

MEMORANDUM

From:	Stuart Ryder Landscape Architect Consultant		
Service	WBC Landscape and Trees	App No:	251608
Address:	Hennerton Golf Club, Crazies Hill, Wargrave, RG10 8LT.		
Proposal:	Full application for the proposed replacement of existing 10m high driving range netting with 15m high netting.		
Type of Development:	Minor All other developments		
Site Visit Made:	No		

Summary Of Recommendations

- ☐ No comment
☒ No objection
☐ No objection subject to conditions (and reasons) **stated below**
☐ Request further information before determination as **stated below**
☐ Objection due to the reason(s) **stated below**

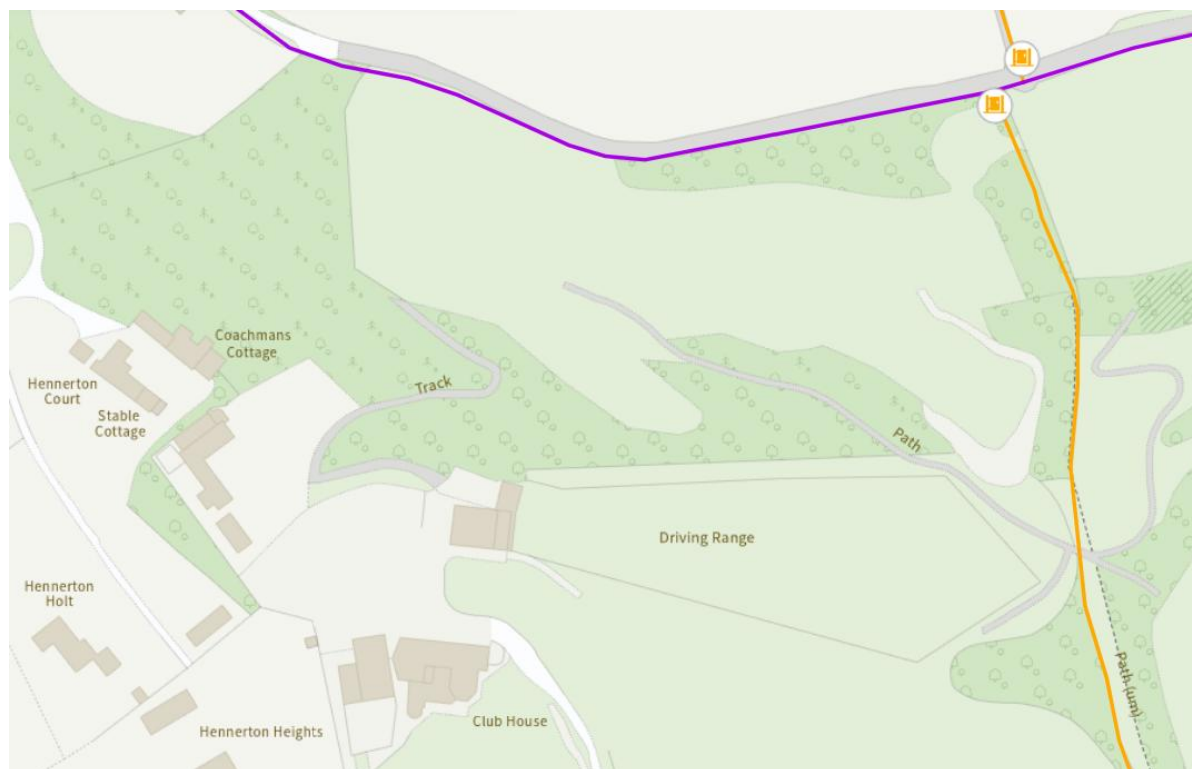
Comments On Proposal

Having considered the proposals to increase the height of netting around the existing driving range facility I have no objections on a landscape, visual and arboricultural grounds.

I do however bring the following matters to your attention as you determine the application:

- There is a simple two line statement explaining landscaping details will not change on Site. This I take to be planting areas and it is positive to receive this statement.
- The Planning Statement explains the raising of the safety nets from 6.5m to 10m in 2004 and then now to a proposed 15m in 2025.
- 7 No stanchions would raise from 10m to 15m
- 2 No stanchions would raise from 5m to 10m at the driving end of the range
- It is presumed but not stated that these would be new stanchions rather than adaptation to the existing
- There is sufficient existing open space without tree cover in the driving range to allow the works to take place without damage to the golf course tree planting
- This same tree planting will continue to mature and will further obscure sight to the nets.

- There are repeated references in the Planning Statement that the netting will be more or less invisible but it is the taller stanchions that would lead to any notable landscape or visual effects.
- Road users on Kenton Lane are not likely to see the stanchions given existing hedge growth on the lane and the channelling of views along it rather than out across the landscape.
- With regards to public paths a hand marked location plan picks out Penny Lane Bridleway (WARG 35) that is approximately 120m to the north of the driving range and I do not consider that the structures would be intrusive in any views from the lane.
- However the Planning Statement fails to mark the position of Public Footpath WARG21 that is set an estimated 15m away from the pointed eastern end of the range – please see digital extract from WBC online PRoW Map below with WARG21 marked by the orange line and Penny Lane Bridleway by the purple route.



- The driving range will likely be visible from Footpath WARG21 but given that there is already one there and in the consciousness of path users its increase height will have limited effects on the enjoyment of their walk.
- It would be useful to receive a site photograph from Footpath WARG 21 to understand how much of the driving range is visible from it and the impression of the existing 10m end stanchion.
- The Planning Statement also fails to recognise that this part of the Borough is in the Remenham Chalk Area of Valued Landscape as defined in the Wokingham Valued Landscape Assessment – September 2024.
- If this was a new feature that was not associated with an established golf course landscape then the change to landscape character would lead to an objection given the sensitivity of the contextual landscape.

Conditions & Reasons (if required)			
Conditions are not required on this occasion.			
Date :	30 th July 2025	Signed :	Stuart Ryder