

**The Surrey County Council
Old London Road (D2319) Epsom
(Prohibition of Vehicles) Order 202-
Statement of Reasons**

In the late 1990s Epsom & Ewell Borough Council approved the advertisement of a prohibition of traffic order for the section of Old London Road that runs between Tattenham Corner Road and the Top Car Park on Epsom Downs. At the time Epsom & Ewell Borough Council was acting as Highway Authority under an agency agreement with Surrey County Council. The prohibition of traffic order was intended to prevent motor vehicles entering this section of Old London Road overnight. Unfortunately neither Epsom & Ewell Borough Council nor Surrey County Council have any record that the intended prohibition of traffic order was sealed. Nevertheless, Old London Road has been closed overnight since the late 1990s. This is generally accepted by the local community as part and parcel of the operation of the Downs. It is therefore recommended to advertise a prohibition of traffic order to prevent overnight motor vehicle access into Old London Road from Tattenham Corner towards the Top Car park, with the hours of operation and exemptions as detailed in the Schedule below. The proposed hours of operation have been requested by the Epsom & Walton Downs Conservators following their meeting of 21st June 2021 and would be an extension of the hours that have been operating on the ground since the late 1990s. The report that was considered by the Conservators is available online [Agenda \(epsom-ewell.gov.uk\)](https://www.ewell.gov.uk/Agenda) and includes information about the concerns that the Conservators would like to address in requesting extended hours.

Schedule (times of road closure)

1 April to 30 September

Sunday to Friday – 7pm to 12 noon the following day

Saturday – 7pm to 9.30am the following day

1 October to 31 March

Sunday to Friday – 5pm to 12 noon the following day

Saturday – 5pm to 9.30am the following day