

**MATTERS ARISING FROM THE LAST MEETING AND OTHER ITEMS
OF INTEREST**

Report of the:	Clerk to the Conservators
Contact:	Tim Richardson
Annexes/Appendices (attached):	None
Other available papers (not attached):	Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 18 September 2017

Report summary

The Committee is asked to note the current situation on issues raised previously, and other matters of interest.

- 1 Public consultation for parking on land in front of the Derby Arms Public House – Minute 6 a) & b)**
 - 1.1 A public consultation on a proposal submitted by Epsom Downs Racecourse to the Conservators for approval for non-racing event related parking was held from 30 January – 28 February 2018. This was made available on the Borough Council’s website and communicated to members of the Consultative Committee and Ward Councillors. It was also detailed in the Council’s e-Borough Insight publication.
 - 1.2 The results of the consultation will be presented to the Conservators for consideration.
- 2 Marking of the Hatched area ride – Minute 6 e) & h)**
 - 2.1 This area will be clearly marked on the new hack riding map which officers are in the process of producing. Once the grass-cutting season has been reached, the Downskeepers will seek to distinguish the boundary of the area by allowing the grass to grow longer.
- 3 Hack Sand track – Minute 6 f)**
 - 3.1 No response has been received from the Horse Race Betting Levy Board.
- 4 Condition of concrete posts adjacent to the racecourse - Minute 7 a)**
 - 4.1 The maintenance of these posts is the responsibility of the Racecourse. The Training Grounds Manager is looking into the issue.

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5 Works to water mains in the area adjacent to the Derby Arms Public House

- 5.1 In January, Thames Water contacted Surrey County Council (SCC) to request permission to carry out essential works to a water main in the area adjacent to the Derby Arms Public House. SCC believed the area of land to be within its jurisdiction and so granted a works permit to Thames Water. Believing that they had all the necessary permissions, Thames Water proceeded to carry out the works required.
- 5.2 The Downs Manager contacted Thames Water and SCC and informed both organisations that the land was owned by the Jockey Club and required the approval of the Conservators for any works that involved digging or removing soil. SCC subsequently checked other mapping systems, agreed that a mistake had been made and revoked the works permit.
- 5.3 Thames Water then immediately sought permission from the Conservators to complete the works. Approval was granted and an appropriate reinstatement programme was agreed in consultation with the Lower Mole Countryside Project consultant. As a result, the majority of the area has been re-turfed, with the rest having the original top soil raked over it and new grass seed planted. Fencing will remain in place for 3-4 weeks and the Downs Manager will continue to monitor the growth and reinstatement during this period. A site visit has been agreed with representatives of Thames Water at the end of this period to discuss sign-off of the works or further remedial works if necessary.

Ward(s) Affected: College; Woodcote;