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To all our riders, volunteers and supporters,

Planning for the Future Consultation

We are delighted to publish the outcomes from our recent Planning for the Future Consultation and would like to thank everyone who took the time to contribute their views and ideas.

At a meeting of the Trustees on 26 February 2018, the trustees reviewed the responses to the consultation in detail. We were pleased that there was overwhelming support for development of our riding facilities and also some useful suggestions and ideas for improvements both to the plans and for other areas of ERDA.

At our meeting we considered the recommended actions and made the following decisions

Recommendation 1: The Trustees choose whether to apply for the scheme as drafted, apply for a 65m school or twin track both applications.

After a lengthy discussion, it was decided to apply for planning permission for a 65 x 25m indoor school and a 60 x 25m outdoor school. This is a larger indoor school than the one consulted on however, our original plan was for a 65 x 25m indoor school and the smaller school was designed following pre-application advice from Epsom and Ewell Council. Having engaged with local councillors during the consultation, we have been encouraged by the support shown and have therefore decided to explore further permission for the larger school in order to ensure that the best possible facility is achieved. Plans for the larger school are being drawn up and as part of the planning process there will be a further consultation period on the new plans. The trustees rejected the idea of submitting two simultaneous applications (twin tracking) due to the increased costs of such a course of action.

Recommendation 2: The business plan which underpins the justification is published to address a number of questions raised.

The business plan has been published on the website but is also being updated to reflect the above decision.

Recommendation 3: Detailed costing be established for the agreed scheme/s

This work will commence once planning permission is in place as it will only be at that point that we know for sure what we should and can build.

Recommendation 4: Running costs are established

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Recommendation 5: The car park bays are not marked out but a drop off area is signed and ensure surface is suitable for wheelchairs and stick users.

This is being incorporated into the plans to be submitted for planning permission.

Recommendation 6: A gate is provided at the back of the car park to provide overflow and event parking

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Recommendation 7: Provision is made for future maintenance especially the roof area.

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Recommendation 8: Plans to try and address flooding in Starvation are published

Gordon is currently in discussions with our groundwork contractors to identify a solution.

Recommendation 9: There should be a published statement in relation to shelter management and the use or otherwise of the indoor school as a pony shelter.

Additional field shelters will be purchased in 2018 which should eliminate the need to use the Indoor School as a shelter from the winter of 2018/19 onwards.

We will of course continue to keep you updated as the plans are progressed further.

Stella Milne
Chair of Trustees