ice cream van</li> <li>&gt; start conversation with vendor about potentially moving pitch/location</li> </ul>	Sam Whitehead	May-24	ITEM CLOSED	<p>YES</p> <p>Report went to Conservators on the 17/06/24 and 23/06/25</p>	<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 Downskeeper'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> <p><b>14/10/24 The Streetcare Manager confirmed that the Ice Cream Van will move location, into the Downskeeper's Car Park, starting from next season.</b></p>
6	Sycamore Trees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; discussion regarding management of sycamore trees on the downs</li> <li>&gt; recognition and research into the potential threat they pose to horses</li> </ul>	Sam Whitehead (and Tree Officer and Countryside Team)	May-24	ITEM CLOSED	<p>YES</p> <p>Fed back to CC on the 14th of October 2024</p>	<p>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.</p>
7	Grandstand Road Car Park Volunteer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; discussion with Mayor regarding the inviting of volunteer to have tea in the Mayor's Parlour</li> <li>&gt; organising of tea with the mayor and an award / certificate for volunteers continued hard work</li> </ul>	Jackie King	Jan-24	ITEM CLOSED	<p>YES</p> <p>Fed back to CC on the 25th of March 2024</p>	<p>19/2/24 Unfortunately both volunteers declined any recognition so not progressed at their request</p>
8	Toilets on the Downs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; To assess the options for the future provision of a toilet facility at the Downs</li> </ul>	Mark Shepherd and Sam Whitehead	N/A	No budget provision for either construction or ongoing maintenance	<p>Fed back to CC March and October 2024</p>	<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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; an unfriendly horse crossing of fibre sand gallop on Walton Road approaching the woods</li> </ul>	Nigel Whybrow and Sam Whitehead	Nov-24		<p>Verbal update to be provided at the 13.10.25 CC Meeting</p>	<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> <p><b>14/10/24 The Chair informed the Committee that a meeting had taken place with the Streetcare Manager, Nigel Whybrow, and Alex Stewart. The solution agreed is for Nigel Whybrow to amend the gateway that crosses the fibre sand gallop, to make it more open and inviting for hack riders to get across.</b></p> <p><b>This item has been completed.</b></p>
10	Vegetation Dump near Rifle Butts Alley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Concern as plastic waste has been seen accumulating - need to monitor situation</li> </ul>	Sam Whitehead	Nov-24	ITEM CLOSED	<p>YES</p> <p>Fed back to CC October 2024</p>	<p>25/03/24 The Chair informed the Committee that the Downskeeper's 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> <p><b>14/10/24 The Streetcare Manager informed the Committee that the vegetation dump has been cleared.</b></p>
11	Resurfacing of Hack Track from Langley Vale behind Downs House	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; The resurfacing includes stones and rocks and needs to be looked at</li> </ul>	Nigel Whybrow and Sam Whitehead	Nov-24		<p>Verbal update to be provided at the 13.10.25 CC Meeting</p>	<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> <p><b>14/10/24 The Chair informed the Committee that they had visited the Hack Canter in question, and observed it was ok. The Chair invited Members and representatives to raise anything if they were still experiencing issues. The Chair agreed to speak to Nigel Whybrow to look at the areas mentioned by invited representatives and focus on getting some improvements.</b></p>

12	Events on the Downs - Webpage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; collate information about events on the downs (how to apply, classification of events, table of events)</li> <li>&gt; update and add info to EEBC Website</li> </ul>	Sam Whitehead (and Business Support and Democratic Services)	Apr-25		To be fed back to CC 13.10.25	<p>27/01/25 Conservators received a report which stated that the events on the downs would be listed on the EEBC website.</p> <p>28/02/25 Additional Information to be collated and shared with the Chair before going live.</p>
13	Race Horses using Hack Tracks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Speak to Nigel Whybrow to look into issues with Race Horses using Hack Tracks</li> </ul>	Nigel Whybrow and Steven McCormick	Oct-25		Verbal update to be provided at the 13.10.25 CC Meeting	14/10/24 The Chair noted comments made about race horses using hack tracks and confirmed they would speak to Nigel Whybrow and the issue will be addressed.
14	Additional Lighting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; look into possibility of additional lighting outside the Durdans</li> </ul>	Steven McCormick	Oct-25		Verbal update to be provided at the 13.10.25 CC Meeting	<p>14/10/24 The Chair informed the Committee that they have asked SCC for additional lighting, to improve safety, to be put in place outside the Durdans. The Chair stated that if that can be achieved within their SCC Member allowance, it will be actioned.</p> <p>7/03/25 The Chair provided the update that these lights have been quoted for and signed off.</p>
15	School Run Traffic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; look into issues with speeding traffic on Chalk Lane</li> <li>&gt; Check TRO</li> </ul>	Steven McCormick	Oct-25		Verbal update to be provided at the 13.10.25 CC Meeting	14/10/24 An invited representative flagged an issue with speeding traffic on Chalk Lane and queried if the gate at the bottom of Chalk Lane could be locked. The Chair informed the Committee that Surrey Highways have looked into this and determined that the gate can be locked, but the logistics of how it will be managed is an issue that has not been sorted yet. The Chair committed to providing an update when here is more information to share. The Member from the BHS raised that the Traffic Regulation Order should be checked to see if it mentions all vehicular traffic or just motorised traffic. The Chair confirmed that they would check the TRO.
16	Dog Walking on the Downs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; look into options regarding dog walking on the downs and increasing awareness of restrictions and improving behaviour of dogs and owners</li> </ul>	Sam Whitehead	Jan-26		Verbal update to be provided at the 13.10.25 CC Meeting	<p>14/04/24 Discussion at CC Meeting regarding out of control dogs.</p> <p>04/11/24 Conservators received a report on the Nonsuch Dog Licensing Scheme and debated options for dealing with out of control dogs on the downs. The decision was to plan a targeted communication campaign regarding dog walking behaviour on the Downs.</p>
17	Car Park Management Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; the Jockey Club to produce a Management Plan to assess how the land would be used and how it would be managed to ensure there was no detrimental effect on the habitat</li> <li>&gt;once produced will be approved by senior Officers in consultation with the Chair of the Conservators</li> </ul>	TJC, Sam Whitehead, and Steven McCormick	Jun-25		Conservators to be updated with progress at the next meeting	27/01/25 Review of Car Parks report went to January 2025 Conservators - The Chair asked for the management plan to be added to the Action Tracker.
18	Local Government Reorganisation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt;Local Government Reorganisation across Surrey will affect the make up and work of the Conservators and Consultative Committee</li> </ul>	Jackie King	May-27		Verbal update to be provided at the 13.10.25 CC Meeting	1/08/26 Question received from invited CC rep regarding LGR and CGR implications on Conservators and Consultative Committee