

## **ITEMS OF INTEREST DISCUSSED BY THE TRAINING GROUNDS MANAGEMENT BOARD (TGMB)**

**Report of the:** Chairman of the Conservators  
**Contact:** Tim Richardson  
**Annexes/Appendices (attached):** None  
**Other available papers (not attached):** None

### **Report summary**

**This report provides the Conservators with an update on items considered by the Epsom and Walton Downs Training Grounds Management Board.**

### **Recommendation (s)**

- (1) That the Conservators receive and note an update on items considered at recent meetings of the Epsom and Walton Downs Training Grounds Management Board.**

## **1 Items considered by the Training Grounds Management Board (TGMB)**

- 1.1 The Chairman of the Conservators and Training Grounds Manager (Mr Nigel Whybrow) have provided the following report on items considered at recent meetings of the Training Grounds Management Board, for the Conservators' information.

## **2 Weather**

- 2.1 The exceptionally cold weather and snow has caused additional problems, but the gallops staff worked hard to keep the training grounds open.

## **3 Hatched area**

- 3.1 This area had been open for hack riders, but the ground conditions mean that it is temporarily closed again.

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### **4 Numbers of horses in training**

- 4.1 After a disappointing start to the year, horse numbers have held steady, with a pleasing number of wins.

### **5 Woodland Trust**

- 5.1 The Woodland Trust have submitted their planning application to Mole Valley District Council for their access road and car park, together with outline planning application for the visitor centre. The TGMB are extremely concerned about the effect that the proposed road changes and access road will have on the horses accessing the training grounds from the Shepard's Walk area and have been in contact with the Woodland Trust and Mole Valley District Council.

### **6 Epsom Improvement Plan (Epsom Vision)**

- 6.1 This work is continuing, with various working groups set up and agreeing their terms of reference.

**Ward(s) Affected:** College Ward; Woodcote Ward;