

## **Hilltop Golf Course redevelopment- August 2023**

### **1. Overview**

Hilltop Golf Course is operated by Mytime Active is currently being redeveloped. The new layout will include a 9-hole Par 3 Golf Course, 18-hole Footgolf Course, Floodlit Driving Range (22 bays), modernized Clubhouse facility and a new car park with 100 spaces.

Mytime have invested £1.2 million in the Project which is being constructed by Oakland International. The course is being designed by acclaimed course designer Bruce Weller.

### **2. Environmental Sustainability**

The construction material being imported is being reused, recovered, and recycled to create the new facilities rather than being disposed of as waste. There is a wash plant on site which using recycled rainwater is washing and filtering the waste to be used to construct the course.

There is a particular emphasis on ensuring the design helps Mytime to deliver on their environmental sustainability agenda. For example, the following initiatives.

- the preservation and creation of habitats friendly to native wildlife, birds, and shrews. Install nesting boxes and birdhouses to encourage nesting by cavity-nesting birds. These structures provide safe spaces for birds to raise their young
- the creation of natural rainwater reservoirs that can supplement the golf courses watering requirements, reducing the need for external sources.
- A substantial replanting scheme which creates a larger native woodland area, complimenting new water bodies and existing landscaping
- Implement water conservation practices, such as using drought-tolerant grass species and employing efficient irrigation systems. This helps to conserve water resources and maintain natural hydrological cycles.
- Reduce the frequency and extent of mowing in certain areas to allow natural habitats to flourish. Long grass areas can provide shelter and food for small mammals, insects, and birds.
- Review our golf courses and bunkers and where the removal of a bunker will have negligible effect on the game of golf, will remove and either plant native plants or turf.
- Promote environmental education and awareness among golfers, staff, and members. Encourage responsible behaviour, such as avoiding littering and respecting wildlife habitats.
- Assess the ecological health and biodiversity of the golf course.
- Monitor the success of biodiversity initiatives and adjust as necessary to achieve the desired outcomes.
- Use of electric / hybrid machinery to maintain the courses and provision of electric buggies for customers to use.

Any modernisation of the club house facility will factor in the need to be energy efficient and environmentally effective so will consider recycling facilities, LED lighting, PIR sensors and other initiatives to contribute to these agendas.

### **3. Physical Activity**

In addition to environmental objectives the scheme will provide opportunities to promote physical activity to residents. The creation of a par 3 and footgolf course will attract new markets of people to

take part in physical activity in a fun environment. These activities can be done within a couple of hours which help people fit leisure time into their schedules without impacting on their busy lives. These activities are ideal to create a pathway into Golf which can lead to playing on 18-hole golf courses and becoming members of Mytime and the Club. In fact, it supports a number of objectives in England Golf's Strategic Plan.

- Develop relationships with stand alone ranges, par 3 courses, adventure golf and other facilities that support growing the game.
- Deliver specific programmes aimed at women, people with disabilities, children and young people to help grow the game.

The facility will play an integral part in the Midlands Well Being Hub. It will be a facility that will be used to deliver health related programmes with a link to participation in golf. The facility is ideal for people rehabilitating back to health good as well as those who want to learn the game and take their first steps into or back into physical activity. This gives Mytime the opportunity to deliver golf and health initiatives in partnership with a variety of stakeholders including England Golf, PGA, GP's, Voluntary Sector groups who may have funding to contribute to delivery of initiatives.

#### 4. Design

