



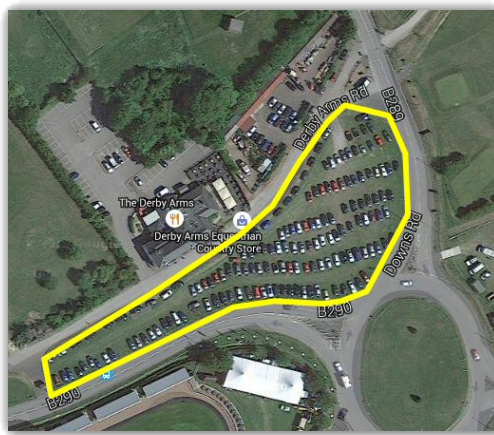
# EPSOM DOWNS

A Jockey Club Racecourse

## Permission Request Parking for Events

### Background

The area identified on the image below, highlighted in yellow, is designated as a Hack Area in the Signed Map for the Epsom and Walton Downs Regulation Act 1984.



It is understood and noted that the Downs byelaws state that

2. (i) *A person shall not, without the consent of the Conservators, on the Downs:*

*(f) drive or place any carriage cart motor car or other vehicle other than upon public carriageways or use any part of the Downs as a parking place*

It is also understood that use of this area for the parking of vehicles is permitted during the preparatory period of racing at the racecourse under the Epsom and Walton Downs Regulation Act 1984.

Outside of the racing fixtures, the racecourse delivers a healthy and busy conference and banqueting facility. During these periods, many visitors are attracted to the racecourse to make use of the facilities and enjoy the iconic and beautiful location.

The area, located outside of the Derby Arms Pub - known as Car Park 6 internally, is an identified hack riding area. I am unsure as to how desirable it is to hack riders but have rarely seen riders using it, or been asked by riders to move vehicles who may have parked so as to restrict horses passing through.

For many years, vehicles have parked on this area during various periods when events such as the monthly Antiques Fair, Wedding Fairs and other large scale conferences. The frequency of the useage varies, but is on average, three to four times a month. It provides a very suitable and convenient overflow for users of the racecourse and is often used by racecourse staff, allowing our

guests to make use of the hard-standing around our two Grandstands.

During the period of the roof repairs to the Duchess's Stand, this area has been used for both staff and visitor parking so as to minimise any Health and Safety concerns with vehicles on-site. It has worked well and we would like to continue with this until the works are complete (mid/end November).

To date the racecourse has not been made aware of any issues or incidents caused by parking vehicles to either hack riders or horses in training.

### **Request**

Due to the ad-hoc nature of its use outside of racing, it is difficult to request a specific number of days per year that the racecourse may park vehicles within this area.

It is therefore requested that the Conservators consider and approve the use of this area by the racecourse for the parking of vehicles. In permitting its use, the racecourse will meet with representatives from the Consultative Committee to ensure that suitable paths are identified and kept clear so as to allow hack riders the opportunity to pass.

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