

ASCOT

MINUTES OF THE ASCOT LOCAL JOINT PITCH COUNCIL MEETING Held at 10am on Tuesday 28th November 2006

Present:	Andrew Boardley	Chairman
	David Demolder	Ascot Racecourse Ltd
	Robin Grossmith	Rails Bookmakers' Association
	John Turner	Bookmakers' Protection Association
Apologies:	Roger Hooker	Ascot Racecourse Ltd

1. POST REDEVELOPMENT WORKS

- 1.1 David Demolder briefed the Council on works to increase the rake and fall of the viewing lawns and rake of the steppings. These modifications would improve viewing of the racing from the Premier and General Admission accommodation at Concourse Level.
- 1.2 The Council noted that the works create changes for bookmakers:
Rails: The racecourse proposed to move the gate in the bookmakers' rail to the bottom of the steppings and relocate the lower 10 rails positions to the west of the lawn to reduce their obstruction of sightlines. Following a discussion the Council agreed that these arrangements would be workable; a more detailed scheme would be worked up.
Ring: The positions would be relaid out in their existing location and access into the ring would continue to be down the steppings. The back of the lawns would be slightly raised (300mm) and accessed up a gentle grass slope. If possible the racecourse would endeavour to remove the disabled access cutting through the ring.
- 1.3 The Council heard that the works would probably affect the January, February and March meetings in 2007 and temporary positions may be required subject to programming.

2. ROYAL ASCOT

- 2.1 The racecourse was considering locating a temporary satellite betting areas in the Old Paddock and this would be discussed with members in due course.
- 2.2 The Heath layout for Royal Ascot would be along the lines of King George day and would be discussed in 2007 along with the Silver Ring where various improvements were being considered.

3. DESIGNATED NUMBERS

- 3.1 The Council noted that following recent advice from the Office of Fair Trading the racecourse would now set numbers without reference to the Council. The Council noted that the numbers for 2007 would remain the same as 2006 although the Silver Ring would now close other than for Royal Ascot.

4. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

4.1 *Rails Claim:* The Council noted that a bookmaker injured using the new rails had made an insurance claim.

Managers' Office: The racecourse agreed to investigate installing a heater in the office.