

Planning application W/22/0953 – redevelopment of existing and covered 23 bay driving range to provide 30 covered driving range bays, together with reception and parking area for range ball collection buggy; and erection of 10 m high golf safety netting = The Warwickshire Golf and Country Club, Warwick Road, Leek Wootton, Warwick, CV35 7QT

Air Quality Mitigation Statement

Air quality classification

The application proposes 7 additional driving range bays at the Golf Centre at The Warwickshire. The application proposal falls within the 'MINOR' classification of development, as set out in the Council's Air Quality & Planning SPD. Table 1 of the SPD advises that 'TYPE 1' mitigation is required for such 'minor' development.

Mitigation

Table 3 of the SPD confirms that Type 1 mitigation for minor development is that 10% of parking spaces associated with the proposed development be plug-in charging points for electric vehicles.

There is parking standard associated with the provision of driving range bays. However, if one took the view that each additional bay could lead to a maximum increase in demand of one additional car parking space, then there would be a requirement of one additional EV charging point.

Detailed consideration needs to be made as to the most appropriate location for the EV point. Therefore, the applicant suggests the following condition be attached to any consent:

“Prior to the first occupation of the development hereby permitted, one 7.2 kW (minimum) electric vehicle recharging point shall be installed. Once the electric vehicle recharging point has been installed, they shall be retained thereafter and shall not be removed or altered in any way (unless being upgraded).”

This is the same wording as recommended by the Health and Community Protection Team in response to application W/22/0562 which seeks planning permission for an extension to the existing hotel at The Warwickshire.