

# **SUSTAINABILITY REPORT AND D & A STATEMENT**

**WYCHWOOD GOLF CLUB, LYNHAM  
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**PROPOSED GOLF TEACHING STUDIO  
AND  
20 BAY DRIVING RANGE**

## **NEWLEYS DESIGN**

### **Introduction**

Wychwood Golf Course and Club is situated to the north of the village of Lynham, it serves a wide area and caters for all ages, genders and of varying abilities with over 750 members from west Oxfordshire and other neighbouring Districts.

The existing Teaching Studio is a detached flat roofed building which provides all weather teaching facilities for personal tuition.

It is located adjacent to the outside 18 bay driving elevated range.

This teaching studio uses state of the art equipment to assist the 3 Golf Professionals to teach new entrants to the game and to enhance the skills of those aspiring to better their game.

Currently it only allows one golfer to receive instruction at any one time which is proving very restrictive.

The Club prides itself on its ethos not only to promote the GOLF to all but also to support wildlife and its wider environment. A statement from the Club is appended to further expand and express the Clubs aims and objectives to further the sport and to be inclusive.

## **History**

A planning application -23/02463/FUL-for an extension to the existing teaching studio to create 3 Teaching studios and to build 20 covered driving range bays was approved on the 13<sup>th</sup> December 2023.

## **Proposal and Design Scheme 2**

Following a re-appraisal of their first scheme and the Clubs long term aims and objective to provide a service for a wide catchment.

Wychwood GC felt that much more could be achieved by combining the two facilities enabling easier group tuition and wider facilities.

Furthermore, by positioning the facility as shown and by re-aligning the direction of golf ball driving it would not only allow longer ball hitting distance but also reduce any visual impact to the village of Lyneham.

As a result of this South Westerly aspect, it is proposed to install SOLAR PANELS for the length of the driving bays. This will generate some 39 kw of electricity, enough electricity for the Teaching complex and for much of the club house.

There will be times when energy can be sent to the National Grid.

The site chosen for the revised position is some 1.4m below the road and verge level and is separated from the 5m wide verge by a 3.5m high mature hedge.

The site ground level will be reduced a further 500mm to create a level thought to the range.

The new construction will be clad in Douglas Fir panels allowed to finish naturally providing a very sympathetic effect to its location.

The bays will be covered and weathered to the rear but obviously open to the front.

The external finish will be Douglas Fir.

The bays will each have state of the art ball tracking and swing technology equipment to aid individuals and teachers to monitor their swing and general technique. This technology allows the user to analyse their swing and hone their skills with or without the professional assistance. And significantly in all levels of light.

The existing 18 bay driving range is completely open to the elements and its use is therefore weather

dependent. It is also elevated on an earth embankment making it more visible to the residents of Lyneham.

It is felt that the design and proposal comply with West Oxfordshire District Council Local Plan.

### **Access and Parking**

The provision for parking remains unchanged by this proposal.

## **Sustainability Statement**

### **A-Net zero carbon.**

As the proposal is for external un-heated structures we believe this does not apply.

Furthermore as a day-light operation there will only be minimal emergency lighting .

### **B-Travel**

The proposal is essentially a replacement of current practising facilities, and it is felt that the current parking is sufficient. Working from home is clearly not appropriate for this leisure sector.

### **C-Water**

Water is metered.

There are no plans for water capture and re-cycle.

### **D-Waste**

The construction company will be registered with the Considerate Construction Scheme (CCS).

A site waste management plan (SWMP) will be followed, and targets set for construction waste, recycling and disposal.

Existing traffic routes are considered safe and there being no other suitable alternative.

### **E-Voluntary standards.**

BREEAM isn't considered appropriate in this case.

F- Not applicable

## **The Wychwood Golf Club Statement**

The Wychwood Golf club currently has 18 driving range bays which are open air, our plans are to create 20 bays under cover to enable the facility to carry out 12 month of the year coaching to all that attend.

We have regular junior coaching from beginners to county standard juniors, our junior program is called the Wychwood Wolves and has regularly 30-40 children on Saturdays and Sundays, summers/half terms camps, evening classes and junior squad coaching which is heavily weather dependent not currently being under cover.

On this we also carry out many group lessons for Ladies, Senior Golfers, Membership Squads, Junior Squads, & Local Schools, the driving range being under cover will enable us to carry out the classes regardless of the weather conditions. The Wychwood Golf Club ethos is a family environment where we want all golfers to be welcome to come and partake in golf and gain all the benefits this great game has to offer.

The club over the years have introduced many individuals to the game with a variety of capabilities, we have seen golfers with a variety of disabilities come and take part in tuition and practice at our facility.

The driving range is very much the starting point for this to happen where beginners of all ages come to learn from our 3 PGA Qualified Golf Coaches, we have invested in the last 5

years in a high-quality short game area with a USGA (US Golf Association) standard green with 3 bunkers to enable first class short game practice to be carried out. In addition, we have most recently added a newly improved and relocated practice putting to service the increase in tuition and membership the club has seen. We have always made sure all developments and improvements that the club do are in keeping with the outstanding area of beauty we live in. The course has a number of wild areas where a large number of animals can be seen from deer, hare, rabbit, geese, swans, badgers.

We believe having the driving range under cover will be an integral part of the Wychwood moving forward to help undisturbed from adverse weather conditions introduce the next generation of golfers to game along with helping our current players grow in their skillset, the facility will also provide for further employment within the area to assist with running with day-to-day activities.

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