

Drax Golf Club

Course Development Plan

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Introduction

The purpose of this document is threefold;

1. To provide a record of the current layout of Drax Golf Club and insight into previous changes.
2. To summarise the Club's aspirations and investment intentions in respect of the Course layout and condition.
3. To support detailed prioritisation and planning of course maintenance and upgrade activity.

This document should be reviewed and updated on a regular basis (at least biannually) to reflect the changes that have occurred and to ensure that priorities are in line with changing expectations.

Going forward, the club will aim to improve communication on course development activity and will notify members of upcoming works prior to commencement where possible. This will be ever changing and sometimes situations and priorities will change to accentuate requirements.

Aims and Objectives

The quality of our golf course in terms of both CONDITION and LAYOUT is central to the viability of the club. The overarching aim and objective of this proposal of change is to improve the drainage and reduction of trees as our main priority.

Further aims / objectives are key to:

- retain and grow our membership
- attract visitor and corporate numbers
- raise our membership / visitor profile

Currently we have a GOOD Course in a GREAT setting and excellent location for those commuting. We have the site opportunity to build on the great setting and develop a VERY GOOD going on GREAT course. A great course is key to much higher levels of visitor income that we need to aspire.

The improvements in layout will build on the design principles of founder member J. Scott, the course's designer who in the 1990's laid out the basis of the course prior to our extension in 2010. The changes build on the playability of the course but also build on the need for accurate play through attention to strategic tree reduction and improvements to hazards.

The addition of new tees will add an option for member and visitor play as well as providing a good test of golf for the more skilled players who we are trying to attract whilst introducing risk and reward opportunities.

The changes/improvements will allow us to attract good amateurs to play our course, whether that be through invitation days or our annual open competitions. Hopefully this activity will further increase the profile of the course and to build our membership and attract visitors.



History

The course at Drax was opened in 1990 as a 9-hole course, then with the addition in 2010 of 3 new holes that are maturing nicely, it became a 12-hole course that can support a full 18-hole round with ease.

In 2016, the course route was reviewed following a consultation and trial period it was changed from the updated layout in 2010. The chosen route is how the course is currently played going into 2018 but is always reviewable to further improve member and guest/visitors playability.

Although the course is situated adjacent to the country's largest power station, it is set in a very attractive woodland area and during a round you will see a variety of wildlife.

The layout of the course makes it manageable for a beginner, ideal for the casual golfer, but still offers a difficult challenge even for the more skillful players because of its narrow fairways, trees and hazards that make accuracy important.

Conditioning

Conditioning of the course on a consistent and sustainable basis is important.

We intend to keep up and build on the current excellent maintenance regime, ensure our staff maintain and develop their skills and we provide them with the best green keeping equipment and facilities on a sustainable basis.

There are a very large number of competitor courses for the visitor pounds. The successful ones, such as The Oaks, Selby GC etc. – offering a great course, which is a key element towards much higher levels of visitor income that we need to aspire if we are to maintain our financial sustainability.

Progress has been made over the last 9 months, but we need to plan for the next 12 months, 3 years, and 5 years if we are to achieve our objectives and remain financially viable.

Greens Staff

The course is maintained by a team of greenkeepers under the direction of our Head Greenkeeper, Mark Sneap who has made great improvements to the course since his arrival in April 2017.

Our current small team is working very hard. We will ensure that we build on and enhance their skills and ensure that they have the tools they need to do the job to ensure we are indeed, Yorkshire's Hidden Gem.



Greens Sub-Committee

Member	Role
Mark Sneap	Head Greenkeeper
Matthew Forde	Secretary
Kevin Harrison	Vice-Chairman
Liam Ridgill	Committee Member

Course Design, Layout and Action Principles

In enhancing our course from good to very good; or very good to great the guiding principles include:

- Building on the legacy of Drax Golf Club particularly in terms of greens, and improving bunkering, layout balance and length.
- Ensuring the course is playable, encouraging accurate shots played at a good pace. This means avoiding penal rough; and instead of repositioning / adding bunkers and run offs / swales.
- Reducing the abundance of trees on the course which has been an overarching issue for a number of years.
- Building on the quality of the putting surfaces and the drainage (particularly drainage for periods of heavy rainfall).
- Making the course as playable as possible in the winter months - further improve drainage to allow the use of main greens and tees as much as feasible.
- Adding more colour around the course to have an aesthetic “wow factor”.
- Maintain good quality course hardware - flags, cups, teeing ground equipment etc.

General Course Improvements

As well as having specific hole by hole plans, there are several projects we wish to carry out across the golf course as a whole.

1. **Improve the soil profile of each hole** – this will be done gradually over a period of time by slitting and tinning each fairway. Once we have air getting beneath the surface, we will spread sand and fertiliser which will brush into the aeration holes to improve the profile.

This project commenced in June 2020 when over 15 tonnes of fertiliser was spread over all 12 holes.

2. **Permeant winter tees** – each winter our greens team place winter mats on the course. This gives the main tee boxes time to recover from heavy wear throughout the summer months.

The existing winter tees are temporary and have no fixed position on the course. This means that we have to end competition play at the end of September. By implementing permanent winter tee boxes, we will be able to obtain a Course and Slope Rating which will allow us to run qualifying competitions throughout winter.



These new winter tee boxes will be built using sleepers, ash and 5G AstroTurf and will be placed as close to the existing tee boxes as possible to retain length and to allow continued use of our existing and new path network.

Individual Hole Details

Hole 1

- Now the tree has been removed from the left of the tee, we will be able to look at extending the tee box at the front left to make the tee squarer. In conjunction with this the whole tee will be lifted and levelled.
- After consultation with the Head Greenkeeper, we will remove “The Bush” which is currently situated behind the 2nd tee. This will be a long term solution once the new Scottish pines are established.
- We will look at splitting the greenside by the first green which will tie into some new drains at the front of the green. During this exercise, we will investigate the existing drainage.
- Due to the poor drainage at the front of the green, we will look to add new drainage runs at the front of the green whilst adding a new oval bunker in front of the green. This drainage will be piped and run to the ditch behind the 1st green.

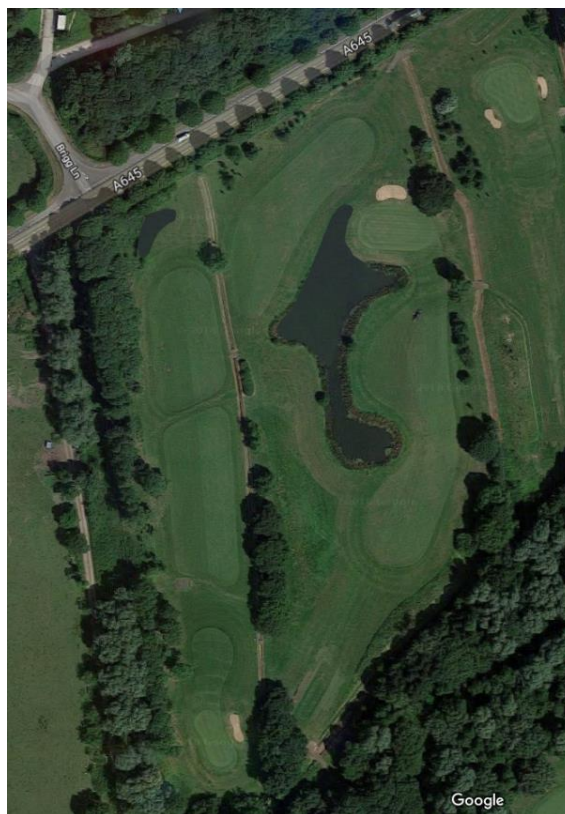
Hole 2

- Following the reduction of trees lining the second fairway in March 2017, air flow is now improved but has seen a change of stroke index from 12 to 14. To counteract this, we could make the tee box an “L shape” which will allow us to move the medal tee left towards the 18th hole therefore bringing the right of the 2nd hole more into play. Alternatively we could add a separate medal tee which would gain potentially 30 yards.
- The 2nd hole has always been our Achilles heel in bad weather. Although a number of drains run across the fairway and down to the ditch running through the heart of the course, the 2nd has always retained water in the autumn and winter months. The technique of slitting will become a regular occurrence during these periods to help break up and clay and increase drainage.
- New drains were added to the right of the hole in 2019. However, the 2nd hole is still extremely wet. With this in mind, we have started to source quotations to add a number of new runs to dry up this fairway. These runs will either run left to right across the fairway, or up and down the hole from tee to green. This is all subject to a land survey to decipher the best course of action.
- We all know the 2nd green is arguably the toughest on the course with shots tending to run to the back right. With this in mind, we will explore the possibility of slightly extending the green in this area to create a “bowl” affect which will catch misjudged putts.
- During sprint 2020, we added a path between the 2nd green and 6th tee box. This path will be extended down the left side of the hole back to the bridge over the 2nd ditch.



Hole 3

- Following the extensive drainage work in Winter 2017/18, we have been to locate and expose all existing drainage outlets into all ponds and ditches that surround the hole. This has significantly improved the whole area, however in order to continually improve the below will be investigated to implement:
- Along with the above, we will extend the pond by the 4th green towards the 3rd fairway. See image (right).
- New drains will be put in place over the 2nd ditch (190 yards in front of tee) between the ditch and trees. The drains will run into the small pond in the back right corner which will be dug out and renovated.
- Additional drains will run into the main ditch along the fairway up to the apron of the green.
- A new pond will be added to the right hand side of the green. During autumn and winter this area is extremely wet and holds a large amount of water. New drainage runs will also be added into the pond from the apron.
- Several new drainage runs will be added to the left side of the green between the two bridges over the ditch.
- “The bush” which is a bone of contention for all will be gradually removed. This is based on competition play where players are not following the rules of golf which require lost balls be able to be identified to be entitled a drop. It will also improve the pace of play. The area will be levelled and will also bring into play the 2nd ditch more which will catch shots in this area. Further to this, we will plant a number of trees to help shape the hole.
- Over the first ditch in front of the tee box, we are investigating the build of a new tee box to be used should we ever use the 3rd hole twice which will add variety. Here we will also build a permanent winter tee box.



Hole 4

- The 4th is our risk and reward hole. To add a further degree of difficulty, we are proposing that with the reduction of the trees between holes 3 and 4 adjacent to the 4th tee, we want to build a new general play tee to add a completely new angle which will force players over the pond.

- At the end of the hole, just short of the green, there is a tall tree with an accompanying trunk of a tree which has previously been felled. As for the tree, it is currently leaning at an extreme angle with the possibility it may fall and damage the green. Should the situation worsen, the tree will be felled and we may introduce a bunker or mound in this area.
- The new medal tee box is not fit for purpose. This area will be regenerated which will also see two new 5G AstroTurf tee boxes being built. These tee boxes will both be raised and substantially larger than the existing medal tee box.
- A new path will be added between the right hand side of the general play tee box and the ditch. This path will extend down the right of the hole to the start of the fairway.

Hole 5

- In the spring of 2020, 5 new drainage runs were added between the tee and apron. Further runs will be added in the future to the left of the green.
- A new path will be built from the white tee and run down the right side of the hole to the bottom of the slope.

Hole 6/12

- Despite numerous attempts to drain the area between the tee box and fairway, by multiple Head Greenkeepers, the area is still extremely wet. Therefore, we have come to the conclusion to have monies on expensive pipe and other necessary materials, we will build a new pond.
- As our rainfall records show, our winters are becoming wetter and wetter and this has started to take its toll on the 6th hole which was shut for 2 months in the winter of 2020/2021. This is mainly due to the fairway only using its original drains which were instated over 30 years ago. Therefore, we will be adding in a ditch down the right hand side of the hole; this will run from the start of the fairway and run to the 150 marker to the right of the hole, at this point it will then run across the 6th fairway towards the 150 marker on hole 7.
- Subject to the work done, in the future, we may look to reinstating the open ditch which used to run across the fairway approx. 60 yards short of the green. This ditch will allow us to drain into it with this running across both the 6th and 7th fairways. It will be strategically placed to catch out players on the new tee box who take a challenge of driving over the top of the tall trees on the corner of the dogleg.
- The back of the 6th green over the last few winters has become increasingly wet. In 2019, we started investigation work to identify exiting drainage. Unfortunately, it became evident that there is very little in terms of drainage at the back and behind the 6th green. Therefore new drainage will be added, along with the possibility of a bunker behind the green to help dry up this area.

Hole 7/13

- As mentioned above while covering hole 6, we will introduce an open ditch to the 7th hole, around the 150 yards marker.



- As there will be a lot of spoil from the groundwork from the ditch, we will utilise this material to extend the 7th tee box by pushing the tee right towards the trees. This will give us a larger tee box which will allow more rotation of the general play and ladies tees. Some trees will also need to be removed to help achieve this.
- We will look to add additional drainage where required, especially down the slope.
- To the right of the green, there is a substantial number of trees, one of which is notorious for leaves during autumn and also blocks a large amount of light across the green during the spring and summer months. This poplar will, along with any necessary surrounding trees, be removed to help improve the playing surface of the green due to the additional light.
- The right greenside bunker has always held lots of water during heavy rain, therefore a new drainage pipe will be installed from the centre of the bunker to the ditch to the right of the green.

Hole 8/14

- In version 1 of this document we noted our intention to create a mirror image to the left of the green to fulfil the same purpose as the right hand side. However, we have identified this area a future tipping location with the introduction of a smaller mound.

Hole 9/15

- It has always been an ambition to add length where possible at Drax. With this objective in mind, we are exploring the possibility of pushing back the medal tee into the trees to give us more length. This would be a lot of work including the installation a pipe in the ditch behind the current medal tee. This maybe a longer term project which would also improve airflow over the 7th green.
- The “moat” between holes 9 and 10 which is now unsightly will be dug out and some of this spoil will also help shape the mounds on hole 9. This will create a “pond” similar to that on the 4th hole.
- April/May 2019 gave us an opportunity to start the above vision as we sealed a contract with a waste management company. This allowed us to quickly create a new greenside pond and improve the drainage in the final 1/3rd of the hole.

Following this, working on an exemption license, we started to lay the foundations for the new mound. Unfortunately a number of delays ensued due to the Environment Agency application for a full permit, along with the adverse weather from October 2019 onwards meant we were unable to continue work in this area.

However, although work on the 9th hole came to a break, this allowed us to continue with the long term project and develop the ‘dead area’ on the 1st hole as mentioned above.

- A member raised a point at the course development Q&A session in 2019 that the tee box was uneven whereby if you tee’d upon the left the ball was above your feet and vice-versa. Mark Sneap advised that we would need to strip the turf, level the



tee and relay the turf to rectify. This will be reviewed accordingly and possibly completed along with the above redevelopments of the hole.

Hole 10/16

- Just the like 2nd hole, we will look at adding a path from the bridge over the ditch up the left side of the slope. This would join up with the existing path which starts to the left of the green.

Hole 11/17

- To add further length to the course, we will push the 11th/17th tee back and incorporate the old winter green on the 7th hole to create a new tee. This would mainly be used as a medal tee but would allow greater rotation options for all tees. The existing tee box would be sloped into the top tier of the 7th winter green which again would be extended and raised.
- The existing path that stops just behind the hedge on hole 10 will be continued back to the 11th tee box.

Hole 18

- As previously mentioned we would like to add length to the course. The 18th is therefore a perfect hole to extend the tee box. By pushing the tee back level with the 6th tee, we will have a much tougher, longer hole which gives us two options:

- a) Keep the hole as a long par 4
 - b) Make the hole a par 5
- } Or both?

The above point of extending the tee would have some effect on the public footpath through the course but we would need to carry out further analysis as to the yardage of average tee shots.

Initial analysis has indicated that the first ditch would have to be piped and filled to give players a chance to lay up, should they wish. We have measured from the ladies 6th tee to front of the fairway which measures at 190 yards. This incidentally is the same carry as the ditch on the 3rd hole.

Hole 0/Charity Hole

Our practice area, also known as 'hole 0' has an abundance of possibilities whether that includes incorporating this area into the course as a new hole.

- The green itself does require some work to bring it put to scratch with the rest of the greens on the course. This will take time but is achievable so long as we incorporate it into the day to day maintenance of the course.
- The green would be slightly extended to the left towards the existing bunkers.
- A further bunker, or mound would be created to the right of the green to catch any stray shots heading out of bounds.



Completed Work as at 6th October 2018

Hole 1

- Information board is to be moved from its existing position near the old 1st Medal tee to the side of the 1st tee box (old 10th) and renovated.
- Unfortunately the roots of the memorial tree planted by the first tee are starting to encroach to the tee box. With this in mind we will as permission from Dale Banks for this tree to be felled with a replacement planted elsewhere on the course in memory of his father and founder member, Dennis.
- The 1st fairway is currently cut in such a way that it is positioned more towards the old 1st tee, now the practice putting green. The greens staff will therefore change the cutting angle and swoop the fairway more towards the new 1st tee box.
- We aim to make the area around the first tee more of a focal point. To bring this to fruition, we will explore the opportunity to build a new flowerbed to the left of the bench by the tee.
- The first row of trees that makeup the bush will be thinned out and some remain along with the planting of some saplings, we will be able to shape the tree line behind the 2nd tee and create a more natural dog-leg.
- Along with other areas of the course, there are a number of mature poplar trees which are between the 1st and 18th holes. We will look to remove/prune this as part of the ongoing tree reduction program. – This was completed during the 2019/2020 winter programme
- Due the opportunity presented with the tipping project, following wet weather which curtailed tipping on the 9th hole we were able to use the 'dead area' down the right hand side of the hole (between the practice net and green keepers shed) to create a new mound. We are investigating the opportunity of replanting The Commonwealth Trees here to reshape the area.
- Following the course development Q&A, it was requested that we review the Scottish Pine in front of the first tee. A member asked on behalf of the senior's section if one of the trees could be removed as they kept hitting it with their tee shot. This will be reviewed as part of the tree reduction programme. – This was completed during the 2019/2020 winter programme. Additional trees along the 1st hole have also been removed.

Hole 2

- Again there are a number of trees that we have earmarked for removal. This will give players a better opportunity to reach the green.
- All existing drainage outlets will be found and rodded to clear any blockages.



Hole 3

- The first task is to locate and expose all existing drainage outlets into all ponds and ditches that surround the hole.
- To the right of the fairway, approx. 120 yards to the green, there is a large tree that overhangs the fairway, this will be pruned accordingly. – This tree came down on its own during Storm Ali, September 2018.
- New drains will be introduced over the first 100 yards of the hole with outlets leading water to the small pond by the exit of the path to the fairway. This work was completed in spring 2020.

Hole 4

- Earlier in the year a new medal tee was built and we will reinstate this for the 2018 season.
- The existing general play tee has never been hardwearing and is one of the few tees on the course which isn't raised. To help with wearing, we will create a new tee box to the right of the existing position which will allow us to rotate more thus easing the strain.
- There is an area of long grass in front of the tee box which stretches to the right 150 marker. This long grass is becoming unsightly so will be cut as shorter rough.
- Along with the above, the area of long grass to the left of the hole will also be cut short therefore speeding up pace of play.
- Drainage again will be reviewed with the ditch between holes 4 and 5 dug out and drainage outlets exposed. Small self-set trees will also be removed along this area at the same time.
- The old tree stump by the green has become unsightly due to the growth of new stems, these will be trimmed back to the stump itself.
- The pond itself has fallen into a state of disrepair due to the abundance of bulrush. We are exploring the best method of reducing the number of these plants to help visibility on the hole.
- New drainage has been added in the fairway in front of the tee box. Historically this has held a significant amount of water during wet winters.
- Further to the above, we are investigating the implementation of a bore hole, funded by wind farm grants with the help of Peter Trethewey and Matthew Forde.
- A new hole information sign is required for the medal tee.



Hole 5

- Along with hole 4, we will reinstate the recently rebuilt medal tee by the 2018 season.
- The drainage of this hole has again been an underlying issue since it was built. We will therefore add new drainage channels to the area leaving the hole.
- The drainage of this hole has again been an underlying issue since it was built. We will therefore add additional drains across the hole to both ditches to the left and right. This work was completed in spring 2020 by adding 5 new run between the two ditches.
- A new hole information sign is required for the medal tee.
- The small trees at the back of the green will be removed and transplanted to an alternate location on the course to stop the roots spreading under the 5th green and 3rd tee. These trees have now been moved between holes 6 and 11.

Hole 6/12

- In 2008/2009, new drainage was installed around the 6th tee boxes. Unfortunately, a number of years later this area again is causing an issue with standing water. We will therefore locate all existing drains and clear along with the introduction of new drains to help with the ongoing issue. We are not exactly sure as to what extent we will need to drain this area but we will complete one section and then review accordingly.
- The above drainage will create a large amount of spoil which we will need to find a new location for. In previous winters we have placed winter tees by the memorial tree to protect the area between holes 11 and 12. We will build a prominent tee in this area using the spoil that can be used as a winter tee or a new tee box for the 12th hole. This would give us a brand new hole measuring in excess of 300 yards. Should we introduce this tee box as the new 12th, it would also reduce the hold ups caused by sharing the same tee.
- In a bid to drain the hole some time ago, a pond was dug in the left corner of the hole. Unfortunately, other than the first winter, this pond has never held water. It has now become an unsightly area of the course which is still deemed as a hazard but players cannot determine whether their ball is in the hazard. This area has been cut down and the pond will be filled in and leveled. This will allow the greens staff to cut this area as rough, thus improving the pace of play.
- Tree removal will be completed to the right of the hole, especially surrounding the green where one tree in particular is becoming an issue due to its protruding roots towards the green.
- The fairway will be cut slightly differently to enhance the shape of the dogleg. With more fairway being introduced to the left of the hole, and the right of the hole down the side of the trees being left to grow to short rough. In turn, this will make players play further left so that less balls make their way into the trees to the right of the hole. Again, improving pace of play. We will also introduce sign on the tee box encouraging players to play a provisional ball should they go into the trees. We will



also introduce a call up procedure as most players are unable to reach the corner where the group in front maybe stood waiting for the green to clear. This will also act as a ball spotting opportunity for miss hit tee shots.

- In addition to the above, during the 2018/19 winter programme, we will be removing the trees by the front left of the green as the roots are now encroaching the green. It is possible we may keep one of the trees as protection to the 7th tee. This work was completed in 2019.

Hole 7/13

- Tree work again is a necessity on the 7th hole. Large clumps of trees to the right and left of the slope and greenside will be pruned and some trees strategically felled.
- The left greenside bunker is in much need of repair. The first ¼ of the bunker is unsafe with planks of wood holding up the bank of the fairway.
- To help with drainage, a new drainage pipe has been added down the right had side of the slope into the ditch.

Hole 8/14

- Dubbed as our signature hole, the 8th/14th has become increasingly narrow in recent years making the tee shot from the back tee more difficult for a number of players. To help with this, a number of trees down both sides of the slope will be pruned and felled to widen the gap.
- Drainage again is an issue on this hole, especially to the right of the green towards the 9th fairway where standing water has been a problem for many years. We will therefore create a swale running from the back of the 8th green down past the bell and into the main ditch which runs through the heart of the course. Additional drainage will run into the swale to carry water away from the greenside bunkers and surrounding areas.
- As part of the above, the right greenside bunker will need to be reshaped which will in turn allow us to create a run off area to the back right of the green. This will require a tough chip back onto the green should players find themselves in this area and make the maintenance of the whole area more manageable.



Hole 9/15

- As some members will remember, the bunker situated between the pond and green used to be two bunkers but was joined together some years ago. After observation, we have found that the right side doesn't actually come into play that often, therefore the size of the bunker will be halved which will save time in terms of maintenance and cost of replacement sand.
- Over the past 2 years, the water level of the existing pond has slowly reduced. Due to the extreme weather over the summer of 2018, the little water that was in the pond significantly reduced. Because of this, the lining was exposed to direct sun light which caused it to dry out and become very brittle. Unfortunately a number of tears opened up which would be extremely costly to replace the lining. During autumn 2018 we will therefore fill in the pond.
- To further enhance the hole and help drainage, we are investigating the possibility of adding a pond to the right of the green. This is an area that we know holds water from previous winters. For anyone who has been lucky enough to play Laceby Manor, this would be very similar to the pond on their 4th hole. See following photos.

Hole 10/16

- To allow us to create a connected fairway between the 10th and 16th, we will remove the 2 willow trees on the corner of the 10th hole. This will allow the greens staff to join the two fairways together and improve the cut and fairway size and create a visual sweeping dogleg. We have added two Scottish pines to this area. One of these is a replacement memorial tree for founder member Dennis Banks, donated by Matthew Forde. The other was donated by Kevin Harrison, Captain 2017.
- The area in front of the 10th tee box up to the corner where it meets the 16th hole has always held water throughout winter months. During the 2018 winter it is our intention to dig out the moat as mentioned above. By doing so we hope this will improve the existing drainage on the hole by exposing the outlets.
- The area in front of the 10th tee is another problem area we have highlighted in terms of drainage. We intend on running drainage channels from this area into the moat.

Hole 11/17

- Utilising the Tesco Groundworks Bag for Life Grant, we have undertaken some new path work around this hole which includes a new trolley park for holes 11/17 and 8/14 along with a new path towards the green. This path will be extended to the left of the hole towards the 18th tee.
- The left of the green currently has 2 bunkers. We will be looking to fill in the front left bunker and create two pot bunkers with a grass run off between, using the spoil from drainage work on hole 6/12. We are looking to do the same with the right greenside bunker.



Hole 18

- The 18th is the only hole on the course with a fairway bunker. However, around 30% of the bunker is situated within the tree line which doesn't give players a shot towards the green. Therefore this area of the bunker will be filled in.
- Since the removal of the tall tree at the top of the hill in March 2016, players who hit a longer ball have been able to take on the left of the fairway and take on the corner. Moving forward, we will allow the rough to grow more down the left side of the hole but cut the right side of the hole which is now rough as fairway. This will make the hole look more like a dog leg.
- With the removal of the fairway bunker, we will add a pot bunker to the front left of the green which would catch any short shots as the green also slopes backwards towards this area.

Hole 0/Charity Hole

- Using the spoil from the 8th swale, we will build up the old tee area to the back of the 9th green. This will be raised to around 3ft and built as a dedicated tee box.
- The pond in front of the green will be filled in and a pot bunker put in its place.



Versions

Version	Date	Updated by	Comments
v1.0.0	10/12/2017	LR, KH, MS, MF	Initial Document
v1.0.1	05/03/2018	LR, KH, MS	Review of completed work since initial document and update to individual hole details.
v2.0.0	06/10/2018	LR, KH, MS	Update following completed work during the 2018 season and additional plans for future development.
v2.0.1	14/12/2019	LR, KH, MS	Update following work during the 2019 season and winter 2019/2020 maintenance.
V2.1.0	10/01/2021	LR, KH, MS	Update following work completed in 2020.

