

REPLACEMENT TELECOMMUNICATIONS JOINT BOX ON THE DOWNS

Report of the:	Downs Manager
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Annexes/Appendices (attached):	Annexe 1 – BT proposal for works to replace a telecommunications joint box on Epsom Downs
Other available papers (not attached):	Epsom and Walton Downs Byelaws

Report summary

This report details a proposal from BT to carry out essential works to replace a telecommunications joint box on the Downs in the Tattenham Corner area.

Recommendation (s)

- (1) That the Conservators consider the proposal from BT as set out at **Annexe 1**, and decide whether to grant approval for the necessary works under byelaw 2. (i).

1 Background

- 1.1 The Downs Manager has received a proposal from BT for essential works to replace a telecommunications joint box on the Downs in the Tattenham Corner area.
- 1.2 The works are necessary to provide a fibre connection to the Derby Festival Police Silver Command site, which is located in the area each year over the Derby period.

2 Proposals

- 2.1 The details of the proposal are set out at **Annexe 1**. The proposed works require the approval of the Conservators under byelaw 2. (i), as set out below.
- 2.2 Epsom Downs Racecourse has provided its approval to the works (as the landowner).

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- 2.3 The works will replace the existing telecommunications joint box (dimensions of 30cm wide by 60cm long) with a new unit situated in the same location. The new joint box would be slightly larger (dimensions of 60 cm wide by 130cm long). The works are anticipated to take 1-2 days for the installation of the new joint box, with a further 1-2 days to connect the cabling.

3 Financial and Manpower Implications

- 3.1 None for the purpose of this report.
- 3.2 **Chief Finance Officer's comments:** None for the purposes of this report.

4 Legal Implications (including implications for matters relating to equality)

- 4.1 Byelaw 2. (i) for the Downs states;

A person shall not, without consent of the Conservators, on the Downs:

(e) dig or take any stem, chalk, soil or other materials or take turf sods, trees, flowers, shrubs, plants or grass or use any device designed or adapted for detecting or locating any metal or mineral in the ground.

- 4.2 **Monitoring Officer's comments:** The legal position is considered within the body of this report.

5 Sustainability Policy and Community Safety Implications

- 5.1 None for the purpose of this report.

6 Partnerships

- 6.1 None for the purpose of this report.

7 Risk Assessment

- 7.1 Whilst the area identified within the proposal is not extensively utilised by riders or pedestrians, it is adjacent to the golf course. Consideration needs to be given to the safety of members of the public using the area if the works are to be undertaken. The applicant has undertaken to provide suitable barriers around the location whilst the works are ongoing to mitigate this risk.
- 7.2 The Conservators should also be aware that if permission for the works is not granted, there is a risk to the efficiency and effectiveness of emergency services communications over the Derby period.

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8 Conclusion and Recommendations

- 8.1 BT has submitted a proposal to carry out works to replace a telecommunications joint box in the Tattenham Corner area, in order to meet the requirements of the emergency services located there over the Derby period.
- 8.2 The Conservators are asked to consider the proposal and decide whether to grant approval under byelaw 2. (i) for the works to be undertaken.

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