

Q2a	Q3a	Q4a
<b>What do you use the areas for? (Please tick all that apply)...If 'Other', please specify below....</b>	<b>Has the parking of vehicles on the areas impacted on your ability to use the areas...If 'Yes', please explain below....</b>	<b>Should consent be granted to the Racecourse to use the areas for parking (other than for approved events and racing).....If 'No', please explain your reason/s below....</b>
Running on Downs and dog walking	Safety implications when accessing Downs.	Inadequate access for cars. Health and safety implications.
Running, dog walking	Inadequate access for cars. Health and safety issues for pedestrians.	Excessive parking is detrimental to the amenities of the Downs and causes damage to the grassed area
Nature Conservation	Spoilt the experience of what would be otherwise a pleasant experience.	There are plenty of spaces to the east of the buildings on the present grass parking area.
	Such parking in front of Derby Arms has restricted the (safe) access to this hack area	Part is a designated hack area under the 1984 Act; it is an attractive open area of the Downs
	Cannot appreciate the chalk grassland flora and views available.	Calcareous grassland UK priority habitat of international importance

Q6

**Please provide any further comments regarding this proposal below...**

My concern would mainly be that these areas do not become mud fields with the attendant risk that "improvement" measures become necessary such as grids being installed, starting a gradual urbanising spread on the downs.

Would the grass area be retained or would they be covered in a tarmac or similar? If grass retained what plans would be in place to maintain the grass given likely increased usage, wear/damage etc.

As previously stated a lot of the areas used don't have adequate car access and they will be unsafe for pedestrians who have to share access with pedestrians. Cars have sometimes driven through traffic lights on to pavements to access off road parking spaces, making it unsafe for pedestrians crossing roads on to the Downs. This has happened when there have been no parking stewards to determine right of way. As a local Councillor I would be very concerned for the safety of pedestrians.

The use of these areas should continue to be controlled by the Conservators and not left to the commercial pressures of the racecourse.

Calcareous grassland is a UK habitat of principal importance and is also regarded to be of international importance. Sections of the proposed areas although poorly managed retain interesting flora and unless proven otherwise the assumption would be that increased parking is likely to have a negative impact. The Downs Conservators are a public body and therefore have a biodiversity duty under the Natural Environment and Rural Communities (NERC) Act 2006 and this is of particular relevance to calcareous grassland which is a NERC habitat of principal importance.

IT MAY WELL BE THAT MY OPINIONS ON PARKING ARE NOT RELEVANT AS I LIVE OUTSIDE OF EPSOM AND ALTHOUGH I USE THE DOWNS FREQUENTLY I VERY RARELY PARK IN THE AREAS INDICATED

maybe 20 times per year?

Full use of parking on the Racecourse site should be used first. Using these additional car parks detracts from the open visual aspect of the Downs and the enjoyment of walkers. However, if the on-site car parking is insufficient, the car park beside the racetrack could be used, but stewards should be on duty at all times to ensure that there is no detrimental effect on trainers bringing their horses to and from the training grounds.

The other car parks should be filled first, and only when full the Derby Arms area used. This is in order to retain as much as possible, the open, historic setting around the Grandstand at the top of the hill. It may be necessary to ensure visitors to the Derby Arms, having seen cars parked there have no access at all

Parking in the proposed areas destroys the visual appearance and is inappropriate use of the area while there are plenty of other car parking areas adjacent to the racecourse complex.