

ISSUES RAISED FOR CONSIDERATION BY INVITED REPRESENTATIVES

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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 (s)

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 Issues Raised

- 2.1 The following issues have been raised for consideration:

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Woodcote (Epsom) Residents Society (WERs), Jane Clarke

1: Preparations for El Nino/Climate Change

More heat waves/wildfire risk and storms/strong winds

Epsom Downs Model Aircraft Club (EDMAC), James Vincenti

1: Signage

Historically, signs were displayed at all entrances to the Downs advising members of the public that model aircraft operate on the site. These signs were removed as part of the new signage scheme and, to date, have not been replaced. At a previous Consultative Committee meeting, revised signage and an updated site map were presented. Could an update be provided on the current status of these proposals, including whether replacement signage is planned and, if so, the anticipated timescale for installation?
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2: Temporary Shade Structures

In recent years, summer temperatures have continued to increase, creating challenging conditions for some members during normal flying activities. Could the Committee consider reviewing the current rules relating to gazebos or other temporary shade structures, with a view to permitting their use on normal flying days? This would help provide protection from the sun, particularly for more vulnerable members, while maintaining safe and considerate use of the site. The purpose of this request is solely to provide shade and improve member welfare during periods of hot weather.

Epsom Civic Society, Nick Lock

1: Spoil Heaps

Following our numerous previous representations on this topic the Society is very pleased to see that some of the spoil heaps have recently been removed and hopes that work on the remainder can start soon. Specifically, there are still some spoil heaps in the 7th Furlong Car Park, and also behind the Derby start and at the top of the path up Six Mile Hill from the N end of Ebbisham Lane. As well as spoil, the car park also still has a large pile of rolled-up astroturf which has been there for more than a year, four large water containers that were to have been removed following the previous Consultative Committee meeting, and an old farm trailer. These are all unsightly and should be removed: if the car park looks like a dumping ground it will end up being treated like one.
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2: Content for Noticeboards

This is another issue that we have raised on numerous occasions since the noticeboards were installed (at least 5 years ago, probably longer given they were funded in part by the EU!). At the end-2025 meeting the Consultative Committee was presented with the proposed content, which was almost finalised and in the Spring of this year we were told that the content was being sent for printing. However, the noticeboards and display lecterns still have no official content - just a selection of fly posters on some of them. Please can we be told when this project will finally be completed?

3: Parking in front of the Derby Arms

The triangular area of grass in front of the Derby Arms is being used for parking much more frequently than previously. The Society's understanding is that parking in this area is supposed to be allowed exceptionally only, particularly around significant events like the Derby meeting. It should not be used routinely since that will damage the ground and it looks unsightly.

3 Risk Assessment

Legal or other duties

3.1 Equality Impact Assessment

3.1.1 None.

3.2 Crime & Disorder

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

5 Legal Implications

5.1 **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.

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 and Walton Downs Consultative Committee, 16 March 2026](#)

Other papers:

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