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Portsmouth City Council
Planning Department
Civic Offices
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Dear Sirs

Golf Driving Range Burrfields Road Portsmouth PO3 5HH

I enclose my Planning Application for replacement ball stop security/safety fencing at the above.

The current fencing, which is six metres high, was approved on 18 April 2008 (08/00480/FUL). A number of developments have taken place in golf since 2008, namely:

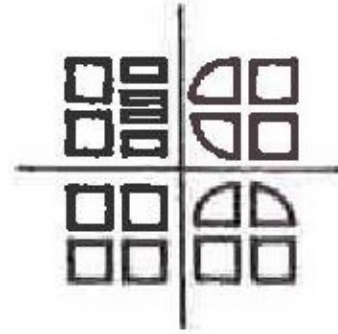
- (a) New technology in golf clubs
- (b) New technology in golf balls
- (c) Physical attributes of golfers.

As a consequence of the above, golfers now have improved equipment and golf participants tend to be more athletic which combines to enable them to hit a golf ball further than they could in 2008. The current fencing is no longer intercepting a large percentage of golf balls around the boundary. This is both dangerous to other persons using the area around the driving range and costly to my Client by the loss of balls being hit into the water.

The proposal is to replace the current six metre high fencing with a combination of new fencing six and twelve metres high. In support of this application, my Client has commissioned an up to date Brent Geese survey which is attached for your attention.

Also, my Client has engaged an Archaeologist from Southampton City Council Archaeology Unit (Dr. Andy Russel) to undertake a Watching Brief when the work is on site.

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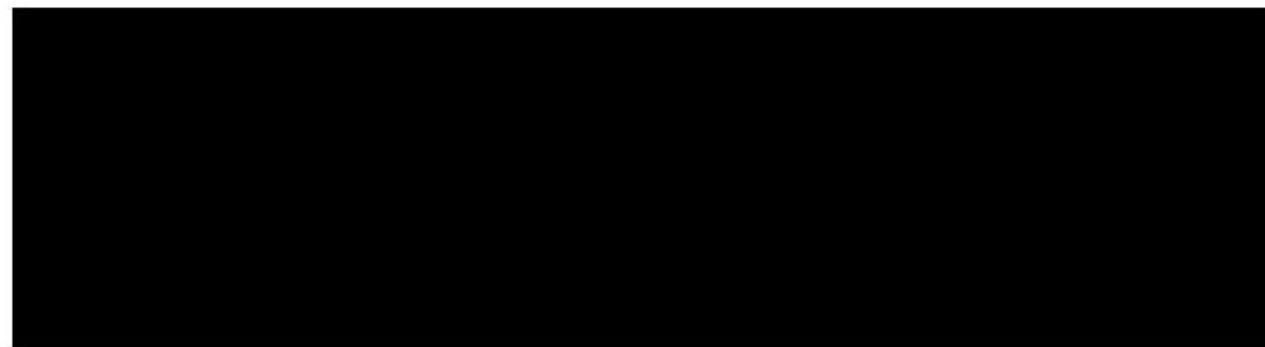
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I wish to draw your attention to the trees around the site boundaries which have grown considerably over the last thirteen years and in many cases are taller than the proposed twelve metre high fencing.

My Client appreciates that this proposal, if approved, would not be implemented on site within the wildfowl wintering period (October to March inclusive).

If you have any other queries on this matter would you contact me at this Office.

Yours faithfully



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Copy to: Mr Terry Healy