



Project Overview

A planning application has been submitted to re-profile the existing driving range to significantly increase the standard of the facilities to enable easier ball collection / serviceability, whilst also adding an additional short course practice area.

The application also includes infrastructure improvements to the existing entrance from Rochdale Road.

A further application will follow in time to consider the erection of a serviced building at the driving range.

The application is currently under review by Rochdale City Council, with an outcome expected in the next 8-12 weeks.

What will be created

- A 350-yard driving range with target greens, graded to slope towards golfers to improve visibility of the ball.
- A short game area with bunkers & greens.
- A bund encircling the driving range to contain golf balls escaping.
- Sustainable drainage scheme.
- Widened access road entrance off Rochdale Road.



What to expect

- Work is expected to begin in 2020 and is expected to last for a duration of 18 months, subject to planning, available material, weather conditions etc.
- The new driving range will require 140,000m³ of imported material.
- Material will be imported in 8-wheel tipping wagons.
- Any material imported onto site will be checked against a specific criteria for chemical compliance. This criteria will be agreed via a CL:AIRE scheme, through the Environmental Agency.
- Once the CL:AIRE scheme is approved, the material will be imported by our contractors and their partners.
- MGC will receive a royalty on every load of material that is imported.

Initial Setup Works

Entrance Widening

Construction traffic will use the existing golf course access.

Improvements to this area are required to accommodate the additional traffic and allow for easy access to wagons and for safety reasons.

This will be completed by a trusted civil engineering company.

Passing Bay Widening

The access roads down to the clubhouse from the main road currently utilise passing bays. These aren't sufficient for wagons to pull into, to allow traffic to pass.

Temporary extensions to these bays will allow wagons to utilise them without compromising the flow of traffic.

Hardcore will be imported and used as the base for the extensions to the passing bays

Car Park Segregation

For the health and safety of all members & personnel on site; and for the improvement to the flow of traffic, the car park will be segregated for wagon access.

A temporary hardcore road will segregate the wagons from the existing access road onto the car park just before the clubhouse.

This will be managed using heras fencing panels to make sure it is clear where the divide between the car park & access road will fall.

Working Area Segregation

In order to make the golf course a safe environment whilst the works are taking place, a working area segregation plan will be implemented.

The perimeter of the working area will be demarked by tape which will be clearly visible to golfers who come in close proximity to the working area.

Site Infrastructure

A cabin is required to give Booth Ventures staff a base to work from. This is where wagon contents will be assessed, and drivers given a ticket for future invoicing purposes.

It also gives staff a warm area to access water and to take required breaks.

The cabin will be located on the current driving range car park.



Questions

Who will be carrying out the work?

Booth Ventures have been selected as the partner to carry out the improvement works.

They specialise in soils management and manage a significant customer base across the North West.

Having traded for 16 years, starting as both a quarry and landfill operator, they have now grown into managing all aspects of land engineering & landscaping.

Current Projects include:

- Golf Course Developments
- Forest & Park Regeneration
- Land Remediation

Will there be health & safety issues?

Implementation of the following will ensure that the site remains safe for golf club members and working staff:

- Wagon Segregation
- Working Area Segregation
- Site Signage

Will any wildlife be affected?

Surveys have been conducted and ecological / environmental reports have been commissioned to ensure that wildlife habitats are maintained.

No wildlife issues are expected.

Will the local community be affected?

The works are unlikely to affect the local community for the following reasons:

- The location of the working area is secluded
- The Proximity of the entrance to the M627
- Road sweepers deployed to keep area clean

Will there be disruption to members?

The current driving range will be closed throughout the works, although the short practice areas remain open as usual.

The most likely area of disruption will be on the access road into the course and on the car park.

Traffic segregation will be installed to minimise disruption.

As the working area is in a secluded location, it is expected that there will be little to no disruption to the golf course.

What material will be imported?

Clean, inert virgin dug material will be imported onto site in order to complete the reprofiling works.

No hazardous material will be imported

All material will be analysed by independent laboratories and assessed against our acceptance criteria to verify the material is clean.

Only clean, inert material will be accepted on site.

How will the club or contractor benefit financially from the project?

MGC will benefit from a royalty scheme in which a fee will be paid for all loads of material imported, as well as getting a practice area more befitting of the club.

Booth Ventures will benefit by importing clean material from local construction businesses, charging a management fee and making a level of profit after operational costs.

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